



Using Ancestry

About this resource

This resource is design to support your exploration of the history of Oxford Road.

Through out this resource, you will find:

- Descriptions of the documents found on Ancestry
- Tips on how to make searches
- A demonstration of how to build a profile of an individual

Ancestry is a really useful tool to support your research of locations and people. The information found in records can help to build a picture of daily lives of the people who lived on the Oxford Road.

Different kinds of Records on Ancestry

- Census
- Directories
- Electoral register
- Birth, Marriage and Death Certificates
- Photographs
- **Schools, Directories & Church Histories**
- Military documents
- Immigration/emigration documents
- Stories

Census

A census can give us lots of information about who lives at an address. A census is taken every 10 years which can be helpful if you want to build a picture of a person over many decades.

Through this resource you can discover:

- The names of people who live at one address
- Their occupations
- Their age
- Their gender
- If they are all part of the same family or if they are lodgers

CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.

Before writing on this Schedule please read the Examples and the Instructions given on the other side of the paper, as well as the headings of the Columns. The entries should be written in ink.

The contents of the Schedule will be treated as confidential. Strict care will be taken that no information is disclosed with regard to individual persons. The returns are not to be used for proof of age, or in connection with Old Age Pensions, or for any other purpose than the preparation of Statistical Tables.

NAME AND SURNAME	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Family	AGE and SEX	PARTICULARS as to MARRIAGE	PROFESSION or OCCUPATION of Persons aged ten years and upwards		RETIRED PLACE of every person	NATIONALITY of every Person in Foreign Country	INFIRMITY
				Personal Occupation	Industry or Service with which worker is connected			
1. Edwin Huxford	Head	69	Married 26 9 45	Surveyor		Empoyed at home	260	
2. Mary Martha Huxford	Wife	59	Married 36 9 45	Surveyor		at home	1	
3. Percival Edwin Huxford	Son	22	Single	Surveyor Graduate		at home	310	
4. Helen Johanna Huxford	Daughter	20	Single	Surveyor Assistant		at home	300	
5. Gladys Ruby Huxford	Daughter	23	Single	Surveyor Assistant		at home	300	

(To be filled up by the Enumerator)

(To be filled up by, or on behalf of, the Head of Family or other person in occupation, or in charge, of this dwelling)

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature *Edwin Huxford*

Postal address *129 Bedford Road Reading*

Directories

Directories show people's surnames listed in alphabetical order. Then it will show an initial or their first name. Lastly it will show their address.

- They will give you a name and an address
- They won't give you an occupation or a sense of how many different people lived there.
- They do not list people by address so you will need to search through a page looking for addresses on or near the Oxford Road.
- They will also list businesses which could be owned the person listed at that address.

FRUITERS & GREENGROCERS—CON.
Price Frank, 2 Hart street
Pursey Pearcey, 1 Duke street
Rapley George, 21 London road
Reade William, 40 George street, Caversham
Rockall Albert, 34 Great Knollys st
Rose Mrs. Mary, 105 Addington rd
Rudland & Sons, 20 Broad street
Rudland William Arnold, 211 Caversham road
Saunders Reginald Harry, 543 Oxford road
Scott Charles, 10 Prospect street, Caversham
Seabrook Joseph, 89 Oxford road
Smith Harry, 165 Silver street
Sparks Fredk. 72 Caversham road
Street William, 10 Wokingham rd
Syckelmoore H. 71 Whitley street
Taylor Thomas E. 576 Oxford road
Thomas Herbert, 9 Church road, Caversham
Vinden Samuel John, 61 Minster street & 227 London road
Watts Samuel, 137 Oxford road
Ward Thomas, 31 Whitley street
Waugh John, 46 Prince of Wales av
Welch Henry Wm. 324 Oxford rd
Wheeler Mrs. R. 423 Oxford road
Wheeler Richd. 71 Southampton st
Whichelo Charles, Sonning common, Reading
White Brothers, 269 Oxford road
White R. A. Theale
Wiggins Charles, 68 Rupert street
Williams Samuel, 1 Spring gardens
Wilson Bertie, 487 Oxford road
Winter James Henry, 49 Hemdean road, Caversham
Wynn Samuel Geo. 629 Oxford rd

FUNERAL CARRIAGE PROPRIETORS.

