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1911 Census returns

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These images of completed householder information forms are from the 1911 census. They give details of two suffragettes supporting the call for voting rights for women.

The 'suffragettes' was the name originally given to members of the Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU), founded in 1903 with the help of Emmeline Pankhurst. They campaigned along with 'suffragists' for women's right to vote during the early twentieth century.

Frustrated that the government had not granted women the vote, a large number of women boycotted the 1911 census by refusing to be counted on the night it was taken, Sunday April 2nd 1911. Many women made sure that they stayed away from the family home all night, and were not listed on the census at all. In other cases either the woman or her husband (if he was head of the household) refused to list the female household members on the form.

These census returns show two different examples.

Firstly, Louisa Burnham, who refused to fill in any details of her household and declared:

"No Vote, No Census. If I am intelligent enough to fill in this Census form, I can surely make a 'X' on a Ballot Paper. [signed Louisa Burnham.]"

Secondly, the Maund family, where Eleanora Maund has crossed out the entry written by her husband, while he declares at the bottom of the page:

"My wife unfortunately being a suffragette put her pen through her name, but it must stand as correct. It being an equivocation to say she is away. She being always resident here and has only attempted by a silly subterfuge to defeat the object of the census to which as 'Head' of the family I object. [signed] E. A. Maund."

The exact number of women who boycotted the census that night is not known, though some people have estimated that it may be as many as several thousand.

CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.

Number of Schedule 362
(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.
of every Person, whether Member of Family, Visitor, Boarder, or Servant, who (1) passed the night of Sunday, April 2nd, 1911, in this dwelling and was alive at midnight, or (2) arrived in this dwelling on the morning of Monday, April 3rd, not having been enumerated elsewhere. No one else must be included. (For order of entering names see Examples on back of Schedule.)		State whether "Head," or "Wife," "Son," "Daughter," or other Relative, "Visitor," "Boarder," or "Servant."	For Infants under one year state the age in months as "under one month," "one month," etc.		Write "Single," "Married," "Widower," or "Widow," opposite the names of all persons aged 15 years and upwards.	State, for each Married Woman entered on this Schedule, the number of:—			Personal Occupation. The reply should show the precise branch of Profession, Trade, Manufacture, &c. If engaged in any Trade or Manufacture, the particular kind of work done, and the Article made or Material worked or dealt in should be clearly indicated. (See Instructions 1 to 8 and Examples on back of Schedule.)	Industry or Service with which worker is connected. This question should generally be answered by stating the business carried on by the employer. If this is clearly shown in Col. 10 the question need not be answered here. No entry needed for Domestic Servants in private employment. If employed by a public body (Government, Municipal, etc.) state what body. (See Instruction 9 and Examples on back of Schedule.)	Whether Employer, Worker, or Working on Own Account. Write opposite the name of each person engaged in any Trade or Industry, (1) "Employer" (that is employing persons other than domestic servants), or (2) "Worker" (that is working for an employer), or (3) "Own Account" (that is neither employing others nor working for a trade employer).	Whether Working at Home. Write the words "At Home" opposite the name of each person carrying on Trade or Industry at home.	(1) If born in the United Kingdom, write the name of the County, and Town or Parish. (2) If born in any other part of the British Empire, write the name of the Dependency, Colony, etc., and of the Province or State. (3) If born in a Foreign Country, write the name of the Country. (4) If born at sea, write "At Sea." NOTE.—In the case of persons born elsewhere than in England or Wales, state whether "Resident" or "Visitor" in this Country.	State whether:— (1) "British subject by parentage." (2) "Naturalised British subject," giving year of naturalisation. Or (3) If of foreign nationality, state whether "French," "German," "Russian," etc.	If any person included in this Schedule is:— (1) "Totally Deaf," or "Deaf and Dumb," (2) "Totally Blind," (3) "Lunatic," (4) "Imbecile," or "Feeble-minded," state the infirmity opposite that person's name, and the age at which he or she became afflicted.
			Ages of Males.	Ages of Females.		Completed years the present Marriage has lasted. If less than one year write "under one."	Total Children Born Alive.	Children still Living.							
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.	15.	16.
1	Estimated														
2	Louisa Burnham	Head	46	Single											
3	2 do	Sister	48	do											
4	1 maid	Servant	24												
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No Note No census enough form
if I am intelligent enough
to fill in the census
I can surely make a
Ballot Paper.
Louisa Burnham
192 Elm Road

(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 <u>WJS</u>		
Total		
Males.	Females.	Persons.
	3	3

(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 scullery, landing, lobby, closet, bathroom; nor warehouse, office, shop. 5	I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief. Signature _____ Postal Address _____
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CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.

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		For Infants under one year state the age in months as "one month," etc.	Ages of Males.	Ages of Females.	State, for each Married Woman entered on this Schedule, the number of:—	Personal Occupation.	Industry or Service with which worker is connected.	Whether Employer, Worker, or Working on Own Account.	Whether Working at Home.						
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1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.	15.	16.
1 Edward Arthur Maund	Head.	60		Married	21	5			Company Director 994		Own Acc ^o		Loversbrook Wilts.	260	-
2 Eleanora Maund	Wife	38	38	Married	21	5	5						Shilley Gloucestershire	030	-
3 Geoffrey Richard G. Maund	Son	17		Single					Bank Clerk 501		Worker ⁴		Kingsbury Herts.	310.	-
4 Mabel Cecily Eleanora Maund	Daughter		15	Single									Rhodesia Africa	Resident 723	-
5 Hugh Bingham Maund	Son	14	14										Stowich Suffolk	201	-
6 Annie Brown	Servant		29	Single					Cook (Domestic) 010		0		Willington Somerset	140	
7 May Brice	Servant		26	Single					General Servant (do) 010		0		Willington Somerset	140.	
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Initials of Enumerator	32 48 7

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13.

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

Signature

Postal Address

E. T. Maund
8. Edith Road West Kensington W.

2 Wife Maund
My wife unfortunately has a Suffragette put her pen through her name, but it must stand as correct. It being an equivocation to say she is away. She being always resident here & has only attempted by a silly Suffragette to defeat the objects of the Census to which as "Head" of the family I object E. T. Maund