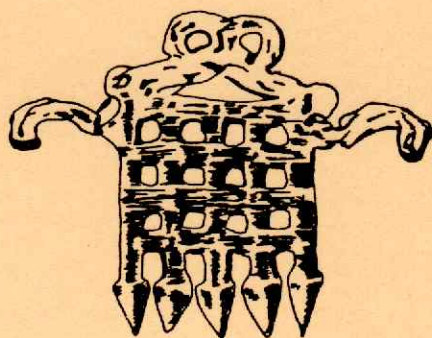


OP II

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## WOMEN IN EWELL

1841 - 1871

The present day preoccupation with the role of women in the community led the documentary group to consider what could be discovered about the part women had played in the life of Ewell in the past.

Apart from Royalty or near-royalty who had dwelt in Ewell or Nonsuch for longer or shorter periods, only one name comes immediately to mind of a woman who left her mark on the history of the community. The achievements of Mary Wallis in the evangelical field are common knowledge, and her story has already been published (see, e.g. The True Story of Mary Wallis of Ewell by T.G. Crippen (1815) and The Story of Ewell Congregational Church, 1865 to 1965).

The documentary group has indexed the Ewell names in the censuses for 1841, 1851, 1861 and 1871, and so has a list of all the persons physically present in the parish of Ewell on a certain night in each of those years, and this seems a good place to begin our study. The present paper deals only with the period 1841 to 1871. We hope to work both forward and back from these dates, according to any information which may be available.

Census returns are never popular. Even today, when we are only too accustomed to filling in forms, many regard the census return with suspicion, wondering how "They" are going to make use of the information supplied by "Us". In the 19th century people must have been even more suspicious. For one thing, many people could not read or write, so they had to give the information about their private lives to the census-taker (who might well be somebody they knew, and not necessarily someone they liked), and he would write it all down. His was a thankless task; the weather might be bad, the roads foul, the people suspicious and probably unhelpful, and if there was nobody at home when he called he would have to make more than one journey to complete his task. As historians our thanks are due to these painstaking, dogged and perhaps footsore heroes (especially the ones whose handwriting is easy to read).

People may have feared that the information they gave would leak out and give rise to talk among the neighbours; so ages, or occupations, or relationships may have been disguised. Then too the census-takers were human, and doubtless got some things down wrong, and we the writers of this paper are human too. We try to be exact, but we make no claim to total accuracy. For one thing, we may misinterpret some of the information in a way which would have astonished the people concerned: for example, the wife of a shoemaker gave her occupation as "Lacemaker". She knew precisely what she meant, and so doubtless did the enumerator. But we find ourselves asking whether she made pillow-lace, or shoelaces for her husband's customers.

Then again, people's names may be spelt differently in different returns: Thomas Hellerup, for instance, sometimes appears as "Hullcup". We check his Christian name, his age, occupation, place of birth, and the street where he lived before



we think we can be sure that it is the same person. One person who can be positively identified, and who appears in all four census returns, is Mary Wallis, and what do the returns say about her? In 1841 she was described as a lodging-house keeper, 45 years old, born in Surrey and living in High Street, Ewell, with three lodgers, one of whom was Lydia Herlay aged 25. Ten years later Mary Wallis was living in Greenman Street (probably still in the same house - part of the High Street had been re-named Greenman Street); she was described as "late schoolmistress", and her birthplace was given as Northfleet, Kent. Lydia Herlay (whose name was now spelt "Hurley"), was described as a servant, not as a lodger. Ten years later still Mary Wallis was still in Greenman Street, and born in Kent, but her occupation was once more lodging-house keeper, although on the night of the census she had no lodgers. Ten years later, her circumstances had changed, and she was living in West Street as a boarder with Edwin Grantham, a carpenter. She was described as an "annuitant", and her birthplace had somehow changed from Northfleet to Bromley. It is difficult to reconcile some of these statements with the published accounts of the life of Mary Wallis, or indeed with each other, and this illustrates the uncertainties which surround what seem like plain statements of fact.

Clearly it is all too easy to draw the wrong conclusions from the returns. Alert to this danger but undaunted at the prospect, we searched the schedules for what they might yield.

But first, let us consider what Ewell may have been like at that time. From our viewpoint in 1979 it seems to have been a very settled society. Queen Victoria had come to the throne in 1837 and was to reign for more than 60 years. The Vicar of Ewell, the Revd. George Lewen Glyn, had been appointed in 1831 through the patronage of his elder brother, and on the death of that brother, the Vicar became not only the Rector of Ewell but also a baronet, and as the Revd. Sir George Lewen Glyn, he wielded a powerful combination of spiritual and temporal authority in the village for over 50 years. To many people it must have seemed as though the Queen and Sir George had always been there, and probably always would be.

According to the Post Office Directory for 1845, Ewell was "chiefly supported by the number of gentlemen's residences in this and the adjoining parishes". There were also a number of farms, two flour mills, two brickfields, a gunpowder mill, and a pottery. The gentlemen's residences required servants, and the farms required agricultural labourers: these were the two largest categories of occupation for the people of Ewell throughout the period. The mills, the brickfields and the pottery needed labourers and overseers. Everybody needed food, drink, medicines, clothes, ironmongery and various other things. So there were also craftsmen and craftswomen, tradesmen and tradeswomen to cater for these requirements.

It all sounds very settled, but changes were happening. In 1840 the Penny Post was established, and this must have improved communications with the world outside Ewell, although it may have taken some time for the volume of letters to increase (or perhaps it just took some time for the Post Office



to adjust to the increase); in 1848 letters from London still arrived at about 7 every morning, and were despatched at 8 every evening, as they had been for many years; but by 1867 there were three deliveries and three despatches every day.

Transport was changing too. In 1847 the railway came to Ewell, when the station at Ewell East was opened; but people still travelled to London by public coaches, which ran 6 days a week. In 1859 the station at Ewell West was opened, and by 1867 the carrier only went to London 4 times a week, and the public coach service had disappeared from the directory altogether.

