



1921 Census



The 1921 Census of England and Wales was taken on 19 June 1921. It holds information on every household, vessel, institution and overseas residencies that were part of England and Wales in 1921, plus the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands. Also included are merchant ships in the waters of England and Wales, all ships of the Royal Navy and army and, for the first time, Royal Air Force units stationed overseas. This includes units on occupation duties following the First World War, or based in territories newly under British administration as a result of the war, such as Mesopotamia (modern Iraq).

A full entry on a standard household schedule will contain:

Full address of the property

Names of persons in each household

Relationship to head of household

Age

Sex

“Marriage or Orphanhood”: - For those aged 15 and over this field recorded if you were single, married, or widowed, or for the first time, divorced. For those under 15 this recorded if both parents were alive

Place of birth and nationality for those born outside the UK

Occupation and Employment included details of full or part-time education, name and type of employer with address or whether self employed. Those out of work were instructed to give their last employer and add “out of work”

Number of children or stepchildren under the age of 16.

Schedules used in Wales and the Isle of Man include an additional language question, asking if each person spoke Welsh (or Manx), English, or Both, while the armed forces schedule asks additionally if the person can speak Welsh or Gaelic (in addition to English).

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Sarah Bull, midwife



Sarah Bull was a midwife living at 84 Salthouse Road, Barrow-in-Furness in 1921. She is shown as living with her brother, Thomas Fenton and 2 children. Sarah was born in Barrow in 1867, the daughter of Jonathan and Sarah Fenton. The 1871 census shows the family living at 20 Lower Salthouse Road. And in 1881 at 84, Salthouse Road, a house she lived in for most of her life.

The 1901 census shows Sarah still living with her mother and 5 children. The eldest, Sarah was born in 1887 and the youngest, Mary in 1897. By 1901 Sarah was a widow. Sarah may have married Frederick Bull who died in 1899

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NAME and SURNAME	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Household	AGE	SEX	STATUS	BIRTHPLACE and NATIONALITY	Personal Description	OCCUPATION and EMPLOYMENT	Place of Work	Additional Remarks
1 Thomas Fenton	Head	51 1/2	M	Single	Barrow-in-Furness		Machinist, Dickles	Barrow-in-Furness	
2 Sarah Bull	Wife	54 7	F	Widow	Barrow-in-Furness		Regd. Midwife	Barrow-in-Furness	
3 Frances Bull	Daughter	27 1/2	F	Single	Barrow-in-Furness			Barrow-in-Furness	
4 Gordon Bull	Grandson	6 6	M		Barrow-in-Furness			Barrow-in-Furness	

The 1921 census shows Sarah, a widow, living with her brother, Thomas and her daughter, Frances as well as a grandson, Gordon. The family were still living at 84, Salthouse Road. Sarah is shown as a registered midwife.

No.	Name	Address	Date of Enrolment	Qualification
5812	BULL, Sarah	84 Salthouse Road, Barrow-in-Furness	1904, June 30	In practice, July 1901

No.	Name of Patient	Age	No. of previous children	Date of Birth	Sex	Time of Day	Place of Birth	Occupation of Mother	Date of Midwife's last visit	Condition of Mother	Condition of Child	REMARKS
1	Miss Fenton	20	2	11-04-98	F	7-5-21	Barrow		5-6-21	normal	normal	
2	Miss Bull	32	1	31-5-11	F	7-6-21	Barrow	Dr. Thompson	10-6-21	normal	normal	Delayed Labour
3	Miss Bull	27	3	17-6-21	F	7-6-21	Barrow		27-6-21	normal	normal	
4	Miss Bull	17	1	17-6-21	F	7-6-21	Barrow		27-6-21	normal	normal	
5	Miss Bull	34	2	28-6-91	F	7-6-21	Barrow		9-7-21	normal	normal	
6	Miss Bull	50	3	5-7-21	F	7-7-21	Barrow		13-7-21	normal	normal	
7	Miss Bull	30	3	13-7-21	F	13-7-21	Barrow		23-7-21	normal	normal	
8	Miss Bull	32	3	13-7-21	F	13-7-21	Barrow		13-7-21	normal	normal	
9	Miss Bull	35	11	13-7-21	F	13-7-21	Barrow		13-7-21	normal	normal	

The records for registered midwives are available on Ancestry. These show that Sarah was practicing in 1901 and was registered on 20 June 1904. Several of her registers of cases have survived and are kept in Barrow Archive Centre. Sarah recorded details of all the cases she attended, giving details of the mother, her ages, the number of births or miscarriages she had previous had, the time the midwife arrived, when the baby was born and the baby's sex. There are occasionally other comments recorded.