Lovegrove Charles, 116 Friar street & 55 Great Knollys street
Walker A. B. & Sons, 49, 51 & 53 Crown street

FURNITURE DEALERS & WAREHOUSES.

See also House Furnishers.
Abery Mrs. K. 254 Oxford road
Ault James, 94 Oxford road

Beesley John, 29 & 50 Castle st.
See advertisement facing inside Back Cover
Brind Jesse R. 361 Oxford road
Campbell Archibald, 82 London st
Castle Creacens, Horseshoe road, Pangbourne
Cook Geo. 30 & 32 Southampton st
Cooper George, 91 King's road
Cox Charles, 65 & 63 Hosier street
Dee Frederick, 87 Friar street
Grover Mrs. M. 68 De Beauvoir rd
Hardy George, 57 Oxford road
Hookham & Son, 6, 7 & 8 Chain st
Kingston H. J. 16 London street
Maker Albert James, 81 Oxford road. See advertisement
Manning Alfred Wm. 19 Thorn st
Newport Sydney, 128 Caversham rd
Reeves James Wm. 32a, King's rd
Slatcher Ernest, 18 Chatham st
Vernon Mrs. Mary, 41 Hosier st

FURNITURE REMOVERS & DEPOSITORIES.

Ayres Charles & Giles, 44 to 46 Friar street & 13 High street
Germain J. & G. 85 Katesgrove lane & 51 Henry street
Holmes & Sons, 22 Hosier street; 7 St. Mary's butts & 7 & 9 Cork st
Newbery Arthur Limited, 146 & 147 Friar street & Yield Hall lane
Nott & Monk, 127 & 129 Southampton street
PICKFORDS LTD. 21 St. Mary's butts & Tudor road
Pilgrim Richard, 3 Castle street
Smith W. C. Ltd. 15 Caversham rd
TAYLOR'S DEPOSITORY, 1 St. George's road, Southwark. Removing & warehousing; charges low. Estimates free. Telephone No. 272 Hop. See advertisement facing page 320

FURRIER.

SKOWRONEK FREDERICK, 39 & 41 Market place

GARDEN HOSE ME. HILL'S RUBBER CO.
52 Market place & 10

Electoral register

This is a record of everyone who is eligible to vote in an area. People who are eligible to vote are people with a British Nationality who are over 18.

This records will not usually show a picture of a document but show a name, address and date when someone was registered on the electoral register.

Mr Paul Lunnon
in the UK, Electoral Registers, 2003-2010

No Image
Text-only collection

[Add or update information](#)
[Report a problem](#)

Name: Mr Paul Lunnon
Birth Date: 1981-1983
Residence Date: 2008-2009
Address: Flat 16, Lippincote Court, Oxford Road, Tilehurst, RG31 6TB
Residence Place: Reading, Berkshire, England

[Save & create tree](#) [Cancel](#)

Write a comment

Make a Connection
[Find others](#) who are researching Mr Paul Lunnon in Public Member Trees

Prieche Cumudechandra
in the UK, Electoral Registers, 2003-2010

No Image
Text-only collection

[Add or update information](#)
[Report a problem](#)

Name: Prieche Cumudechandra
Birth Date: 1972-1974
Residence Date: 2005-2006
Address: 681, Oxford Road, RG30 1HP
Residence Place: Reading, Berkshire, England

[Save & create tree](#) [Cancel](#)