There were changes in the outside world too: the Corn Laws were repealed in 1846, and the Chartists held their great meeting at Kennington - not many miles from Ewell - in 1848; in 1857 there was the Indian Mutiny, and in 1859 Charles Darwin published "The Origin of Species". But for many of the people of Ewell the most memorable event of 1848 must have been not the meeting of the Chartists but the building of the new parish church, and probably the most dramatic and tragic event of the whole period was the terrible explosion at the gunpowder mills in 1863, when three men were killed; while for many women the most important event might have been that which occurred in 1853, when Queen Victoria used chloroform during the birth of her eighth child, and so made the use of anaesthetics in childbirth, hitherto looked at askance by many, positively respectable.

For the children, probably the most important (though possibly not the most popular) events were the building of the new National School in West Street in 1861 (the old National School, which had been in existence since before 1816, was in what is now called Old Schools Lane), and then in 1870 the passing of Forster's Education Act which made elementary education compulsory for all children.

A girl-child born in the year of Queen Victoria's accession would by 1871 have lived through tremendous changes in the fields of communication, transport, education and health. She might have been taken to see the Great Exhibition; she might have made several journeys by train; she and her family might have benefited by Lister's teaching about antiseptic surgery; she might have her house lit by gas (for gas was laid on in Ewell in 1860); one thing she was most unlikely to have achieved was any form of public office, while most of the professions would remain closed to her for many years to come.

The census returns give us this information about the parish of Ewell.

|                                      | 1841 | 1851 | 1861 | 1871 |
|--------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Total population                     | 1622 | 1918 | 1922 | 2214 |
| Number of females<br>aged 20 or over | 478  | 564  | 574  | 660  |

We began our study by counting the number of households where a woman was designated as head, having in mind that among



these might be some women with wider opportunities than the rest to display their individuality. Also a comparison of the number of such households might throw light on any change in social attitudes over the years. It will be seen, however, that the proportion of households headed by a woman was remarkably similar in three of the four years, being somewhere between one in six and one in seven. In 1861 the proportion was about one in nine.

|                           | 1841 | 1851 | 1861 | 1871 |
|---------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| No. of households         | 311  | 337  | 369  | 408  |
| No. of women householders | 50   | 50   | 42   | 59   |

In the course of this count we observed the variety of status and circumstances of the women householders. Most of them (about 80%) were widows, and in many cases it can be deduced that the widow continued the household where the husband had been head, and this was probably true of most of them. In some cases the widow took over the husband's business, in others she took up some other occupation. For unmarried women too (there were about 10 in each census), it may often have been a case of continuing to live in the family home after the death of parents. For women householders, occupations and means of livelihood span the whole range of those recorded for the female population in general, although naturally it is somewhat rare to find a domestic servant designated as the head of a house. Some were described as paupers or as on parish relief. Others were of independent means, landed proprietors, fundholders and the like. Some were charwomen, or shoebinders, but several were in positions of considerable standing. In 1841 for example, Mrs Mary Monger of Epsom Road, and Mrs Joyce Hall of West Street, were each in charge of a boarding school, the one with 32 boarders, the other with 13. By 1851 the management of Monger's Academy was in the hands of a son, but Mrs Hall continued with her school, and Mrs Anna Cole had a school at the Grange with 15 boarders. By 1861 Mrs Hall's school had disappeared, and the Grange had become a school for boys. Other names appear as schoolmistress, but it is not known whether any of them owned their schools. There were shopkeepers, including a grocer and a sweetseller. Mrs Peters was a butcher who continued her husband's business and evidently kept it going for several years, as she appears in the census in both 1841 and 1851. The Post Office had a postmistress, Mrs Mary Sawyer in 1861 and Mrs Harriet Evans in 1871. There were several licensed victuallers, a farmer and a market gardener. In 1841 the market garden in West Street was in the hands of Mrs Ann Beams, a widow aged 86. In later censuses a younger Ann Beams was described as the market gardener, and it seems that the business passed from mother in law to a daughter in law.

It seems fair to say that whenever, whether from choice or from force of circumstances, a woman was the breadwinner she took her place in the community in as many different roles as did men, or at least as many as were at all compatible with her being a woman in the Victorian era. But we get a different view of the matter when we analyse the range of occupations of all the women and girls, whether householders or not.



Wage earning began at 15 or even earlier. The table below shows the number of females for whom an occupation is given, and of those for whom no occupation is disclosed. Girls under 15, unless working, have been left out of account, as have girls over that age listed as "scholar".

|                      | 1841 | 1851 | 1861 | 1871 |
|----------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Domestic servants    | 109  | 119  | 154  | 203  |
| Other occupations    | 36   | 74   | 97   | 121  |
| No occupation stated | 443  | 431  | 430  | 438  |

It can be seen that domestic service accounted for most of the workers. The number of servants doubled in the period under review, the majority being aged 20 or under in each census year. The starting age was 10 or 11, and in 1861 a child of nine was described as a "nursemaid". After the age of 30 the numbers dropped considerably.

As against the hundred or so engaged as domestic servants in 1841 there were at most 36 women and girls employed in other ways, and of these 11 were on the fringes of domestic work, charwomen, laundresses, housekeeper, governess. Apart from the market gardener and lodging-house keeper already mentioned the only other occupations were teacher (there were three schoolmistresses and three assistants), two shopkeepers, in addition to dressmakers and similar crafts (there were 10 of these), and three persons described as agricultural labourers. (As one of these was only five years old the record is slightly suspect).

Ten years later the number in domestic service was little changed, but the number in other occupations had doubled. The range of occupations was however much the same. There were now three nurses (and a monthly nurse) other than those employed in families, a beerhouse keeper and a young barmaid, a shoe maker and a shoe binder. Eight women were described as agricultural labourers, there were seven schoolmistresses and six assistants, and six women keeping or working in shops.

By 1861 the number of servants and the number in other occupations had each increased by about 30%. There were fewer schoolmistresses and teachers, and no female was described as agricultural labourer. There was however a woman farmer and also a postmistress.

