

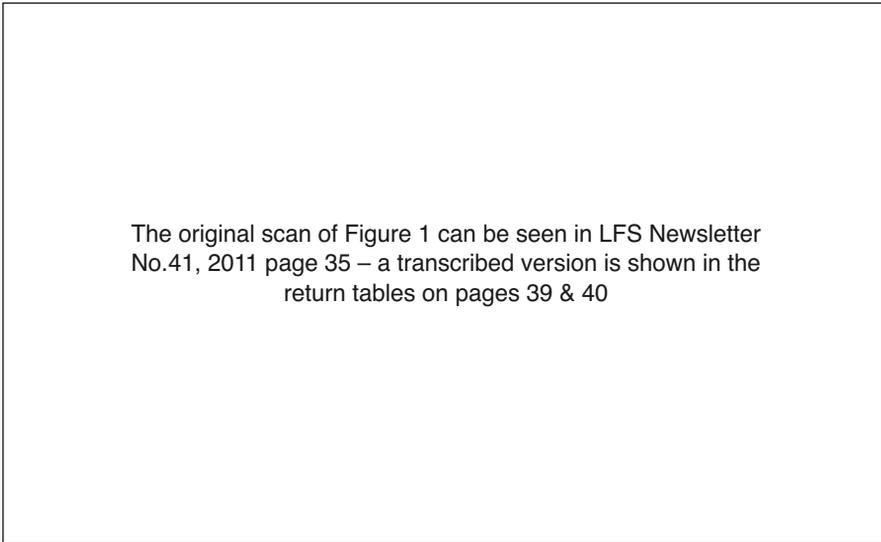
1911 census, Lundy

ALAN ROWLAND unearths some fascinating facts from the 1911 census on Lundy.

This latest census publication from the National Archive Office (NAO) was released in 2010, a year earlier than the traditional 100 years from collection. A private company, Find My Past (www.findmypast.co.uk), undertook the task of digitizing the images before releasing them commercially to the public. In 2011 it became possible to obtain permission from the NAO to publish images from the actual returns. Normally researchers are able to look through the enumerator's returns which contain a continuous listing of households copied from the original returns and recorded in the same order as the schedules were distributed. In this census the actual census forms, as completed by the head of the household (if that person was literate), are searchable and viewable. The only item not viewable, owing to the 100-year rule, is any return of disabilities; these are blanked out on the scanned copies and will only be available after full release in 2012.

Also available are the description of the area and the digests produced by the enumerator (RG14 1346). The 'Description of the Enumeration District' states that Lundy Island (sic) is "Extra-parochial for Ecclesiastical purposes. Being an Island in the Bristol Channel", the contents of the Enumeration District "Comprising all the in-habitated (sic) Houses and Cottages on the Island".

The enumerator's Summary Book (RG14 1346) lists the Schedules together with the houses, kind of building and names of occupiers (Fig. 1 & pages 41–48). It makes interesting reading. Only the 12 occupied properties have schedules. Although schedules were not necessary for unoccupied buildings, which ranged from vacant dwellings to farm and ancillary buildings, both occupied and unoccupied can be identified in the census returns.



The original scan of Figure 1 can be seen in LFS Newsletter No.41, 2011 page 35 – a transcribed version is shown in the return tables on pages 39 & 40

Figure 1. Pages from the enumerator's Summary Book, listing all properties. © National Archive Office

The Bungalow was a corrugated iron building erected in 1892/93 and partly occupied by the Ward family. It was dismantled after Landmark took over the Island and stood where Brambles East and West now stand (Langham 1980).

Sea View Cottages have since been converted to four roomier dwellings – now known as Barton Cottages – where permanent staff now live. Cliff Cottage was constructed by George Thomas. Initially known as ‘The Palace’, it was subsequently occupied by various people and known as Cliff Bungalow until the Hanmer family began renting it regularly in the 1930s, since when it has been known as ‘Hammers’ (Williams 2001). The Old Church was still standing and Blue Bungalow was still referred to as ‘St Helen’s School’. It is interesting to see that the Old Lighthouse and adjacent cottage were listed as uninhabited but private houses, having been relinquished by Trinity House. The three cottages in the Castle also stood empty of occupants.