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Certificate No. _____

Midwife's Name Sarah Bull

Address 84 Salthouse Rd
Barrow-in-Furness

Central Midwives Board.
REGISTER OF CASES.
PUBLISHED BY MESSRS. SPOTTISWOODE, BALLANTYNE & CO. LTD.,
1, NEW STREET SQUARE, LONDON, E.C. 4.
PRINTED BY THE QUEEN'S PRINTERS.

On no account must this Register be destroyed. It may be of importance for the defence of the Midwife herself.

It being important for the proper working of the Act that all documents should be available, all midwives should carefully preserve the Register and if it should become impossible or inconvenient to do so to indicate to preserve as an old Register, the Register should be given to the Local Sanitary Authority or the Institution for which she works. If a midwife destroys her Register she may destroy evidence which may be of importance for her own protection.

Sarah died in 1931 and is buried in the churchyard of St Michael, Rampside.

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Arthur Lowe, Police Constable

Arthur Lowes is shown in the 1921 census living at 55 Dundee Street, Barrow Island, with his wife, Neta. Arthur was a police constable working for Barrow Town Council at Barrow Central Station. He was lodging with Harry Hartley, a shopkeeper who worked for Barrow Co-operative Society in Hogue Street. Albert was born in Carlisle and gives his age as 25 years and 4 months.

Arthur had arrived in Barrow the previous year when he joined Barrow Borough Police Force. According to his police record, Arthur joined the army in 1912, serving as a gunner in the Royal Field Artillery. He served during the First World war and was discharged in 1919.

NAME and SEX	RELATIONSHIP	AGE	SEX	MARRIAGE or CIVIL STATUS	BIRTHPLACE and NATIONALITY	Parental Occupation	OCCUPATION and EMPLOYMENT	Place of Work	Number and ages of all living children and step children under 16 years of age
1 Harry Hartley	Head	36	4	M Married	Carlisle Lancashire	Shopkeeper	Barrow Co-operative Soc 915	Lodge St	2
2 Jane Hartley	Wife	26	4	F	Carlisle Lancashire		Barrow Co-operative Soc 915	at home	
3 Elizabeth Hartley	Relative	70	6	F Spinster	Carlisle Lancashire				
4 Arthur R. Lowes	Boarder	25	4	M Married	Carlisle Lancashire	Police Constable	Barrow Town Council 720	Central Police Station	
5 Neta Lowes		21	1	F	Carlisle Lancashire				

Name	Corps	Rank	Regtl. No.
LOWES	R.F.A.	Envy	654
Arthur			415704
Medal	Roll	Page	Remarks
VICTORY (17)	RFA/299A	4354	
BRITISH			
15 STAR	RFA/299A	3831	
Theatre of War first served in	(3) Egypt		
Date of entry therein	4.6.15		

Medal record from National Archives

Albert's police record lists several commendations by the Chief Constable and magistrates for "vigilance and perspicuity". In 1951 he was awarded the Police Long Service and Good Conduct medal. Albert was injured several times during his 43 years service: in February 1920 he had a man in custody when "he was attacked by a hostile crowd resulting in him being severely knocked about." He retired in 1953