The increase in the number in non-domestic employment was due almost solely to the laundry workers. Where there had previously been 10 or so, there were now 37 laundresses and shirtdressers. Many of them, natives of Scotland or Ireland, were employed by one Thomas Yuill, himself a Scot, who had set up a "steam washing factory" in Spring Street. (Steam laundries had sprung up in Britain after the removal of the heavy duty on soap in 1852.)

In the 1871 census there is no sign of Thomas Yuill, his factory, or of the Scottish and Irish women who had worked for him. There were however more laundresses than before. There are 43 women, mostly of local origin, described as laundress



or washerwoman, and it seems likely that they "took in washing" or went out by the day.

Although in 1871 there were even more servants, reflecting the growth of the village, there was now one woman in other employment for every two in service (in 1841 the proportion had been one to three). There were more shopkeepers, more engaged in dressmaking and allied crafts. There were two upholstresses, a shoe binder and the lacemaker already mentioned. For the first time women powder mill workers appear in the census; there were five of them, all aged between 20 and 24, whereas the dressmakers and milliners were of various ages from 17 to 70.

Nearly half the miscellaneous workers were aged 45 or over, whereas all but 15 of the servants were under that age. There were 62 servants aged between 15 and 19, and 56 between 20 and 24. For some, domestic service would mean being a maid of all work in a modest home, while for others it would mean taking one's place in a hierarchy. To give a picture of one side of life in service, details of some of the larger Ewell households are given in the Appendix.

What the census cannot show is the number of women who had left home to find work elsewhere. Many of the servants had travelled from the place of their birth, and this may well have been a two-way traffic, with young women leaving the village to seek good positions in other parts of the country. If there were any "commuters" among the women workers (which is unlikely) the census does not disclose the fact.

When we come to consider the women for whom no occupation is stated we find that the numbers remain remarkably steady throughout the period, in spite of the increase in total population. Naturally the majority of married women did not work, at any rate on a regular paid basis. They would be shown as without occupation even when they worked twice as hard as any paid servant or shop assistant. Among the girls and unmarried women we find that of those under the age of thirty there were 68 without occupation in 1851, 60 in 1861 and only 42 in 1871, thus corresponding with the greater number who were employed in the later years. One can imagine the full and active life available to the young ladies in well-to-do homes, but among the less prosperous one would think that going out to work would be preferable to helping with the housework in a large family with no modern labour-saving devices.

This then is what we can learn from the census returns about the status and occupations of women in Ewell in the mid-nineteenth century. What the individuals were like, what was their influence on the life of the village, and what were their specific attainments, are questions for which the answers must be sought elsewhere. But we have, we think, learned something of the setting in which many different talents may have blossomed, or perhaps withered, according to the opportunities available.



APPENDIX

FAMILIES WITH SIX OR MORE SERVANTS 1841 CENSUS  
(Ages rounded to the nearest 5yrs)

Ewell Grove

|                   |    |             |
|-------------------|----|-------------|
| Sir John Rae Reid | 50 | Independent |
| Lady Rae Reid     | 30 | "           |
| Miss Lane         | 35 |             |
| Capt. C. Eaton    | 35 |             |
| John Scaife       | 50 | Butler      |
| Ann Johnson       | 40 | Servant     |
| Maria Batchelor   | 25 | "           |
| Mary Goodacre     | 25 | "           |
| Martha Case       | 25 | "           |
| Mary Tribe        | 25 | "           |
| William Hill      | 30 | "           |
| Samuel Hill       | 25 | "           |
| Edward Truncheon  | 20 | "           |
| Joseph Singleton  | 20 | "           |
| William Norton    | 30 | "           |

Gardener's Cottage

|                    |    |          |
|--------------------|----|----------|
| John Lawrence      | 45 | Gardener |
| Ann Lawrence       | 45 |          |
| Frederick Lawrence | 15 | Chemist  |

Grove Street

|                    |       |             |
|--------------------|-------|-------------|
| Harriet Lempriere  | 40    | Independent |
| Harriet "          | 15    |             |
| Mary "             | 14    |             |
| Fanny "            | 10    |             |
| Harry "            | 6     |             |
| Arthur "           | 5     |             |
| Isabella "         | 2     |             |
| Percy "            | 1     |             |
| Emily "            | 3 wks |             |
| Frances Bacon      | 25    | Governess   |
| Mary Wood          | 40    | Servant     |
| Emily Redman       | 25    | "           |
| Elizabeth Burlding | 15    | "           |
| Ann Bridges        | 15    | "           |
| Ann Stone          | 25    | "           |
| Jane Coffee        | 40    | "           |
| Martha Bishop      | 25    | "           |
| Susan Lee          | 15    | "           |
| William Hitchcock  | 25    | "           |
| John Beams         | 60    | "           |



Ewell Castle

|                             |    |             |
|-----------------------------|----|-------------|
| Thomas Calverley            | 70 | Independent |
| W. Robertson                | 35 | Barrister   |
| Matthew Munro               | 45 | R.N.        |
| Phillida "                  | 40 | Independent |
| Caroline Harriett (?) Munro | 15 |             |
| Georgina Munro              | 35 | Independent |
| Emily "                     | 35 | "           |
| Francis Hall                | 50 | Servant     |
| William Eggleton            | 15 | "           |
| Martha Hall                 | 40 | "           |
| Elizabeth House             | 25 | "           |
| Elizabeth Duncomb           | 25 | "           |
| Mary Swanborough            | 20 | "           |
| Sarah Hopper                | 20 | "           |
| Richard Draper              | 50 | "           |
| Charles Trodd               | 25 | "           |
| Thomas Carpenter            | 30 | "           |

Farm House

|              |    |                       |
|--------------|----|-----------------------|
| William Page | 50 | Agricultural Labourer |
| Ann "        | 45 |                       |
| Joseph "     | 20 | Gardener              |
| Elizabeth "  | 15 |                       |