The ‘Coastguard Outlook’ buildings at South End, North End and Tippitts Hill (sic), as well as the Old Battery Cottage, were all unoccupied. A building totally new to me is the Barn on ‘Pondesbury Common’ (sic) but this could easily have been the isolation hospital building otherwise unaccounted for.

The listing of buildings on the Beach Road and those who retained possession of them gives a useful indication of this busy thoroughfare having stores and stables.

The Allday family lived in splendid isolation at Quarter Wall cottages. This row of houses overlooking Lundy Roads on the east sidings has been called many things, most recently Quarter Wall Cottages since the originally named cottages by Quarter Wall Pond have long since been demolished.

The remaining buildings, although grouped together in the summary book, are the North and South Lighthouses, which are quite separate geographically. At this time, Lundy was designated as a ‘Rock Station’ which precluded the light keepers from being accompanied by their wives and families. The grouping of the lighthouses together follows the normal practice of separating institutions from the general populace.

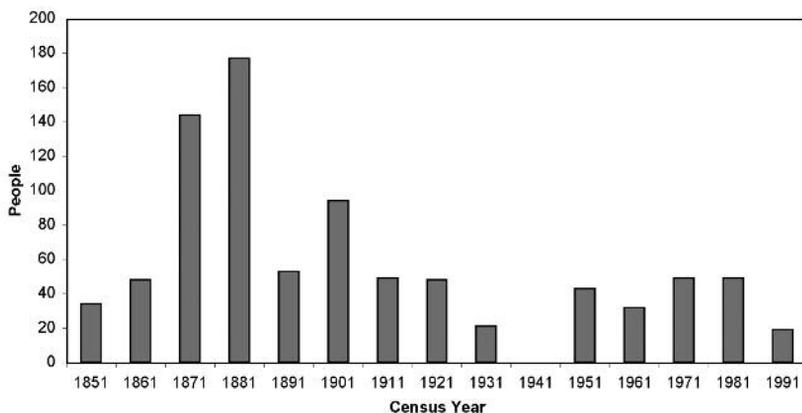


Figure 2. Lundy population censuses, 1851–1991. Wartime restrictions in 1941 meant no census was taken.

The original scan of Figure 3 can be seen in LFS Newsletter No.41, 2011 page 37 – a transcribed version is shown in the return table RG14/13468 No1 on page 41

Figure 3. William Saunt's census return for The Manor House. © Crown Copyright Images reproduced courtesy of The National Archives, London, England. www.nationalarchives.gov.uk

Figure 2 shows the populations trends on Lundy, as measured by the census, between 1851 and 1991. In 1911, Lundy comprised 12 households with a total of 43 residents: 17 male and 26 female. There were 12 occupied houses and 12 unoccupied buildings. It would seem that Lundy had room for probably twice the population. The only residents apart from the Heaven family who owned the island were the tenant farmer and his staff, the postmaster and the lighthouse crew. It must have been a hard and lonely life for these 43 souls, even if they were almost double the present number of permanent staff.

Following Myrtle Ternstrom's article in the 2010 Newsletter (Ternstrom 2010), it is interesting to find that Mr Saunt originated from Nottingham and his wife from Castle Donnington. He, rather than one of the Heaven family, was also the Enumerator for the whole island. This goes some way to explaining the idiosyncratic spellings.

One original copy of the returns (Fig. 3 & pages 39–40) is reproduced here to illustrate the format of the returns. Completed for the Manor House by William Saunt, it lists nine occupants: Saunt (42), his wife Marian (40), children Elizabeth (9), Willfred (4) and Willfreda (1), governess Edith Tapping (24), servants Millie Gillett (20) and Rosanna Yarwood (17) and a visitor from Stafford, Maud Webb (41). An innovation for the 1911 census was the detail given on length of marriage and number of children, as well as those still surviving. There is also a check on the size of the property, the Manor House and farm combined having 20 rooms.