BARROW AND DISTRICT YEAR BOOK, 1922.	
POLICEMEN.—Names and Addresses.	
FORCE ESTABLISHED, AUGUST 1st, 1881.	
Chief Constable.	
John Berry, 23, Abbey Road.	
Chief Inspector.	
Charles W. Duckworth, 13, West View Road.	
Inspectors.	
Joseph Norris, 25, Carlton Avenue.	
Albert Carradus, 154, Anson Street.	
John Bryce Roberts, 43, Plymouth Street.	
Thos. Higgorth, 179, Hartington Street.	
Sergeants.	
(18) George Waite, 117, Rawlinson Street.	
(53) Wm. Edmondson, 200, Salthouse Road.	
(25) Alf. Rickard, 5, Cavendish Park.	
(47) Thomas Preston, 119, Rawlinson Street.	
(60) Frank Douglas, 12, Atoll Street.	
(26) Frederick Ridsley, Haverest Police Station.	
(29) W. Jeffery, 14, Naisid Street.	
(63) Walter Harniss, 113, Rawlinson Street.	
(59) Harold Wilkinson, 33, Dundee Street.	
(21) Herbert Tallon, 158, Anson Street.	
(38) Thomas Bolton, East Mount Cottage.	
(79) Thomas William Thompson, 50, Mosley Street.	
Police Constables.	
(1) Thomas Ellis, 55, Argyle Street.	
(2) William Rogerson, 13, St. Luke Street.	
(3) Robert Cox, 11, Foundry Street.	
(4) Arthur Lowe, 55, Dundee Street.	
(5) John Bryce Roberts, 43, Plymouth Street.	
(6) Alfred Burley, 38, Foundry Street.	
(7) Thomas Hornby, 2, John Street.	
(8) Tom Young, 16, Salfrey Street.	
(9) Joseph Oatle, 10, Dunson Street.	
(10) Francis Sargent, 23, Slater Street.	
(11) James B. Harrison, 43, Friars Lane.	
(12) Robert W. Dennison, 100, Egerton Buildings.	
(13) Frederick Goodchild, 45, Vernon Street.	
(14) Ralph Townson, Rampside Police Station.	
(15) John Dawson, 94, Hollow Lane.	
(16) Richard W. Clarkson, 156, Holker Street.	
(17) Frank Gibson, 18, Dalkeith Street.	
(18) Richard Kerr, Anson Street Police Station.	
(20) William Lewis Quayle, 2, Holcroft Hill.	
(22) Albert Shipley, 9, Chester Street.	
(23) Joseph Thompson, 3, Penrith Place.	
(24) Albert E. Bagnall, 6, Penrith Place.	
(27) Joseph Hebdien, Anson Street Police Station.	
(28) John Ferguson, 16, Mosley Street.	

Page from Barrow and District Year Book 1922

Name	Height	Weight	Complexion	Hair	Distinctive Marks	Noted in Township and County, and Date of Birth	Trade or Occupation	Married or Single, and Number of Children	Army or Naval Service—Description and Period of Service, if any	Previous Police Experience and Particulars
Arthur Rowledge Lowes	5 ft 11 in	125 lbs	Blue	Brown		Carlisle Cumberland 28.2.96	Soldier	Single	Regimental Artillery 1912-1919	Barrow Police Force 1920-1953