Long Down Farm

|                        |    |                       |
|------------------------|----|-----------------------|
| William Thomas Pinnion | 45 | Farmer                |
| Mary Ann "             | 45 |                       |
| Eliza Mary "           | 16 |                       |
| John Bonsey            | 50 | Agricultural Labourer |
| George Wright          | 40 | " "                   |
| Thomas Bailey          | 20 | " "                   |
| Matthew Martin         | 15 | " "                   |
| Thomas Eggleton        | 15 | " "                   |
| Henry Sparrow          | 15 | " "                   |
| Ann Waller             | 20 | Servant               |



FAMILIES WITH FIVE SERVANTS 1841 CENSUS  
(ages are rounded to the nearest 5 yrs)

Ruxley Farm

|                  |    |           |
|------------------|----|-----------|
| Thomas Vine      | 40 | Farmer    |
| Eliza "          | 40 |           |
| Emily "          | 11 |           |
| Thomas "         | 9  |           |
| Eliza "          | 7  |           |
| Marianne "       | 2  |           |
| Mary Allison     | 20 | Governess |
| Elizabeth Rowell | 20 | Servant   |
| Richard Hudson   | 20 | Labourer  |
| William Waterer  | 20 | "         |
| John Ellemsley   | 15 | "         |

Pit House, Cheam Road

|                     |        |             |
|---------------------|--------|-------------|
| Mary Amelia Higgins | 50     | Independent |
| William Raynard     | 9 mths |             |
| Charlotte Knox      | 30     | Servant     |
| Mary Adams          | 50     | "           |
| Ann Hill            | 25     | "           |
| Eliza Wright        | 30     | "           |
| James Puttocks      | 20     | "           |



FAMILIES WITH SIX OR MORE SERVANTS

1851 CENSUS

Eastern Entrance, "Ewell Grove"

Born

|                           |    |                 |                             |
|---------------------------|----|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Sir John Rae Reid (Bart.) | 59 |                 | London                      |
| Louisa, wife of Sir John  | 39 |                 | Cambridge                   |
| J.R., son of " "          | 9  | Scholar at home | London                      |
| Louisa, daughter of " "   | 7  | " " "           | London                      |
| H.V., son of " "          | 6  | " " "           | London                      |
| C. Russell                | 23 | Visitor         | France -<br>British subject |
| W. Ewbank                 | 7  | Visitor         | Cambridge                   |
| Ann Johnson               | 59 | Housekeeper     | Leics:                      |
| Elizabeth Lewis           | 55 | Nurse           | Cambs:                      |
| Jesse Lindsay             | 22 | Lady's Maid     | Cambs:                      |
| Mary Goodacre             | 38 | Housemaid       | Rutland                     |
| Ann Collins               | 22 | "               | Epsom                       |
| M.A. Chapman              | 23 | Nursemaid       | Suffolk                     |
| Emily Oram                | 23 | Kitchenmaid     | Cambs:                      |
| William Marshall          | 46 | Butler          | Sussex                      |
| John Williams             | 23 | Groom           | Ewell                       |
| Henry Marshall            | 13 | Page            | Ewell                       |

Gardener's Cottage, Ewell Grove

|                 |    |               |            |
|-----------------|----|---------------|------------|
| Thomas Oliver   | 36 | Head Gardener | Betchworth |
| Sarah " Wife    | 42 |               | Norfolk    |
| William " Son   | 14 |               | Isleworth  |
| Thomas " Son    | 12 |               | Isleworth  |
| George " Son    | 10 |               | Kingston   |
| Oliver " Son    | 7  |               | Ewell      |
| Frederick " Son | 5  |               | Ewell      |

Eastern Entrance

|  |    |                                |                |
|--|----|--------------------------------|----------------|
| William Charles Lempriere                      | 62 | H.P.R. Artillery<br>Magistrate | Jersey         |
| Harriett, wife of William<br>Charles Lempriere | 52 |                                | London         |
| Elizabeth, daughter of " " "                   | 27 |                                | Cheam          |
| Mary " " " " "                                 | 23 |                                | Ewell          |
| Fanny " " " " "                                | 20 |                                | Ewell          |
| Harry Reid son " " " "                         | 16 | Solicitor's<br>Articled Clerk  | Ewell          |
| Emily Daughter " " " "                         | 9  |                                | Ewell          |
| Herbert Reid son " " " "                       | 8  |                                | Ewell          |
| Thomas Cranmer Enlant                          | 3  | Visitor                        | Richmond       |
| Isabella Cuddie                                | 62 | Visitor                        | London         |
| Mary Woods                                     | 51 | Servant                        | Yorks:         |
| Jane Coffey                                    | 50 | Servant                        | Isle of Man    |
| Ann Stone (Widow)                              | 35 | Servant                        | Dorking        |
| Ann Tegg                                       | 23 | Servant                        | Little Bookham |
| Susan Kent                                     | 30 | Servant                        | Eucks:         |
| Ann Childs                                     | 21 | Servant                        | Bookham        |
| Ann Brening                                    | 30 | Servant                        | London         |
| Mark Bishop                                    | 20 | Servant                        | Sussex         |
| William Williams                               | 20 | Servant                        | Ewell          |
| Mary Ann West                                  | 25 | Servant                        | Twickenham     |



Ewell Castle

|                  |    |                   | <u>Born</u>    |
|------------------|----|-------------------|----------------|
| James Gadesden   | 60 | Landed Proprietor | York           |
| Marion " (Wife)  | 60 |                   | Cumberland     |
| Thomas Knott     | 42 | Butler            | Epsom          |
| Stephen Austin   | 23 | Footman           | Kent           |
| Ann White        | 42 | Housekeeper       | Northumberland |
| Hannah Wightmore | 30 | House Servant     | Norfolk        |
| Lucy Lewin       | 27 | " "               | Bookham        |
| Jane Walden      | 19 | " "               | Glos:          |

Gardener's House

|              |    |               |         |
|--------------|----|---------------|---------|
| C.R. Packman | 32 | Head Gardener | Kent    |
| George Gray  | 24 | Gardener      | Croydon |