Suggested Records

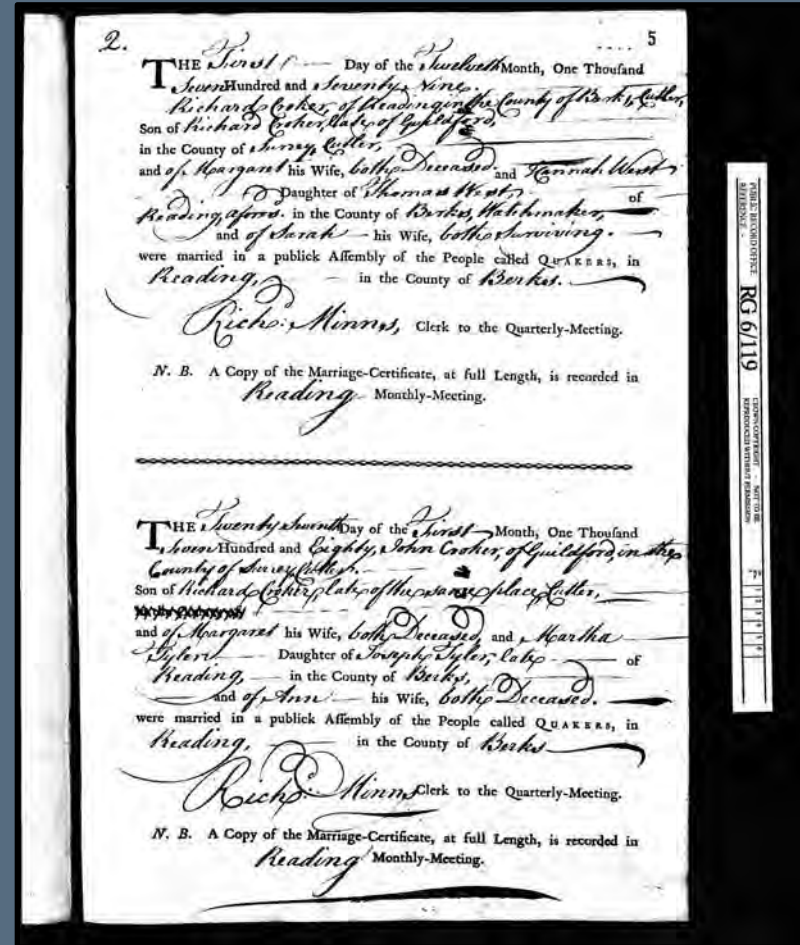
- England & Wales, Civil Registration Marriage Index, 1916-2005
Prieche Cumudechandra
- UK, Electoral Registers, 2003-2010
Prieche Cumedechandra

Birth, Marriage and Death Certificates

When searching for records you can filter by Birth, Marriage and Death and then filter further into the three topics. Marriage can also be linked to baptism of children and good way to see how families grew. The above are life changing events that could be crossed check with census records to see if marriage and the birth of children had significant changes to a person's career.

These records show us:

- Where a person was born
- Their name
- When and where they were married
- Who they married
- Who witnessed the marriage
- Who their father was
- Who their mother was
- When and where they died
- When and where they were buried



Pictures/Photographs

Photographs can be a great source of information. They can tell us how people dressed and sometimes they can show us how they dressed differently for different events or jobs.

Often when people search for photographic records of their ancestors they are looking for a family resemblance.

In the past photographs were often taken for special occasions because they were more expensive to take and produce than they are today. That can tell us how important these events might have been to the person who took them.

The first picture is of McIlroy's department store and was either commissioned by the store or by a journalist for a newspaper.

The second is of the Stephens family who lived at 638 Oxford Road.



Military documents

Military documents tell you about a person's career in any military organisation. There is a specific search page for military records to help focus your search using dates of service, if you know them. They can include some of the documents listed below:

- Draft, Enlistment and Service
- Casualties
- Soldier, Veteran & Prisoner Rolls & Lists
- Pension Records
- Histories
- Awards & Decorations of Honour
- News
- Disciplinary Actions
- Photos