Although not resident in 1911, A. St Claire (aka Arthur Stocks) lived there the previous year when he produced a guide (St Claire 1910) as well as a number of contemporary postcards. St Claire quotes the population in 1910 as 44 and greatly increased in the summer by visitors; his departure before the census in 1911 reduced this to 43. Two of his postcards are reproduced overleaf as contemporary illustrations of two of the properties: the Manor House, home to the Saunt family, and the Coastguard Outlook at North Light.

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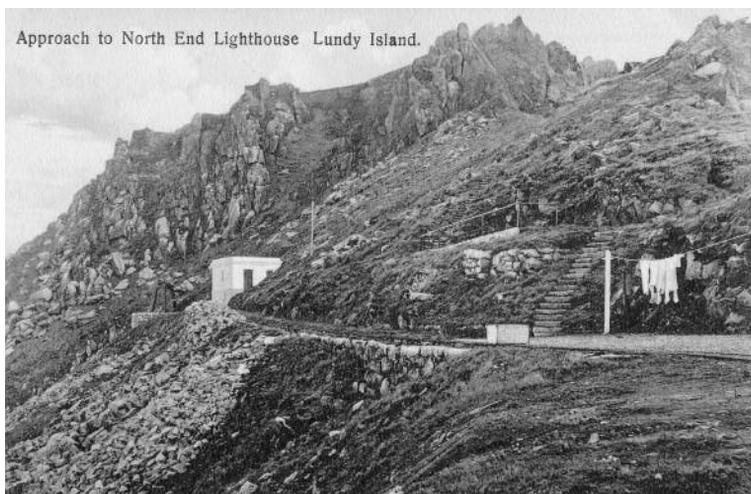
The full results of the 1911 census on Lundy, together with this article, will be available as a pdf download from the LFS website (www.lundy.org.uk).



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Above: the Manor House – William Saunt’s residence.

Below: North Light – the evident domesticity ensured its inclusion in the census.



Lundy Census 1911 – The returns

No of Schedule	Address	Kind of Building	Name of Occupier	Dwellings or Tenements		Buildings not used as dwellings	Population		
				Inhabited	Un-inhabited		Males	Females	Persons
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	9	10	11
1	The Manor House and Old Manor House adjoining	Private House	Mr Saunt	2			2	7	9
		The Stores	"						
		Slaughter House + Piggeries	"						
		Smithy	"						
		Linney	"						
		Barns	"						
		Stables	"						
		Shippoon	"						
		The Store Cottage	"		1				
2	The Villa	Private House	Rev HG Heaven	1			1	7	8
3	The Bungalow	Private House	Mr Ward	1			2		2
4	1 Sea View Cottage	"	Mr Gilbert	1			3	1	4
5	2 " " "	"	Mr Clark	1			2	1	3
6	3 " " "	"	Mr Peacock	1			1	2	3
	4 " " "	"			1				
	5 " " "	"			1				
	6 " " "	"			1				
7	Cliff Cottage	"	Mr Thomas	1			1	1	2
	The Post Office								
	St Helens Church								
	" Old								
	Church								
	" School								
	The Old Lighthouse	Private house			1				
	The Old Lighthouse Cottage	"	Mrs Thomas		1				
Total to be carried forward to Abstract				8	6		12	19	31

Lundy Census 1911 – The returns, continued

No of Schedule	Address	Kind of Building	Name of Occupier	Dwellings or Tenements		Buildings not used as dwellings	Population			
				Inhabited	Un-inhabited		Males	Females	Persons	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Marisco Caste	Residential Tenement								
	1 "	Houses			1					
	2 "....."	"			1					
	3 "	"			1					
	Coast Guard Outlook	South end								
	Tippetts	Hill								
	North	End								
	The Old Battery Cottage		"		1					
	On Pondesbury Common	Barn			1					1
	On the Beach	Fishermans hut								1
	On the Slipway	Store shed								1
	Beach Road	Upper + Lower Store sheds	Mr Saunt							2 1
	Beach Road	stables + Coachhouse	Rev Heaven							4
	Stables									
	Quarter Wall									
	Cottages									
8	1 "	Private house	Mr Allday	1				1	2	3
	2 "	"								
	3 "	"								
	Coastguard Station									
9	1 "	Private house	Mr Summerville	1				2	2	4
10	2 "	"	Mr Clout	1					3	3
11	3 "	"	Mr Jones	1				1		1
12	4 "	"	Mr Lloyd	1				1		1
Total to be carried forward to Abstract				5	6			5	7	12