Police Record Barrow Borough Police Force BSBP/3

Photograph of Barrow Police Force 1925 BDX 865



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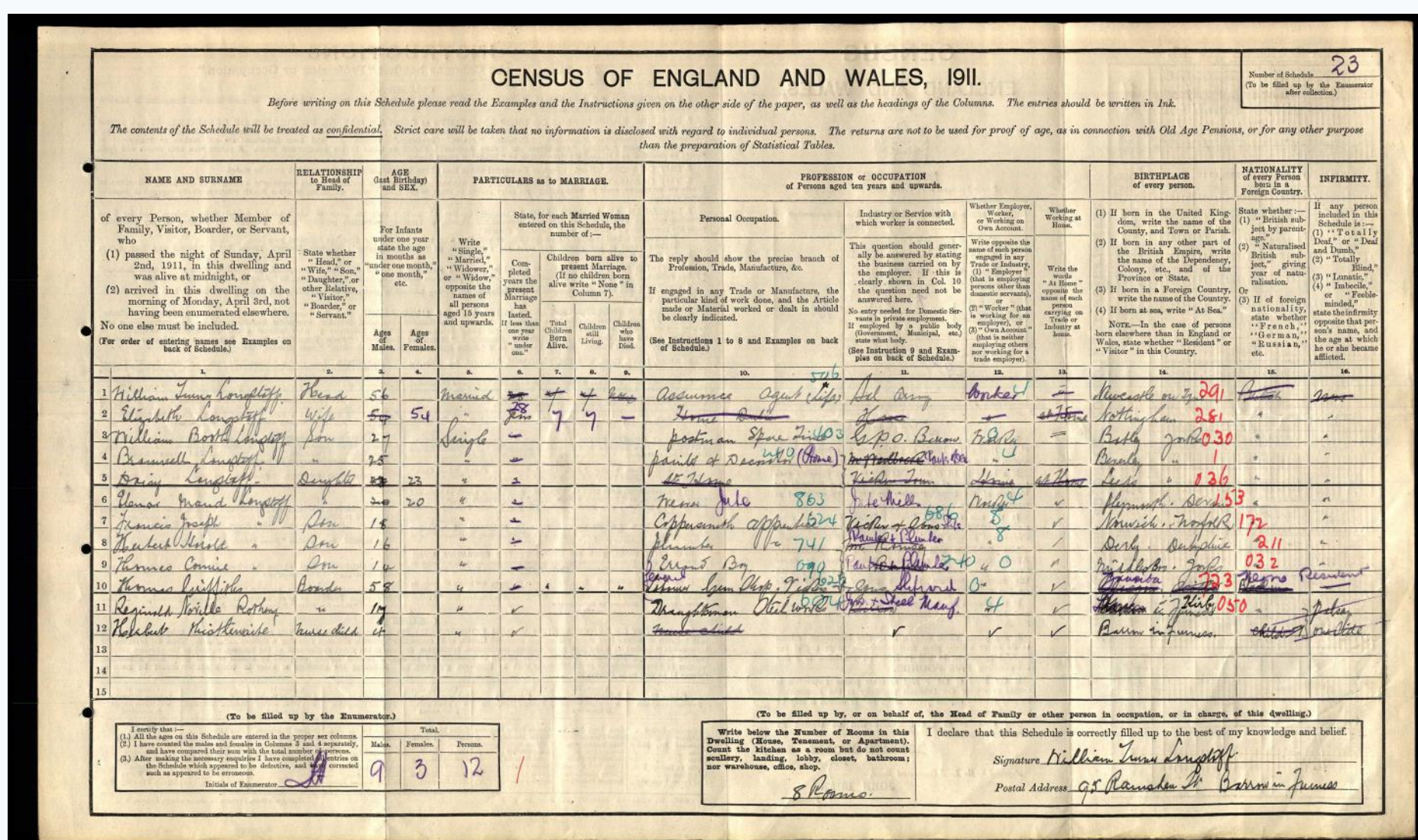
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I can't find who I am looking for

You might be certain that someone was living in Furness in 1921 but you cannot find them on the census. This could be because

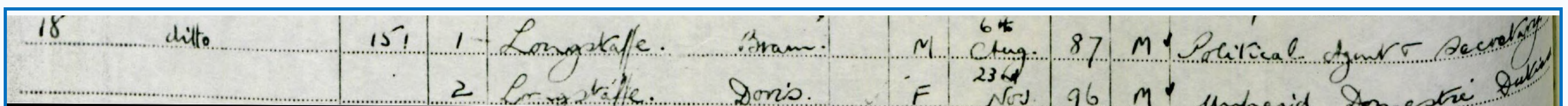
- The name has been transcribed wrongly
- The person is away from home on the night of the census
- The person was not included on the census return by the head of the house



1911 Census for 95 Ramsden Street, Barrow showing Bram Longstaff living with his parents and siblings. He is described as a painter and decorator

Bramwell Longstaff was a member and secretary of the local Independent Labour Party, a councillor in Barrow from 1919, and Mayor of Barrow 1934-1936. He is shown in the 1911 census living with his parents and siblings at 95 Ramsden Street, Barrow and in the 1939 Register at 18 Beach Street on Walney Island but he does not appear in the 1921 census. He attended council meetings in June 1921 so he was in Barrow. According to the Register of Electors for 1921 several members of the Longstaff family were living at 3 Warwick Street. Bram had been refused the right to vote in 1919 although he was allowed to stand for the Borough Council so he possibly did not have the right to vote in 1921.

Bram does not appear anywhere in England or Wales on the census. Why? Did he refuse to fill in the form? The entry for 3 Warwick Street does not mention any member of the Longstaff family. It's a mystery.



1939 Register for 18 Beach Street. Bram is shown as a political agent and secretary. His wife is described as undertaking unpaid domestic duties (a housewife).