435/c Reading Sub Area/13 etc
Army Form B. 2512
799 A.B. Coy
SHORT SERVICE.
(For the Duration of the War, with the Colours and in the Army Reserve).
ATTESTATION OF
No. 4310 Name Winst J. P. B. Corps 58th Bn. City of London
401088 Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.
1. What is your Name? ... James P. Winst
2. What is your full Address? ... 321 West Road Reading Berks
3. Are you a British Subject? ... yes
4. What is your Age? ... 33 Years 3 Months
5. What is your Trade or Calling? ... Inspector of Insurance
6. Are you Married? ... No
7. Have you ever served in any branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so, which? ... No
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? ... yes
9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? ... yes
10. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you? ... yes Name Cap. P. R. R. Corps P. R. R.
11. Are you willing to serve upon the following conditions provided His Majesty should so long require your services? ... yes
For the duration of the War, at the end of which you will be discharged with all convenient speed. You will be required to serve for one day with the Colours and the remainder of the period in the Army Reserve, in accordance with the provisions of the Royal Warrant dated 20th Oct., 1915, until such time as you may be called up by order of the Army Council. If employed with Hospitals, depots of Mounted Units, or as a Clerk, etc., you may be retained after the termination of hostilities until your services can be spared, but such retention shall in no case exceed six months.
I, James P. B. Winst do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagement made.
SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.
James P. B. Winst Signature of Witness.
OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON-ATTESTATION.
I, James P. B. Winst swear by Almighty God, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs, and Successors, and that I will, as in duty bound, honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, in Person, Crown, and Dignity against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and of the Generals and Officers set over me. So help me God.
CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER.
The Recruit above named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.
The above questions were then read to the Recruit in my presence.
I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said Recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me CAVERSHAM on this 20 day of Nov 1918.
Signature of the Justice J. Johnson
I certify that this Attestation of the above-named Recruit is correct, and properly filled up, and that the required forms appear to have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to the 1st class.
If enlisted by special authority, Army Form B. 208 (or other authority for the enlistment) will be attached to the original attestation.
Date 16. 3. 1918 H. J. Johnson Approving Officer.
Place 15, Abchurch Lane
* If so, the Recruit is to be asked the particulars of his former service, and to produce, if possible, his Certificate of Discharge and other papers, which should be returned to him, subsequently endorsed in red ink, as follows, viz.—(Name) _____ as the (Date) _____

Immigration/emigration documents

If you filter through immigration or emigration you will be able to find records of people movement around the world. Some of these records will come from other countries. Pictured is a passenger list from ship leaving Liverpool.

This will include:

- Passenger Lists
- Crew Lists
- Border Crossings & Passports
- Citizenship Records
- Immigration & Emigration Books

The document is a form titled "AGREEMENT AND ACCOUNT OF CREW. (FOREIGN-GOING SHIP.)" with a circular seal at the top left. It is divided into several sections: "PARTICULARS OF PASSENGERS" and "PARTICULARS OF CREW". The "PARTICULARS OF PASSENGERS" section contains a table with columns for "Name of Crew", "Age", "Sex", "Place of Birth", "Profession", "Religion", "Nationality", "Date of Departure", "Destination", "Remarks", and "Signature". The table is filled with handwritten entries in cursive script. The "PARTICULARS OF CREW" section is also filled with handwritten entries. At the bottom of the document, there is a section for "AGREEMENT" and "ACCOUNT OF CREW" with a signature and date.

Stories

Sometimes people will have put together stories of their ancestors linked to a family tree, with photographs and documents collected together. They will also add stories of their ancestor that they may have heard from family members or even the featured ancestor themselves.

These really build a detailed picture of an individual. Details that may be missing from official records like personality, the hobbies they enjoyed and the friends they made.

Stories can be really helpful in bringing a person to life, connecting us to the way they lived.

Searches

Choosing the right terms in your search will help to focus the records that will appear in the results. You can focus on different things in your search.

In the search page:

- If you have a name, put the name, middle name and surname in the set boxes.
- In location put Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire Endland
- If you know of an event in a particular year that you want to link your search to, you can add event under 'add event'.
- In Key words you can focus on occupation like: iron worker, rail worker, White Hart Hotel, etc. This will help specify your search
- You can filter by the type of documents that you want to look at and then click on categories (on the right-hand side) to focus on the census in particular years.
- You can also filter your search on the left-hand side once you have your search results.

The screenshot shows a search interface with several input fields and options. At the top, there are fields for 'First & Middle Name(s)' and 'Last Name'. Below these are fields for 'Place your ancestor might have lived' (with a dropdown menu) and 'Birth Year'. There are also checkboxes for 'Search' (highlighted in orange), 'Show fewer options', and 'Match all terms exactly'. Further down, there are sections for 'Add event:' (with options like Birth, Marriage, Death, Lived In, Any Event, More) and 'Add family member:' (with options like Father, Mother, Sibling, Spouse, Child). A 'Keyword' field is also present. At the bottom, there are dropdown menus for 'Gender' and 'Race/Nationality', and a 'Collection Focus' dropdown set to 'All Collections'. On the right side, there are two sections: 'Recently Viewed Collections' with a '+ See more' button, listing items like '1891 England Census' and '1881 England Census'; and 'Special Collections' with a '+ Card Catalogue' button, listing items like 'Historical Records' and 'Birth, Marriage & Death, including Parish Birth, Baptism & Christening'.

