

The CLARK Family in Census Returns

Names appearing in bold type show the direct line of descent from Thomas & Elizabeth CLARK to Harold CLARK. All spellings as they appeared in the original document have been retained.

1841 Census of England

The enumeration of the 1841 Census of England required individuals aged 15 and older to round their actual age to the nearest five years, thus obscuring the person's actual year of birth. Therefore, a person actually 24 years old would have their age listed as 20, and a person actually 27 years old would have their age listed as 25. So, the ages shown for the family of Thomas and Elizabeth do not give an accurate year of birth for each individual excepting Thomas – and, as suggested by their recorded ages, William and Elizabeth were not in fact twins, as discovered by the parish registers entries of their baptisms. Thomas and Elizabeth's eldest children are not shown, for by 1841 they had married and established homes of their own.

<i>name & surname</i>	<i>age</i>	<i>occupation</i>	<i>whether born in same county</i>
Thomas CLARK	50	Carpenter	yes
Elizabeth CLARK	50		yes
William CLARK	15		yes
Elizabeth CLARK	15		yes
Thomas CLARK	8		yes

Wilstone in the parish of Tring, hundred of Dacorum, registration district of Berkhamstead, county of Hertfordshire, England, UK (HO107, piece 442, book 7, folio 9, p 12)

1851 Census of England

By 1851, William was no longer living with his parents, for he had married, taken up residence in the nearby parish of Marsworth as shown below, and started a family which included sons John and Job. Elizabeth, his sister, is also no longer living with parents Thomas and Elizabeth, for she had married. Frederick FAULKNER was the son of Thomas and Elizabeth's daughter Mary Ann.

<i>name & surname</i>	<i>relation</i>	<i>condition</i>	<i>age</i>	<i>occupation</i>	<i>where born</i>
Thomas CLARK	head	married	64	Carpenter & Coal Merchant	Herts, Tring
Elizabeth CLARK	wife	married	64		Bucks, Wingrave
Thomas CLARK	son	unmarried	17	Servant	Herts, Tring
Frederick FAULKNER	grandson		3	Scholar	Herts, Tring

Wilstone in the parish of Tring, registration district of Berkhamstead, county of Hertfordshire, England, UK (HO107, piece 1716, folio 289, p 7)

1851 Census of England cont'd

<i>name & surname</i>	<i>relation</i>	<i>condition</i>	<i>age</i>	<i>occupation</i>	<i>where born</i>
William CLARK	head	married	29	Coal Merchant	Herts, Wilstone
Mary CLARK	wife	married	27	Straw Plaiter	Bucks, Marsworth
John CLARK	son		2		Bucks, Marsworth
Job CLARK	son		2 mo		Bucks, Marsworth

Parish of Marsworth, registration district of Berkhamstead, county of Buckinghamshire, England, UK (HO107, piece 1716, folio 254, p 14)

1861 Census of England

Thomas and Elizabeth CLARK are shown living with two of their daughter Mary Ann's children. Thomas and Elizabeth's son William's family, despite thorough searching, could not be found in the 1861 Census of England. According to the UK's National Archives, census records covering the area in which William and his family may have resided are complete, suggesting perhaps that the family had moved away from the area, or perhaps that something calamitous had taken place to split the family. The 1871 Census shows that William was a widower; perhaps, then, his wife Mary had passed away before 1861. This may have posed a financial strain on the household, for Mary's earnings as a straw plaiter would have supported the family. William and sons may have been compelled to find separate lodgings and livings, and their respective census entries have been obscured by faulty information.

<i>name & surname</i>	<i>relation</i>	<i>condition</i>	<i>age</i>	<i>occupation</i>	<i>where born</i>
Thomas CLARK	head	married	76	Carpenter	Herts, Wilstone
Elizabeth CLARK	wife	married	75	Carpenter's Wife	Bucks, Wingrave
Frederick FAULKNER	Gdson		12	Scholar	Bucks, Marsworth
William FAULKNER	Gdson		10	Scholar	Herts, Bul??