Lundy Census 1911 – The schedules (No.1)

RG14/13468 schedule No 1									
THE MANOR HOUSE LUNDY ISLAND VIA INSTOW N DEVON Devonshire, Bideford District, Hartland Sub-district Parish of Lundy Island									
Name and Surname	Relationship to head	Age of Males	Age of Females	Particulars of Marriage	Years Married	Occupation	Where born		
William Frederick Saunt	Head	42		Married		Farmer and grazier	Nottingham Notts		
Marian Roberta Saunt	Wife		40	Married	16	6 children born 6 living	Castle Donnington Leicestershire		
Elizabeth Lydia Marian Saunt	Daughter		9				Leigh Essex		
Willfred Henry Gerald Saunt	Son	4					Weymouth Dorset		
Wilfreda Beatrice Marjorie Saunt	Daughter		1				Weymouth Dorset		
Edith Mary Tapping	Governess	24		Single		Governess	Stoke Mandeville Bucks		
Maud Helen Webb	Visitor	41		Single			Stafford		
Minnie Letitia Gillett	Servant	20		Single		Cook	West Norwood Surrey		
Rosanna Yarwood	Servant	17		Single		Housemaid	Maindy Llandaff Glamorgan		
Completed by W F Saunt – The Manor House Lundy via Instow N Devon – Manor House 10 rooms – Old Manor House 10 rooms									

Lundy Census 1911 – The schedules (No.2)

RG14/13468 schedule No 2									
THE VILLA LUNDY ISLAND VIA INSTOW N DEVON Devonshire, Bideford District, Hartland Sub-district Parish of Lundy Island									
Name and Surname	Relationship to head	Age of Males	Age of Females	Particulars of Marriage	Years Married	Occupation	Where born		
Hudson Grossett Heaven	Head	85		Single		Clergyman Established Church	Pilton Somerset		
Marian Cecilia Harley Heaven	Niece		49	Married	23		Sydney Australia Resident		
Ann Mary Heaven	Cousin		80	Single			Bristol		
Helen Harriett Florence Heaven	Cousin		37	Single			Devon High Street Exeter		
Mary Jane Higgins	Servant		55	Single		Cook Domestic	Torrington Devon		
Hester Stone	Servant		19	Single		House Parlour maid	Bleadon Somerset		
Henrietta Louisa Arnold	Servant		63	Single		Sick nurse	Fulham London		
Florence Mary Ford	Servant		37	Single		Sick nurse	Burslem Staffordshire		
Completed by Hudson Grossett Heaven – Lundy Island, Instow, North Devon – 13 rooms Marian Cecilia Harley Heaven – Total children born alive 3, children still living 3									

Lundy Census 1911 – The schedules (No's 3 & 4)

RG14/13468 schedule No 3								
THE BUNGALOW LUNDY ISLAND VIA INSTOW N DEVON Devonshire, Bideford District, Hartland Sub-district Parish of Lundy Island								
Name and Surname	Relationship to head	Age of Males	Age of Females	Particulars of Marriage	Years Married	Occupation	Where born	
Christopher Palmer Ward	Head	77		Widower			Great Torrington	
Frederick Ward	Son	50		Married		Market Gardener	Little Torrington	
Completed by Frederick Ward for CP Ward – Bungalow, Lundy Island – 6 rooms								
RG14/13468 schedule No 4								
1 SEAVIEW COTTAGES LUNDY ISLAND VIA INSTOW NORTH DEVON Devonshire, Bideford District, Hartland Sub-district Parish of Lundy Island								
Name and Surname	Relationship to head	Age of Males	Age of Females	Particulars of Marriage	Years Married	Occupation	Where born	
Walter Gilbert	Head	46		Widower		Carpenter on farm	Hertfordshire Little Adam	
Daisy Gilbert	Daughter		21	Single		Dressmaker	Kent West Norwood	
William Pennington	Boarder	45		Single		Shepherd on farm	Devonshire Alwington	
Fred Smith	Boarder	76		Married		Mason	Devonshire Barnstaple	
Completed by Walter Gillett – Lundy Island via Instow, N Devon – 5 rooms								