The screenshot shows the search results page for 'All Census & Electoral Rolls results'. The page title is 'All Census & Electoral Rolls results'. Below the title, there are 'Search Filters' and 'Filter by' sections. The 'Search Filters' section shows 'Reading, Berkshire, ...' and 'Collection: All Collections'. The 'Filter by' section shows a table of categories and years. The main content area shows 'Results 1-50 of 802,937' and a list of search results. The first result is for '1911 England Census' with the name 'Millicent Collins', birth 'Isle of Wight United Kingdom', marriage '1906', and residence '1911 Reading Berkshire England'. The second result is for '1911 England Census' with the name 'Albert Edward Clark', birth 'Ryde Isle of Wight: United Kingdom', and residence '1911 Reading Berkshire England'.

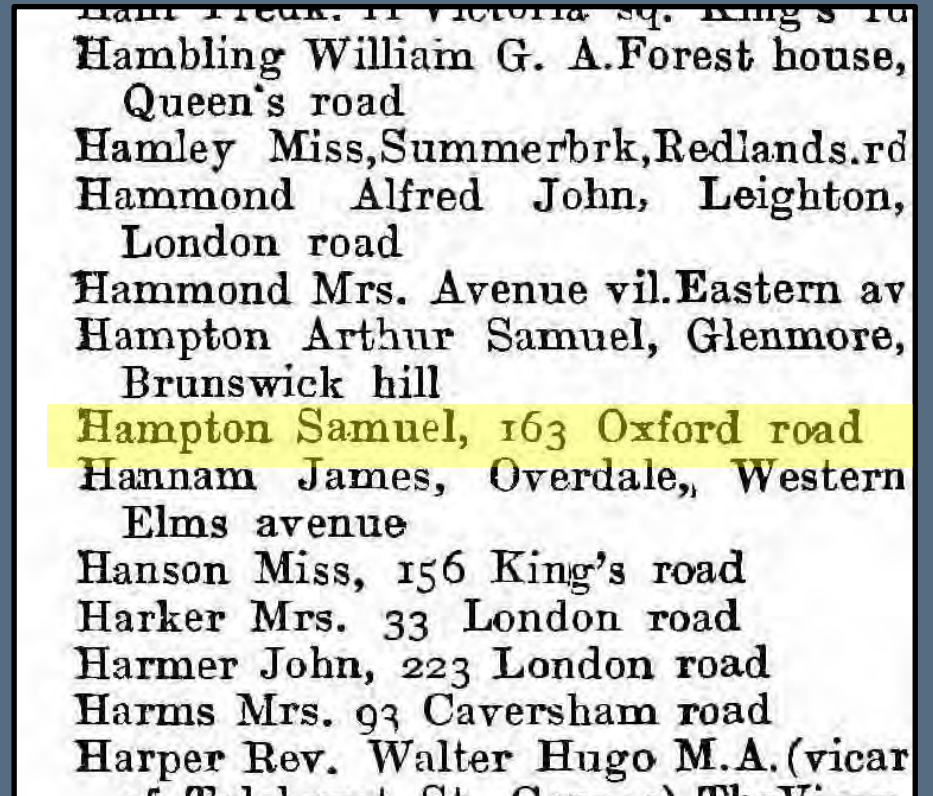
1700s	1800s	1900s
1700s	1800s	1900s
1710s	1810s	1910s
1720s	1820s	1920s
1730s	1830s	1930s

How to build a profile

Let's have a look at Samuel Hampton.

So, we have done a search with the key word's 'Oxford Road' with the location being Reading, Berkshire, England. We've left the year empty and the search results have given us a range of options.

We spot a directory result from 1914:
Hampton, Samuel – 163 Oxford Road



Hampton Fredk. 11 Victoria sq. King's rd
Hambling William G. A. Forest house,
Queen's road
Hamley Miss, Summerbrk, Redlands rd
Hammond Alfred John, Leighton,
London road
Hammond Mrs. Avenue vil. Eastern av
Hampton Arthur Samuel, Glenmore,
Brunswick hill
Hampton Samuel, 163 Oxford road
Hannam James, Overdale,, Western
Elms avenue
Hanson Miss, 156 King's road
Harker Mrs. 33 London road
Harmer John, 223 London road
Harms Mrs. 93 Caversham road
Harper Rev. Walter Hugo M.A. (vicar
of St. John's, St. George's, The Vicar

Samuel Hampton

That is a great start. We have an address that is on the Oxford Road and we have a name and a year to investigate.