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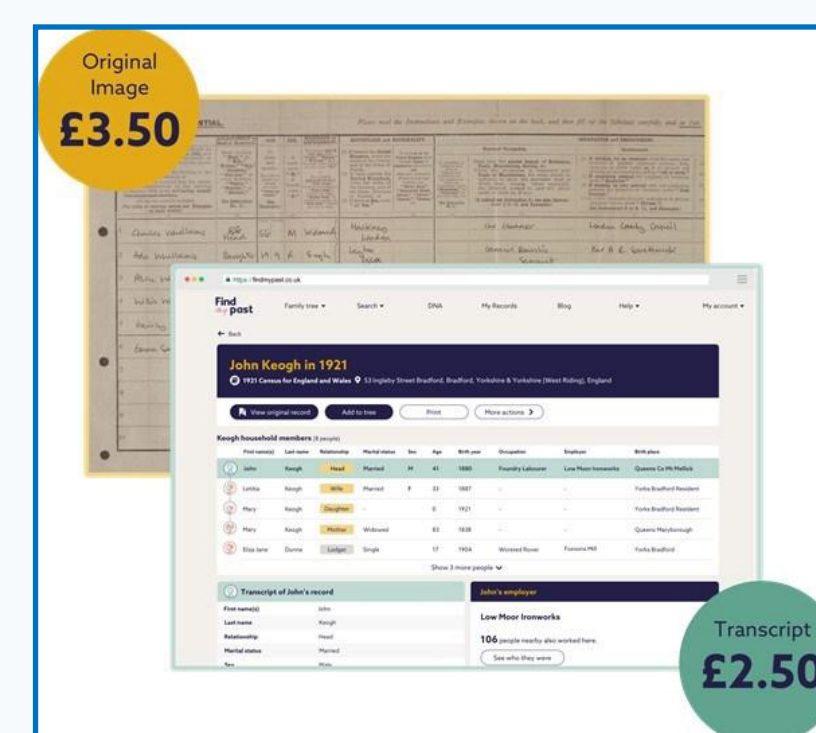


How do I access the 1921 Census?

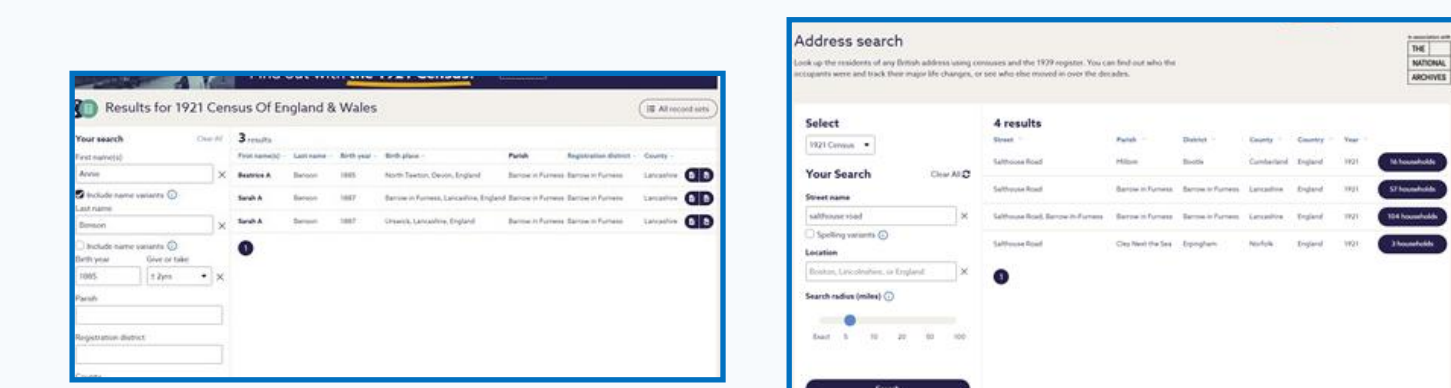
The 1921 census is currently only available on Find My Past.

You need to set up a free account and pay to download images and transcripts. For this you will need an email address and a debit card/credit card or you can choose to pay by PayPal. With a free account you can access the website at home.