Long Down Farm

|                        |    |                                     |            |
|------------------------|----|-------------------------------------|------------|
| William Steer (Single) | 43 | Farmer employing<br>10 men & 3 boys | Surrey     |
| Mary Ann " (Sister)    | 30 |                                     | "          |
| Elizabeth Killick      | 16 | House Servant                       | Banstead   |
| George Coad            | 20 | Ag: Labourer                        | Pulborough |
| John Stockfield        | 21 | " "                                 | Banstead   |
| James Muggeridge       | 18 | " "                                 | "          |
| Abraham Pullen         | 15 | " "                                 | Warlingham |
| George Green           | 14 | " "                                 | Banstead   |

Garbrand Hall

|                      |    |                  |                |
|----------------------|----|------------------|----------------|
| Hanry Back (Widower) | 39 | Tobacco Merchant | Norwich        |
| John McGee (Married) | 38 | Butler           | Northumberland |
| Joanna Martin        | 27 | Cook             | Hunts:         |
| Sarah Newby          | 24 | Housemaid        | Lancs:         |
| Mary Tomason         | 21 | Laundrymaid      | Cheshire       |
| Thomas Skeggs        | 15 | Footman          | Middlesex      |

Cottage

|                        |    |          |   |
|------------------------|----|----------|---|
| James Skeggs (Married) | 40 | Coachman | " |
|------------------------|----|----------|---|



FAMILIES WITH FIVE SERVANTS      1851 CENSUS

Eastern Entrance

Born

|                         |    |                         |           |
|-------------------------|----|-------------------------|-----------|
| Charles Levien          | 44 | Surveyor Inland Revenue | Middlesex |
| Ann       " (Wife)      | 36 |                         | "         |
| Charles, son of Charles | 11 | Scholar at home         | "         |
| Fanny, Daughter       " | 10 | "   "   "               | "         |
| Martha       "       "  | 7  | "   "   "               | "         |
| Henry, son       "      | 5  |                         | "         |
| Emily Smith             | 29 | Governess               | Greenwich |
| Mary Brown              | 22 | Servant                 | Norwich   |
| Susan Miles             | 27 | "                       | "         |
| Martha Childs           | 37 | "                       | Bookham   |
| Mary Ann Lee            | 16 | "                       | "         |

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Ruxley Farm

|                      |    |                      |               |
|----------------------|----|----------------------|---------------|
| Richard Gladwin      | 34 | Farmer, 23 labourers | Middlesex     |
| Elizabeth   " (Wife) | 36 |                      | Oxtead        |
| Mary Ann Hamerton    | 18 | Servant of all work  | Lincs:        |
| Richard Smith        | 50 | Carter               | Tandridge     |
| William King         | 19 | Carter's boy         | Dorking       |
| John       "         | 14 | "   "                | Cheam         |
| James Smith          | 17 | "   "                | Thames Ditton |

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West Street, "Ewell House"

|                       |    |               |            |
|-----------------------|----|---------------|------------|
| Emilius Pauli         | 50 | Wool Merchant | Germany    |
| Emily (Wife)          | 38 |               | Somerset   |
| Susanna (daughter)    | 18 |               | Balham     |
| 1 Visitor             |    |               |            |
| John Betsea (Widower) | 39 | Gardener      | Guildford  |
| William Terrington    | 15 | Page          | Blackheath |
| Mary Street (Widow)   | 41 | Cook          | Lewes      |
| Maria Harvey          | 21 | Housemaid     | Middlesex  |
| Philipine Shenk       | 21 | House servant | Germany    |

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FAMILIES WITH SIX OR MORE SERVANTS 1861 CENSUS

Garbrand Hall

Born

|                              |      |                 |            |
|------------------------------|------|-----------------|------------|
| George Torr, Animal Charcoal |      |                 |            |
| Manufacturer                 | 46   |                 | London     |
| Elizabeth, wife of G. Torr   | 38   |                 | London     |
| George, son of " "           | 8    |                 | Deptford   |
| Bertha Diana, daughter of    |      |                 |            |
| G. Torr                      | 8/12 |                 | Ewell      |
| Emma Rebecca Curtis          | 29   | Visitor         | Camberwell |
| Mary Beal                    | 41   | Cook            | Somerset   |
| Susanna Rand                 | 33   | Housemaid       | Bermondsey |
| Annie Hogwood                | 20   | Under Housemaid | Kent       |
| Mary Ann Peters              | 24   | Nursemaid       | Baldock    |
| Mary Gower                   | 20   | Kitchen Maid    | Box Hill   |
| Thomas Edwards               | 20   | Footman         | Norfolk    |

(Coachman & Groom lived in the Stables)

## Eastern Entrance

|                           |    |               |            |
|---------------------------|----|---------------|------------|
| Harriet Lempriere (Widow) | 61 |               | City       |
| Harry, son of Harriet     | 26 | Solicitor     | Ewell      |
| Isabella, daughter of     |    |               |            |
| Harriet                   | 22 |               | "          |
| Emily, " "                | 19 |               | "          |
| Herbert R., son of "      | 18 | Student Kings |            |
|                           |    | College       | "          |
| Mary Wood                 | 61 | Servant       | -          |
| Emma Green                | 20 | "             | Birmingham |
| Sarah Coite               | 28 | "             | Guildford  |
| Annie Trigg               | 19 | "             | Hook       |
| Anna Drysdale             | 28 | "             | Wapping    |
| Ellen Street              | 18 | "             | Dorking    |
| Lucy Ashfield             | 23 | "             | Redhill    |
| Henry Knowles             | 19 | Groom         | Sussex     |
| Isabella Cuddie (Widow)   | 73 | Visitor       | Middlesex  |