Next, we want to see where else we can find Samuel.

Let's put in a search for a census record in that time period.

We find a census result for him in 1911 at the same address – so now we know that he has been at the same address for at least 3 years.

The census also tells us who he was living with and what his occupation was at that time which is a Commercial Clerk in Biscuit manufacturing – so he may well have worked for Huntley and Palmers.

CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.

Before writing on this Schedule please read the Examples and the Instructions given on the other side of the paper, or will on the headings of the Columns. The entries should be written in full. The contents of the Schedule will be treated as confidential. Strict care will be taken that no information is disclosed with regard to individual persons. The returns are not to be used for proof of age, as in connection with Old Age Pensions, or for any other purpose than the preparation of Statistical Tables.

NAME AND SURNAMES	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Family	AGE and SEX	PARTICULARS as to MARRIAGE	PROFESSION or OCCUPATION of Person upon the year and present		BIRTHPLACE of every person	NATIONALITY of every Person Foreign Country	IMMIGRATION
				Personal Occupation	Industry or Service with which related or connected			
1. Samuel Hampton	Head	48	Married	Commercial Clerk, Biscuit	Commercial Clerk, Biscuit	Huntley London W	ENGLAND	1860
2. Elizabeth Hampton	Wife	51	Married		None	Buckingham Essex	ENGLAND	1850
3. Robert Samp Hampton	Son	27	Single	Religion to the Printing Trade	Press Engineering Work	Buckingham Essex	ENGLAND	1884
4. Clara Ann Hampton	Daughter	21	Single	Journal Secretary	None	Essex	ENGLAND	1890
5. Lillian Florence Hampton	Daughter	19	Single	Shorthand Typing	Shorthand Typing	Essex	ENGLAND	1891

(To be filled up by the Enumerator)

Male	Female	Persons
2	3	5

(To be filled up by, or on behalf of, the Head of Family or other person in charge of this dwelling.)

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature: *Samuel Hampton*
 Postal Address: *163 Oxford Road, Reading*

Samuel Hampton

Fantastic! We had an address and now we've got confirmation that he continued to live at that address for another 3 years. We also know what his job was as well as his wife's name – Elizabeth.

Samuel is listed at 78 and his wife at 81, with their son being 39 and single. His son has a job, as a printer, so he might be waiting to marry before moving out and starting a family.

From the census, we know that he lives with one son, Herbert and that he either has a servant or that Clara Penn is a servant somewhere else and lodges with him.

We can also tell that they had a visitor staying with them at the time of the census, Letita Jarman, who is a Matron at a preparatory school.

Without comparing to other records, this already tells us a lot about the household at 163 Oxford Road

CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.

Before writing on this Schedule please read the Examples and the Instructions given on the other side of the paper, or will on the headings of the Columns. The entries should be written in full. The contents of the Schedule will be treated as confidential. Strict care will be taken that no information is disclosed with regard to individual persons. The returns are not to be used for proof of age, as in connection with Old Age Pensions, or for any other purpose than the preparation of Statistical Tables.

NAME AND SURNAMES	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Family	AGE	SEX	PARTICULARS as to MARRIAGE	PROFESSION or OCCUPATION of Person upon the year and present		BIRTHPLACE of every person	NATIONALITY of every Person Foreign Country	DEFERMENT
					Personal Occupation	Industry or Service with which related or connected			
1. Samuel Hampton	Head	78	M	Married	Commissioner, Clerk, Revenue	Revenue, Westminster	Westminster London W	1830	
2. Elizabeth Hampton	Wife	81	F	Married			Westminster London W	1830	
3. Herbert Hampton	Son	39	M	Single	Relief of the Printing Trade	Printers, Westminster	Westminster London W	1871	
4. Clara Penn	Visitor	21	F	Single	Journal, Government	Printers, Westminster	Westminster London W	1890	
5. Letita Jarman	Visitor	49	F	Single	Matron, Preparatory School	Printers, Westminster	Westminster London W	1861	

(To be filled up by the Enumerator)

Number of Families	2
Number of Males	3
Number of Females	5

(To be filled up by, or on behalf of, the Head of Family or other person in charge of this dwelling.)

