

Rowlands Gill: The Great War and the Great Peace Lilley Terrace on the Eve of the Great War

Lesson Plan: Lilley Terrace on the Eve of the First World War

Teacher/s	Date
Subject History/Maths The census has been taken every ten years since 1801, with the exception of 1941. Thousands of enumerators (a person employed to carry out the census) were appointed to issue, collect and check household forms. The information was then copied into master volumes. The raw data is not released to the public for 100 years to protect people's confidentiality.	Year
Learning Objectives Develop a chronologically secure knowledge and understanding of local history. Understand how our knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources.	Success Criteria Know what a census is and extract and interpret information from the 1911 census.
Key Questions What is a census and how can it be used to tell us about the past? What does the census tell us about Rowlands Gill on the eve of the First World War?	
Starter Activity/Introduction Discuss what a census is and read the 1911 census for 24 Lilley Tce on page 2. Print the census page as an enlarged A3 sheet if possible. Show how the information is broken down into different fields. Ask questions to encourage familiarity with the layout: age and name of youngest child; who is Head of the family; where was Raylton born? Transcribe the details of the Dixon family onto the blank form.	Resources Census Return for 1911 for 24 Lilley Tce.
Main Activity Organise each table of children so they represent a family. The children adopt a name for their family and decide who lives there: mum, dad, brothers, sisters, aunties, uncles, perhaps a lodger. Think about the ages of family members, marital status, place of birth and jobs they might do if old enough. If still at school, they would be recorded as a 'scholar'. One child from another group acts as the Enumerator and collects the information from each family after they have completed their household return.	Resources Census Return for 1911 for 24 Lilley Tce.
Plenary Discuss what we can learn about the Dixon family from the 1911 Census data and why this is so valuable to historians?	Resources

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CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.

Number of Schedule 224
(To be filled up by the Enumerator after collection.)

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, as 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 (last Birthday) and SEX.		PARTICULARS as to MARRIAGE.			PROFESSION or OCCUPATION of Persons aged ten years and upwards.			BIRTHPLACE of every person.	NATIONALITY of every Person born in a Foreign Country.	INFIRMITY.
		For Infants under one year state the age in months as "under one month," "one month," etc.	Ages of Males.	Ages of Females.	Write "Single," "Married," "Widower," or "Widow," or "Divorced," or "Other Relative," "Visitor," "Boarder," or "Servant."	State, for each Married Woman entered on this Schedule, the number of:—	Completed years the present Marriage has lasted.	Children born alive to present Marriage. (If no children born alive write "None" in Column 7.)	Personal Occupation.			
1. William Dixon	Head	54		Married	—	—	Coal Hewer Miner	150	Worker	County Durham Hart	British Subject	
2. Jane Dixon	Wife	49	49	Married	28	13 ⁴	Luffragette			Co. Durham Newcastle	British Subject	
3. William Dixon	Son	27		Single	—	—	Coal Hewer Miner	150	Worker	Co. Durham Spennymoor	British Subject	
4. Charles Dixon	Son	25		Single	—	—	Coal Hewer Miner	1	Worker	Co. Durham Spennymoor	British Subject	
5. Matthew Dixon	Son	23		Single	—	—	Coal Hewer Miner		Worker	Co. Durham Spennymoor	British Subject	
6. Raylton Dixon	Son	19		Single	—	—	Bricklayers Office		Worker	Co. Durham Etherley	British	
7. Sarah Dixon	Daughter	17	17	Single	—	—				Co. Durham Wotton Park	British	
8. Ellen Dixon	Daughter	13	13		—	—				Co. Durham Wotton Park	British	
9. Olive Dixon	Daughter	10	10		—	—				Co. Durham Wotton Park	British	

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(To be filled up by the Enumerator.)

I certify that:—
 (1) All the ages on this Schedule are entered in the proper sex columns.
 (2) I have counted the males and females in Columns 3 and 4 separately, and have compared their sum with the total number of persons.
 (3) After making the necessary enquiries I have completed all entries on the Schedule which appeared to be defective, and have corrected such as appeared to be erroneous.

Initials of Enumerator: JD

Total.		
Males	Females	Persons
5	4	9

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

Write below the Number of Rooms in this Dwelling (House, Tenement, or Apartment). Count the kitchen as a room but do not count gallery, landing, lobby, closet, bathroom, nor warehouse, office, shop.

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

Signature: Charles Dixon

Postal Address: 24 Lilley Terrace Rowlands Gill

Colliery House 3 Rooms





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Look carefully at your census form. Transcribe (read and copy neatly) the information about the Dixon family onto this blank table. This has been simplified for you.

Name	Relation to head of Household	Age of male	Age of female	Married	Occupation	Birthplace	Nationality





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Now fill in this blank table with the family you created in your groups.

Name	Relation to head of Household	Age of male	Age of female	Married	Occupation	Birthplace	Nationality