Eastern Entrance (Ewell Grove)

|                          |    |                |                |
|--------------------------|----|----------------|----------------|
| Sir John Rae Reid (Bart) | 69 |                | London         |
| Maria, wife " "          | 50 |                | Cambs:         |
| John, son of Sir John    | 19 |                | London         |
| Louisa, daughter " "     | 17 |                | "              |
| Henry, son of " "        | 16 | Scholar        | Ewell          |
| Emma Lempriere (Niece)   | 35 | Visitor        | "              |
| Mary Hesketh (Niece)     | 3  | Visitor        | London         |
| Lucy Barton              | 16 | Nursery Maid   | Ewell          |
| Emma Betts               | 25 | Parlour Maid   | Cambs:         |
| Amelia Betts             | 23 | Lady's Maid    | "              |
| Lucy Charles             | 21 | House Maid     | Yorks:         |
| Jane Brockwell           | 29 | Laundry Maid   | Ewell          |
| Jane Kelsey              | 19 | Kitchen Maid   | Walton on Hill |
| Benjamin Symonds         | 27 | Groom          | Cambs:         |
| Edward Tomlin            | 20 | Under Gardener | Chesterton     |
| George Kelsey            | 15 | Odd Boy        | Walton on Hill |



West Street (Hill House)

Born

|                                |    |                  |               |
|--------------------------------|----|------------------|---------------|
| Arthur Rasch                   | 49 | Underwriter      | Brighton      |
| Emma " Wife                    | 38 |                  | London        |
| Frederick, son of Arthur Rasch | 17 | Merchant's Clerk | "             |
| Mary, daughter " "             | 15 |                  | "             |
| Henry, son " "                 | 12 |                  | "             |
| Florence, daughter " "         | 7  |                  | "             |
| Edward, son of " "             | 3  |                  | Ewell         |
| James Hurthy                   | 32 | Servant          | Cornwall      |
| Charles Dowse                  | 32 | Coachman         | Lincs:        |
| Emma Garnham                   | 40 | Cook             | Sussex        |
| Mary Tichener                  | 18 | Kitchen Maid     | Herefordshire |
| Mary Nye                       | 29 | House Maid       | Dorking       |
| Eliza Webb                     | 26 | " "              | Chelsea       |
| Mary Wood                      | 47 | Nurse            | Sussex        |
| Pauline Maerky                 | 29 | Governess        | Switzerland   |

Tayles Hill

|                                  |    |             |          |
|----------------------------------|----|-------------|----------|
| Maria Millett (Widow)            | 52 |             | Calcutta |
| Rosaline, daughter of M. Millett | 25 |             | "        |
| Francis, son of " "              | 15 |             | "        |
| Reginald, son of " "             | 13 |             | "        |
| Harriet Millett, sister in law   | 63 |             | Essex    |
| Betsy Warren                     | 37 | Cook        | Somerset |
| Emma Beresford                   | 30 | Lady's Maid | London   |
| Mary Pilbeam                     | 39 | " "         | Sussex   |
| Ann Pilbeam                      | 40 | " "         | "        |
| Ann Dyer                         | 31 | Housemaid   | Berks:   |
| Martha Batson                    | 18 | Kitchenmaid | Hants:   |
| Charles Tough                    | 24 | Footman     | Egham    |
| Albert Benham                    | 26 | Coachman    | Hants:   |

FAMILIES WITH FIVE SERVANTS

1861 CENSUS

Longdown Farm

|                             |    |            |                |
|-----------------------------|----|------------|----------------|
| Thomas Coote                | 48 | Farmer     | Yapton, Sussex |
| Emily, wife of Thomas Coote | 31 |            | "              |
| Thomas, son of " "          | 6  |            | "              |
| Joseph, " " " "             | 4  |            | Ewell          |
| Elizabeth, daughter " "     | 3  |            | "              |
| Allan, son of " "           | 2  |            | "              |
| Charles, " " " "            | 1  |            | "              |
| Mary Trott                  | 21 | Visitor    | Yapton         |
| Emily Pendfold              | 22 | Servant    | Fetcham        |
| Harriett White              | 18 | House Maid | Yapton         |
| Emily Portsmouth            | 17 | Nursemaid  | Bookham        |
| Mary Portsmouth             | 12 | Nursemaid  | "              |
| Harry Cousins               | 15 | Groom      | Yapton         |



FAMILIES WITH SIX OR MORE SERVANTS

1871CENSUS

Garbrand Hall

Born

|                           |    |                        |            |
|---------------------------|----|------------------------|------------|
| Elizabeth Torr (Widow)    | 49 | Animal Charcoal Burner | Middlesex  |
| Bertha Diana " daughter   | 10 |                        | Ewell      |
| Emily Onion Adopted child | 14 |                        | Middlesex  |
| Henry Smith Legg          | 21 | Visitor                | Middlesex  |
| Margaret Onion            | 26 | Visitor                | Middlesex  |
| Sarah Fysk                | 37 | Housemaid              | Guildford  |
| Catherine Catanack        | 33 | Housemaid              | Scotland   |
| Ellen Rinchell            | 32 | Cook                   | Sussex     |
| Sarah Street              | 21 | Kitchenmaid            | Dorking    |
| Adelaide Haysman          | 26 | Kitchenmaid            | Epsom      |
| George Bick               | 16 | Footman                | Bath       |
| George Hayes              | 21 | Groom                  | Letherhead |

The Lodge

|                  |    |        |            |
|------------------|----|--------|------------|
| George Shrimpton | 28 | Butler | Letherhead |
| Mary Ann " wife  | 34 |        | Letherhead |

The Bothy

|                   |    |          |            |
|-------------------|----|----------|------------|
| William Ballard   | 26 | Gardener | St. Albans |
| Henry Freeborough | 19 | Gardener | Lincs:     |
| David Edwards     | 30 | Gardener | Shere      |

Gardener's Lodge

|                            |    |               |         |
|----------------------------|----|---------------|---------|
| James Woodward             | 36 | Head Gardener | Croydon |
| Emma " Wife                | 34 |               | Cheam   |
| Francis Neal Woodward, son | 4  |               | Ewell   |
| Harry " son                | 2  |               | Ewell   |

