



Census returns John Sowerby

April 1871 (original)

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This census return shows that John and some of his family lived at Benwell Tower in 1871.



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No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET, etc, and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES		NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	Condition	AGE of		Ranks, profession or OCCUPATION employing 440 men Glass manufacturer	WHERE BORN	Whether (1) Deaf & Dumb (2) Blind (3) Imbecile or Idiot (4) Lunatic
		Inhabited (I)	Uninhabited (U) or Building (B)				Males	Females			
	Benwell Tower			John Sowerby	Head	Mar	62		Colliery owner employing 750 men	Newcastle	
				Anne Sowerby	Wife	Mar	48			Gateshead	
				John G.	Son		21		Agent	Gateshead	
				Annie E.	Daughter			18	No occupation	Gateshead	
				Hugh Andrews	Visitor		38		Shipowner	Belfast	
				Isabella Andrews	Visitor			27	No occupation	Gateshead	
				Thomas A. Viner	Visitor		22		Engineer, Mechanical	Bengal, India	
				William Coventry	Servant		25		Butler	Windsor	
				Eliza Bradford	Servant			29	Ladies Maid	Cambridge	
				Ann Thompson	Servant			36	Cook	Gateshead	
				Margaret Armstrong	Servant			39	Laundress	Willington	
				Elizabeth Patterson	Servant			24	Housemaid	Coldstream	
				Jane Wilkinson	Servant			20	Laundress	Gosforth	
				Dorothy Gladstone	Servant			20	Housemaid	Gosforth	
				Elizabeth Bruce	Servant			20	Kitchenmaid	Newcastle, All Saints	
				Charles Butler	Servant		20		Footman	Cheltenham	

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John grew up in Gateshead but where was he born?

Only the men in the family had paid jobs. How do you think John's wife and daughter Annie spent their days?

John's daughter Isabella was visiting at the time of the census. She was married, although this is not recorded. Who was her husband?

Where was the third visitor born?

Why were there so many servants living at Benwell Tower? What kinds of jobs did they have?

How can we tell that John was rich enough to have so many servants?

How many different places did the servants come from? Which servant might have worked for John and Anne in Gateshead?