



Census returns John Sowerby

April 1871 (original)

The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the									
No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES Inhabited (10) or Building (11)	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON-DITION	AGE of Male Female	Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN	1. Deaf and Dumb 2. Blind 3. Imbecile or Idiot 4. Lunatic
69	Benwell Tower	1	Richard Palmer	Head	Mar	28	Gardener	Durham, Barnard Castle	
			Isabella J. do	Wife	Mar	26		Yorkshire, Richmond	
			John R. do	Son	Mar	7m		Northumb. Hylton	
70		1	Stephen Winter	Head	Mar	42	Coachman	Essex, Stratford	
			Mary do	Wife	Mar	32		Essex, Stratford	
			John do	Son	Mar	21	Millwright	Newcastle	
			Stephen do	Son	Mar	15	Green Domestic Servt	do do	
			Isabella do	Daughter	Mar	7 1/2	Housewife	do do	
71	Benwell Tower	1	John Lowrey	Head	Mar	62	Butcher	Durham, Gateshead	
			Mary do	Wife	Mar	48		do do	
			John L. do	Son	Mar	21	Agent	do do	
			Ann E. do	Daughter	Mar	18	no occupation	do do	
			Hugh Andrews	Visitor	Mar	28	Shipowner	Ireland, Belfast	
			Isabella Andrews	Visitor	Mar	27	no occupation	Durham, Gateshead	
			Thomas A. Jones	Visitor	Mar	22	Engineer Mechanical	Birmingham	
			William Coventry	Serv	Mar	25	Builder	Yorkshire, Wetherby	
			Charles Butler	Serv	Mar	20	Footman	Yorkshire, Skipton	
			Elyse Thompson	Serv	Mar	17	Ladies maid	Essex, Cambridge	
			Ann Thompson	Serv	Mar	16	Booth	Durham, Gateshead	
			Margaret Armstrong	Serv	Mar	14	Laundress	Northumb. Willington	
			Elizabeth Patterson	Serv	Mar	12	Housemaid	Northumb. Gosforth	
			John Wilkinson	Serv	Mar	11	Laundress	Northumb. Gosforth	
			Isabella Gladstone	Serv	Mar	10	Housemaid	do do	
			Elizabeth Thorne	Serv	Mar	9	Housemaid	do do	
3	Total of Houses..	3	Total of Males and Females..			11	13		

* Draw the pen through such of the words as are inappropriate.

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



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		Inhabited	Uninhabited (U) or Building (B)				Males	Females			
	Benwell Tower			John Sowerby	Head	Mar	62		Glass manufacturer employing 440 men 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?