Dorset House, Cheam Road

|                               |      |                      |               |
|-------------------------------|------|----------------------|---------------|
| George R. Barnes              | 39   | Dr of Medicine, G.P. | Oxon:         |
| Annie " Wife                  | 24   |                      | Scotland      |
| George " son                  | 5    |                      | Scotland      |
| Florence " daughter           | 3    |                      | I.o.Wight     |
| James " Son                   | 2    |                      | Ewell         |
| Edith " daughter              | 6/12 |                      | Ewell         |
| Edith Rickards                | 18   | Visitor              | New Sth Wales |
| Isabell Powell (Unsound mind) | 30   | Boarder              | Scotland      |
| Ann Reede                     | 31   | Maid                 | Wales         |
| Ann Macleod                   | 48   | Cook                 | Scotland      |
| Henry Sallis                  | 21   | Groom                | Oxford        |
| Jessie Simpson                | 23   | Housemaid            | Scotland      |
| Ann Clark                     | 28   | Nurse                | Farnham       |
| Mary Squires                  | 16   | Nursemaid            | Norfolk       |

The Cedars, Cheam Road

|                           |    |                             |        |
|---------------------------|----|-----------------------------|--------|
| Harriet Lempriere (Widow) | 72 | Officer's Widow             | London |
| Emily " daughter          | 29 |                             | Ewell  |
| Mary Wood (Paralytic)     | 71 | Domestic, late<br>ladysmaid | Yorks: |



The Cedars, Cheam Road (continued..)

|                      |    |             | Born       |
|----------------------|----|-------------|------------|
| Emily Redman         | 58 | Ladysmaid   | Pulborough |
| Martha Neate (Widow) | 61 | Laundress   | Cheam      |
| Phoebe Stubbings     | 29 | Cook        | Cambs:     |
| Emily Stubbings      | 20 | Kitchenmaid | Cambs:     |
| Ann Tomlin           | 26 | Parlourmaid | Cambs:     |
| Sarah Tomlin         | 20 | Housemaid   | Cambs:     |
| Emily Bignell        | 17 | Housemaid   | Mitcham    |
| James Pemberton      | 32 | Coachman    | Suffolk    |

The Grove, Cheam Road

|                  |    |                     |            |
|------------------|----|---------------------|------------|
| Charles Freeman  | 48 | J.P. China Merchant | Tooting    |
| Louisa M. " Wife | 46 |                     | Plymouth   |
| Adelaide C. "    | 5  |                     | Reigate    |
| Ann Hill         | 62 | Nurse               | Cornwall   |
| Sarah Prowse     | 50 | Cook                | Devon      |
| Mary Dyer        | 32 | Parlourmaid         | Devon      |
| Betsy Ongley     | 23 | Housemaid           | Horley     |
| Amy Friday       | 22 | Kitchenmaid         | Betchworth |
| Mary Stanbridge  | 19 | Under nurse         | Battersea  |

Grove Stables, Cheam Road

|                  |    |                |            |
|------------------|----|----------------|------------|
| William Coates   | 31 | Coachman       | Wandsworth |
| Mary " Wife      | 23 |                | Clapham    |
| William " Son    | 2  |                | Tooting    |
| Annie " Daughter | 1  |                | Clapham    |
| George Partridge | 17 | Under Gardener | Norwood    |

Ewell Grove Cottage, Cheam Road

|               |    |               |        |
|---------------|----|---------------|--------|
| William King  | 37 | Head Gardener | Bucks: |
| Rachel " Wife | 39 |               | Bucks: |

Belmont House, Epsom Road

|                        |    |             |           |
|------------------------|----|-------------|-----------|
| Isabella Lloyd (Widow) | 58 | Independent | London    |
| Ellen " Daughter       | 25 |             | Streatham |
| Charlotte " "          | 24 |             | Streatham |
| William " Son          | 22 |             | Streatham |
| Lleuellyn " "          | 20 |             | Streatham |
| Mary Gladwyn           | 38 | Cook        | Sussex    |
| Catherine Sanders      | 19 | Housemaid   | Clapham   |
| Alice Chivington       | 18 | Housemaid   | Ewell     |
| Mary French            | 22 | Kitchenmaid | Staffs:   |
| Frederick Ratcliff     | 22 | Footman     | Epsom     |

Belmont Stables, Epsom Road

|                  |    |          |         |
|------------------|----|----------|---------|
| John Barnett     | 44 | Coachman | Tooting |
| Charlotte " Wife | 49 |          | Herts:  |



Epsom Road

Born

|                         |      |                |           |
|-------------------------|------|----------------|-----------|
| William Melmoth Walters | 36   | Solicitor      | Bayswater |
| Marian " Wife           | 31   |                | Pimlico   |
| Edith " Daughter        | 9    |                | Ewell     |
| Alice " Daughter        | 8    |                | Ewell     |
| Percy " Son             | 7    |                | Ewell     |
| Arthur " Son            | 6    |                | Ewell     |
| Gertrude " Daughter     | 4    |                | Ewell     |
| Hugh " Son              | 2    |                | Ewell     |
| Constance " Daughter    | 7/12 |                | Ewell     |
| Thomas Francis          | 20   | Solicitor's    |           |
|                         |      | Articled Clerk | Cambs:    |
| Sarah George            | 44   | Nurse          | Wilts:    |
| Sarah Hunt              | 42   | Cook           | Hunts:    |
| Sarah Taylor            | 21   | Housemaid      | Warks:    |
| Mary Ann Roberts        | 26   | Parlourmaid    | Woolwich  |
| Susanna Smith           | 17   | Under Nurse    | Ewell     |
| Annie Lifford           | 14   | Nursemaid      | Ewell     |