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature: *Samuel Hampton*
 Postal Address: *163 Oxford Road, Reading*

What else can we find out?

So we know what Samuel was doing in 1911 and 1914. Can we find out anything else?

Where has he come from?

Did he live at 163 Oxford Road for the rest of his life?

Well, if we look back at earlier census, 1871, we find Samuel living at a different address in Reading – 8 Baker Street. He has married Elizabeth and has a 2 year-old son, Arthur.

We also see that he had 2 servants and he already has the job of Commercial Clerk so we can begin to see that he has been in the same role for a long time!

Hint: if you are having trouble understanding the writing, you can click 'view others on page' and it will show the list of names clearly!

The image shows a handwritten 1911 census form for the household at 163 Oxford Road, Reading. The form is titled 'The undermentioned House or tenement within the Borough of the' and includes columns for 'Civil Parish (or Township) of', 'Municipal Borough of', 'Parliamentary Borough of', 'Village or Hamlet, Bay, or', and 'Local Board or (Parishes) of'. The form lists the following individuals:

No. of Inhabitants	NAME, STREET, and No. or NAME of HOUSE	RELATION to Head of Family	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATIVE to Family	SEX	AGE	Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN
1	163 Oxford St.	Head	Samuel Hampton	Head	Male	47	Commercial Clerk	Reading, Berkshire
2		Wife	Elizabeth Hampton	Wife	Female	44	Life	Reading, Berkshire
3		Son	Arthur Hampton	Son	Male	2	Domestic	Reading, Berkshire
4		Servant	Emma Jones	Servant	Female	45	Domestic	Reading, Berkshire
5		Servant	Charles Jones	Servant	Male	45	Domestic	Reading, Berkshire

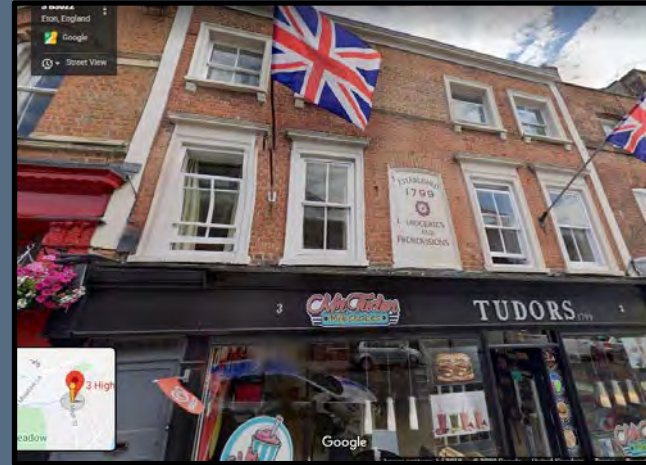
The form also includes a section for 'Total of Houses' and 'Total of Males and Females'. The total number of houses is 1, and the total number of males and females is 5. The form is signed by the head of the household, Samuel Hampton, and includes a note: '* Draw the pen through each of the words as are inappropriate.' The form is dated 1911 and is part of the 1911 Census for the Municipal Borough of Reading.

Street-view to look at houses!

There is more that we can find out about Samuel and we can do that by using some nifty searches in street-view. This really helps us to look at the different houses a person may have lived in over the years.

It can help us understand if their status and wealth changed by seeing the size, location and design of the house.

In 1851, Samuel is recorded as a servant in another house-hold and we know that he later gets himself a well-paying jobs with servants of his own.



163 Oxford Road, where Samuel lived with his family from 1887 until his death in 1918

Eton, where Samuel lived as a servant in 1851



Activity: What else can you find out?

There is still some information that we have missed out about Samuel. Answer the questions below to fill in the blanks.

In 1833, he was baptized at _____ in London

His Mum was _____ and his dad was _____

In 1861, Samuel lived at _____ and his occupation was _____

He was ____ years old

He was boarding with the _____ family

In 1880, he lived at __ Baker Street. The last address that he had lived at in Baker Street was __.