Lundy Census 1911 – The schedules (No's 5 & 6)

RG14/13468 schedule No 5							
2 SEAVIEW COTTAGES LUNDY ISLAND VIA INSTOW NORTH DEVON Devonshire, Bideford District, Hartland Sub-district Parish of Lundy Island							
Name and Surname	Relationship to head	Age of Males	Age of Females	Particulars of Marriage	Years Married	Occupation	Where born
Frederick Clarke	Head	41		Married		Horseman on Farm	Chignal Smealy Nr Chelmsford
Emma Clarke	Wife		37	Married			Whittlesea Nr Peterborough
Herbert Frederick Clarke	Son	11				School	Manor Park Essex
Completed by Frederick Clarke – Lundy Island – 3 rooms – total children born alive 2, children still living 2							
RG14/13468 schedule No 6							
3 SEAVIEW COTTAGES LUNDY ISLAND VIA INSTOW NORTH DEVON Devonshire, Bideford District, Hartland Sub-district Parish of Lundy Island							
Name and Surname	Relationship to head	Age of Males	Age of Females	Particulars of Marriage	Years Married	Occupation	Where born
Nelson Lawrence Peacocke	Head	25		Married		Cowman on Farm	Little Baddow Essex
Daisy Helen Peacocke	Wife		23	Married	5		Lexton Essex
Evelyn Mai Peacocke	Daughter		4				Little Baddow Essex
Completed by Nelson Lawrence Peacocke – Lundy Island, North Devon – 4 rooms – total children born alive 1, children still living 1							

Lundy Census 1911 – The schedules (No's 7 & 8)

RG14/13468 schedule No 7							
CLIFF COTTAGE LUNDY ISLAND VIA INSTOW NORTH DEVON Devonshire, Bideford District, Hartland Sub-district Parish of Lundy Island							
Name and Surname	Relationship to head	Age of Males	Age of Females	Particulars of Marriage	Years Married	Occupation	Where born
George Thomas	Head	59		Married		Gardener	Sennen Cornwall
Susan Thomas	Wife		59	Married	34		Sennen Cornwall
Completed by George Thomas – Lundy Island – 4 rooms – total children born alive 4, children still living 1, children who have died 3							
RG14/13468 schedule No 8							
1 QUARTER WALL COTTAGES - POST OFFICE LUNDY ISLAND NORTH DEVON Devonshire, Bideford District, Hartland Sub-district Parish of Lundy Island							
Name and Surname	Relationship to head	Age of Males	Age of Females	Particulars of Marriage	Years Married	Occupation	Where born
Frederick William Allday	Head	53		Married		Postmaster of Lundy Island (Employed by) The General Post Office	Kent Lewisham SE
Hannah Elizabeth Allday	Wife		52	Married	27		Rotherhithe Kent SE
Mildred Dorothy Hannah Allday	Daughter		20	Single			Sheerness Sheppy Kent
Completed by Frederick William Allday – Lundy Island, North Devon – 6 rooms – total children born alive 2, children still living 1, children who have died 1							

Lundy Census 1911 – The schedules (No's 9 & 10)