Ewell House, Epsom Road

|                             |      |                          |               |
|-----------------------------|------|--------------------------|---------------|
| Henry Tritton               | 28   | Banker, Lieut: of London |               |
| Anna " Wife                 | 25   |                          | Marylebone    |
| Henry " Son                 | 3    |                          | Cornwall      |
| Mildred " Daughter          | 2    |                          | St. Georges,  |
| Blanche " Daughter          | 7/12 |                          | Middlesex     |
| Richard Buller,             |      |                          | Ewell         |
| Father in Law, Visitor      | 64   | J.P. and Rector of       | Ewell         |
|                             |      | Lanreath, Cornwall       | Devon         |
| Elizabeth Buller,           |      |                          |               |
| Mother in law               | 66   |                          | Hants:        |
| Alice Buller, Sister in     |      |                          |               |
| law                         | 22   |                          | Cornwall      |
| Maria Grigg                 | 26   | Ladysmaid                | Cornwall      |
| Derenda Young               | 28   | Cook                     | Worcs:        |
| Eliza Hodge                 | 24   | Ladysmaid                | Kent          |
| Elizabeth Godley            | 28   | Housemaid                | Sussex        |
| Elizabeth Carruthers(Widow) | 34   | Nurse                    | Devon         |
| Thirza Hancock              | 18   | Nursemaid                | Cornwall      |
| Emma Robinson               | 18   | Kitchenmaid              | Lincs:        |
| Francis Brazier             | 21   | Footman                  | Herefordshire |

Ewell House Stables, Epsom Road

|                |    |          |            |
|----------------|----|----------|------------|
| William Mould  | 26 | Coachman | Camberwell |
| Jane " Wife    | 32 |          | Dorset     |
| Ada " Daughter | 1  |          | Ewell      |

Ewell House Lodge, Epsom Road

|                 |    |          |         |
|-----------------|----|----------|---------|
| William Haseman | 38 | Gardener | Ashtead |
| Lucy " Wife     | 38 |          | Sussex  |



Ewell House Lodge, Epsom Road (continued..)

|                 |            |    |          | <u>Born</u>    |
|-----------------|------------|----|----------|----------------|
| William Haseman | Son        | 14 | Labourer | Ashtead        |
| Harriet         | " Daughter | 10 |          | Ashtead        |
| Rebecca         | " Daughter | 8  |          | Ashtead        |
| Alfred          | " Son      | 5  |          | <b>Farnham</b> |
| Adia            | " Daughter | 2  |          | Ewell          |
| Christian       | " Daughter | 1  |          | Ewell          |

FAMILIES WITH FIVE SERVANTS

1871 CENSUS

Glyn House, Church Street

|                          |                    |                   |            |
|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Revd. Sir George L. Glyn | 66                 | Vicar & Landowner | Ewell      |
| Henrietta                | " Wife 42          |                   | India      |
| George T. Glyn, Son      | 29                 |                   | Ewell      |
| Anna                     | " Daughter 11      |                   | Ewell      |
| Gervas P.                | " Son 8            |                   | Ewell      |
| Margaret                 | " Daughter 6       |                   | Ewell      |
| William                  | " Son 3            |                   | Ewell      |
| Arthur                   | " Son 8/12         |                   | Ewell      |
| Lydia J.                 | " Sister in law 32 | Visitor           | India      |
| Mary Williams            | 53                 | Nurse             | Shrewsbury |
| Mary Hayward             | 38                 | Nurse             | Norwood    |
| Jane Stringer            | 30                 | Cook              | Washington |
|                          |                    |                   | Sussex     |
| Jane Etheridge           | 27                 | Parlourmaid       | Cuckfield  |
| Elizabeth Etheridge      | 22                 | Housemaid         | Capel      |

Epsom Road

|                            |               |             |                  |
|----------------------------|---------------|-------------|------------------|
| William Vizard             | 62            | Solicitor   | Glocs:           |
| Maria                      | " Wife 60     |             | Somerset         |
| Bertha                     | " Daughter 23 |             | Hampstead        |
| Herbert                    | " Son 21      | Law Student | Hampstead        |
| Ada                        | " Daughter 17 |             | Wimbledon        |
| Percy Lempriere (Grandson) | 2             | Visitor     | Hull             |
| Margaret Taylor            | 59            | Workwoman   | London           |
| Susan Butler               | 30            | Housemaid   | Hampstead        |
| Martha Kennard             | 36            | Cook        | Cranbrook        |
| Jane Talmeg                | 19            | Housemaid   | Hurst Pier Point |
| Margaret Chivington        | 28            | Kitchenmaid | Ewell            |

It is quite interesting to note how the staffing of the big houses fluctuated through the four Censuses. Garbrand (Bourne) Hall had fewer than five servants in 1841, in 1851 there were five, plus the coachman in the "Cottage". By 1861 there were six house servants, with the coachman and groom in the "Stables", and in 1871 there were seven house servants, with the married butler in the "Lodge" and four gardeners living at "The Bothy" and the "Gardener's Lodge". The Rae Reids, at The Grove in Cheam Road had eleven house servants, plus the gardener in his cottage. 1851 saw ten servants and nine in 1861. By 1871 the Rae Reids had gone and the house was occupied by Charles



Freeman, J.P. and China Merchant; he had six servants. The other big house in Cheam Road was The Cedars, where lived the Lempriere family. In 1841 there were eleven house servants, ten in 1851 and in 1861 Mrs. Lempriere was a widow with only eight servants. By 1871 she had one daughter left at home, but they kept nine servants.

Ewell Castle had ten servants, and the gardener in the Farm House, in 1841, but then the Castle "came down in the world" and in 1851 James Gadesden, who had bought it after the death of Thomas Calverley (Calverley's father built the Castle) had only six servants and a gardener. Hill House, West Street, seems to have been at the peak of its prosperity in 1861, with eight servants, and Tayles Hill House had eight servants also. In 1871 Dorset House, Cheam Road and Ewell House, Epsom Road, each had eight servants, Ewell House also had a coachman living at The Stables, and a gardener at The Lodge.

It was in the 1860s that many of the big Ewell houses were built, St. Norman's, Conaways, Kingston Lodge, all three in the Cheam Road, are typical examples, though in fact St. Norman's was built in the '50s.

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