Wilstone in the parish of Tring, registration district of Berkhamstead, sub-district of Tring, county of Hertfordshire, England, UK (RG9, piece 843, folio 122, pages 15-16)

1871 Census of England

By 1871, both Thomas & Elizabeth CLARK had passed away, as had Mary CLARK, the wife of William. William had taken up residence in the London household of his son John and John's new wife Isabella. William's son Job had enlisted as a Private in the British Army's 94th Regiment of Foot, and was stationed at the Infantry Barracks in the county of Hampshire.

1871 Census of England cont'd

<i>name & surname</i>	<i>relation</i>	<i>condition</i>	<i>age</i>	<i>occupation</i>	<i>where born</i>
Job CLARKE	-	unmarried	19	Private, 94th Regiment	Aylesbury, Bucks

Parish of Aldershot, registration district of Farnham, County of Hampshire, England, UK (RG10, piece 818, folio 84, p 21)

<i>name & surname</i>	<i>relation</i>	<i>condition</i>	<i>age</i>	<i>occupation</i>	<i>where born</i>
John CLARK	head	married	25	Painter, Royal Arsenal	Marsworth, Herts
Isabella CLARK	wife	married	20		Woolwich, Kent
William CLARK	father	widower	46	Labourer	Wolstone (sic: Wilstone), Herts

No. 5 Railway Place in the parish of Plumstead, registration district of Woolwich, county of London, England, UK (RG10, piece 792, folio 27, p 2)

1881 Census of England

Job CLARK was not enumerated in the 1881 Census of England, for his regiment of the British Army was stationed overseas in Africa, serving in the First Anglo-Boer War of 1880 - 1881. Only those soldiers who were residing in England on the day the census was taken were enumerated, and not those serving overseas. Job's brother John, however, was recorded, and we can see that William CLARK is no longer living with his son John, for William had passed away in 1872.

<i>name & surname</i>	<i>relation</i>	<i>condition</i>	<i>age last birthday</i>	<i>occupation</i>	<i>where born</i>
John CLARK	head	M	34	Shot & Shell Trimmer	Herts, Wilstone
Isabella CLARK	wife	M	30		Kent, Woolwich
Isabella CLARK	daur	S	6	Scholar	Kent, Plumstead
Hetty CLARK	daur	S	4	Scholar	Kent, Plumstead
John CLARK	son	S	1		Kent, Plumstead
James McINTOSH	f-in-law	W	71	Pensioner	Northumberland, Easinglow

14 Vicarage Road in the parish of Plumstead, registration district Woolwich, county of London, England, UK (RG11, piece 752, folio 74, p 47)

1891 Census of England

By 1881, Job had resigned from the British Army, married and become a father. Whether or not he was the father of Ephraim, though, is questionable, for Ephraim was born before the marriage of Job and Mary Jane in 1884. Further, Ephraim appears on the 1881 Census of England, bearing Mary Jane's surname ROBERTS, residing as a 'nurse child' in the paid care of a young woman and her widowed father. Mary Jane was living and working nearby as a servant. For a record of Ephraim in the 1881 census, see the document titled 'The ROBERTS Family in Census Returns'.

<i>name & surname</i>	<i>relation</i>	<i>condition</i>	<i>age last birthday</i>	<i>occupation</i>	<i>employer/employed</i>	<i>where born</i>
Job CLARK	head	M	41	General Labourer	employed	Bucks without Tring
Mary J CLARK	wife	M	39			London, St George
Ephraim J CLARK*	son	S	10	Scholar		London, Stepney
Eveline CLARK	daur	S	6	Scholar		Kent, Milton Gravesend
Alice M M CLARK	daur	S	2			Kent, Milton Gravesend
Mable (sic) CLARK	daur	S	1			Kent, Belvedere
Harold CLARK	son	S	3/12			Kent, Belvedere

*Ephraim J's full name was Ephraim John Thomas. In subsequent census returns and vital statistics records, he appears as either 'Thomas', 'John' or a combination thereof.