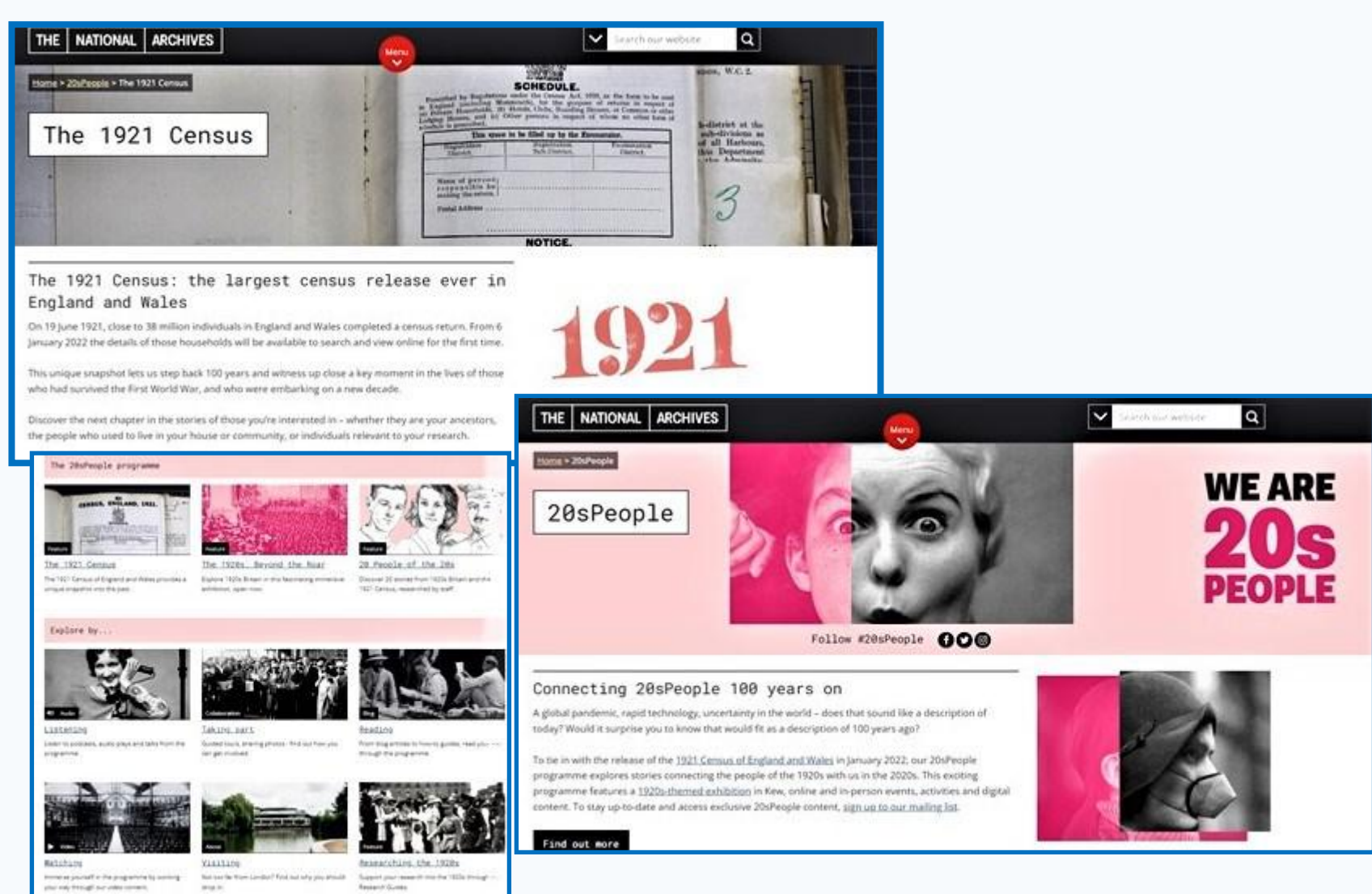
Each transcript costs £2.50 and a copy of the actual page costs £3.50.



You can search for a person or for an address. You can also search for everyone who worked for a particular employer. A search for Vickers in Barrow brings up over 12,500 entries! Listed in alphabetical order by surname.



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The Find My Past website has a video showing you how to search the 1921 census

You can find lots of information on the National Archives Website about the census and 20s people

<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20s-people/>

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