RG14/13468 schedule No 9							
1 COASTGUARD COTTAGES LUNDY ISLAND VIA INSTOW NORTH DEVON Devonshire, Bideford District, Hartland Sub-district Parish of Lundy Island							
Name and Surname	Relationship to head	Age of Males	Age of Females	Particulars of Marriage	Years Married	Occupation	Where born
James Sommerville	Head	53		Married		Chief Officer H.M. Coastguard	Lanark Glasgow
Augusta Sommerville	Wife		38	Married	13		N. Devon Clovelly
William Sommerville	Son	12				Student	Cheshire New Brighton
Eileen Sommerville	Daughter		10			Student	Cardigan St Dogmaels
Completed by James Sommerville – HM Coastguard, Lundy Island via Instow, N Devon – 7 rooms – total children born alive 2, children still living 2							
RG14/13468 schedule No 10							
LUNDY ISLAND VIA INSTOW NORTH DEVON Devonshire, Bideford District, Hartland Sub-district Parish of Lundy Island							
Name and Surname	Relationship to head	Age of Males	Age of Females	Particulars of Marriage	Years Married	Occupation	Where born
Katie Clout	Wife		21	Married	8		Brixham Devon
Muriel Clout	Daughter		1	Single			Lundy Island
Nellie Gatzias	Sister		17	Single		No occupation	Cardiff Wales
Completed by Katie Clout – Lundy via Instow, N Devon – 5 rooms – total children born alive 1, children still living 1							

Lundy Census 1911 – The schedules (No's 11 & 12)

RG14/13468 schedule No 11						
LUNDY ISLAND COAST GUARD STATION LUNDY ISLAND INSTOW NEAR DEVON Devonshire, Bideford District, Hartland Sub-district Parish of Lundy Island						
Name and Surname	Relationship to head	Age of Males	Age of Females	Particulars of Marriage	Years Married	Occupation
Stephen Jones	Head	40		Married	19	Coast Guard Petty Officer 2 nd Class (Employed by) HM Navy
Completed by Stephen Jones – Coast Guard Station, Lundy via Instow, Nth Devon – 5 rooms – total children born alive 3, children still living 0, children born dead 3						
RG14/13468 schedule No 12						
LUNDY ISLAND COAST GUARD STATION LUNDY ISLAND Devonshire, Bideford District, Hartland Sub-district Parish of Lundy Island						
Name and Surname	Relationship to head	Age of Males	Age of Females	Particulars of Marriage	Years Married	Occupation
William Lloyd	Head	39		Married	11	HM Coast Guard Leading Boatman (Employed by) HM Navy
Completed by William Lloyd – Coast Guard Station, Lundy Island, Instow, Devon – 5 rooms – total children born alive 1, children still living 1						

Lundy Census 1911 – The schedules (North Light, No.4 & South Light No.5)

RG14/13469 schedule No 4							
LUNDY NORTH LIGHTHOUSE DEVON Devonshire, Bideford District, Hartland Sub-district Parish of Lundy Island							
Name and Surname	Relationship to head	Age of Males	Age of Females	Particulars of Marriage	Years Married	Occupation	Where born
James Thomas Woodruff		53		Married		Principal Lighthouse Keeper (Employed by) Trinity House London	London Poplar
Thomas Johns Nicholas		35		Married		Assistant Lighthouse Keeper (Employed by) Trinity House London	Pembrokeshire Burton
George Edward Thomas		32		Widower		Assistant Lighthouse Keeper (Employed by) Trinity House London	Pembrokeshire Dale
Completed by James Thomas Woodruff Principal Keeper – Lundy North Lighthouse, Lundy Island via Instow, N Devon – 5 rooms							
RG14/13469 schedule No 5							
LUNDY SOUTH LIGHTHOUSE LUNDY ISLAND Devonshire, Bideford District, Hartland Sub-district Parish of Lundy Island							
Name and Surname	Relationship to head	Age of Males	Age of Females	Particulars of Marriage	Years Married	Occupation	Where born
Frank Squibb	Head	57		Married	25	Principal Lighthouse Keeper (employed by) Trinity House	Isle of Wight Northwood
Thomas Henry Herbert	Assistant	29		Married	3	Assistant Lighthouse Keeper (employed by) Trinity House	Glamorgan Cardiff
Patrick Joseph Hodnitt	Supernumeryary Assistant	23		Single		Supernumeryary Assistant Keeper (employed by) Trinity House	Cork Berchaven
Completed by James Frank Squibb Lundy Island Frank Squibb – total children born alive 9, children still living 9. Thomas Henry Herbert – total children born alive 0, children born dead 0							