18 Weymouth Tr [Terrace], Synden Road in the parish of Erith, registration district of Dartford, sub-district of Bexley, town of Belvedere, county of Kent, England, UK (RG12, piece 638, folio 89, p 10)

1901 Census of England

The 1901 Census of England gives us a snapshot of Job and Mary Jane's family before they emigrated to Canada in 1907. Eveline is living and working independently as a servant nearby in the home of a clergyman, and sadly, Alice had passed away at the age of 5.

<i>name & surname</i>	<i>relation</i>	<i>condition</i>	<i>age last birthday</i>	<i>occupation</i>	<i>employer/worker/own account</i>	<i>where born</i>
Job CLARK	head	M	51	General Labourer	worker	Tring, Buckinghamshire
Mary CLARK	wife	M	49			London
Thomas CLARK	son	S	20	Bricklayer Apprentice	worker	Lewisham, London
Harold CLARK	son	S	10			Belvedere, Kent
Mabel CLARK	daur	S	11			Belvedere, Kent

1 Belmont Cottage, Southwood in the parish of Eltham, registration district of Lewisham, sub-district of Eltham, county of London, England, UK (RG13, piece 544, folio 24, p 39)

<i>name & surname</i>	<i>relation</i>	<i>condition</i>	<i>age last birthday</i>	<i>occupation</i>	<i>where born</i>
Evaline CLARK	servant	S	17	Housemaid	Gravesend, Kent

Southwood in the parish of Eltham, registration district of Lewisham, sub-district of Eltham, county of London, England, UK (RG13, piece 544, folio 26, p 43)

1911 Census of Canada

Just a few short years after arriving in Canada in 1907, Mary Jane seems to have been widowed, and remained living with her children in Toronto – yet was she a widow? Family stories suggest that Job had in fact abandoned his family, and the 1911 Census of England shown below supports the claim. Mary Jane’s eldest son John Thomas, also a widower, had assumed the role of head of the family. All members of the family are described as English in origin, Canadian in nationality, and of the Presbyterian faith. Mary Jane’s married daughter Eveline TEEDON is living nearby.

<i>names</i>	<i>relation</i>	<i>status</i>	<i>birth date</i>	<i>age</i>	<i>where born</i>	<i>year of immigration</i>	<i>occupation</i>
John T. CLARK	head	widow	May 1880	31	England	1907	City Building Inspector
Mary CLARK	mother	widow	Jan 1852	59	England	1907	none
Harold CLARK	brother	single	Dec 1890	20	England	1907	Woodworker, Piano Factory
Mabel CLARK	sister	single	Oct 1889	21	England	1907	Operator, Whitewear Factory
Muriel CLARK	sister	single	July 1901	9	England	1907	none

139 Rhodes Avenue, Toronto, York County, Ontario, Canada (District 138 York South, subdistrict 45, ward 1, p 12, lines 40 – 44)

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Sidney TEEDON	M	head	28	Mar 1883	England	Carpenter	1907	Anglican
Eveline TEEDON	M	wife	26	Mar 1885	England		1907	
Harold W TEEDON	S	son	5/12	June 1911	Ontario			

99 Beresford Avenue, Toronto, York County, Ontario (District 28, p 10)

1911 Census of England

Here we see clearly that Job had indeed returned to England for reasons unknown, and here he would remain for the balance of his life.

<i>name & surname</i>	<i>relation</i>	<i>age last birthday</i>	<i>particulars as to marriage</i>	<i>personal occupation</i>	<i>worker/own account</i>	<i>where born</i>
Job CLARK	lodger	62	married	Labourer, Bricklayer	worker	Bucks, Tring

Carrington House, London County Council Lodging House, Brookmill Road in the parish of Deptford South East, registration district of Greenwich, sub-district of Deptford South, London County, England, UK (RG14, piece 2668, registration district 28, p 10)