

Hargrave Birthplace Data Derived from National Censuses 1851-1911

The Census provides individual information on residents of a defined area. One of the criteria recorded from 1851 onwards is the birthplace of each individual.

Hargrave birthplace data from the Victorian era mirrors the national trend for rural areas with low levels of migration. In 1851 more than seven out of ten people living in Hargrave had been born there, and around a further two out of ten were born in the adjoining villages probably no more than five miles away from Hargrave. Of these Dalham and Ousden were the most common points of origin.

Whilst Hargrave's overall population was in steady decline over the sixty year period, Hargrave's ratio of village births only dropped gradually, down to around six out of ten. The number moving from adjoining villages remained steady at around two out of ten.

In addition to these two main groups a further one in ten residents originated from another more distant Suffolk village. These newcomers were predictably mainly from West Suffolk, although there was a notable increase from further afield from central and eastern parts of Suffolk in 1901 and 1911.

Inward migration from beyond Suffolk remained at a constant rate with one in twenty residents originating from either Cambridgeshire, Essex or Norfolk. Outside East Anglia very few individuals or families moved in to Hargrave in the first half of the nineteenth century. This gradually changed and again by 1911 around one in twenty could trace their birthplace from other parts of the UK.

In that year residents were drawn from Cambridgeshire, Essex, Herefordshire, Lincolnshire, Middlesex, Norfolk, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire, Yorkshire, London and Ireland.

There are always exceptions, but for Hargrave there were only three residents throughout this period who were born outside the four home countries.

The first is Jane Pearson who lived on Hargrave Green from 1851 to 1881. She was married to Thomas Pearson a Farm Labourer and had four sons, John, Kanelious, Alfred and William and four daughters Hanna, Eliza, Mendia and Emma. Although the description varies across the censuses she appears to have been born in India (possibly Madila in Uttar Pradesh)

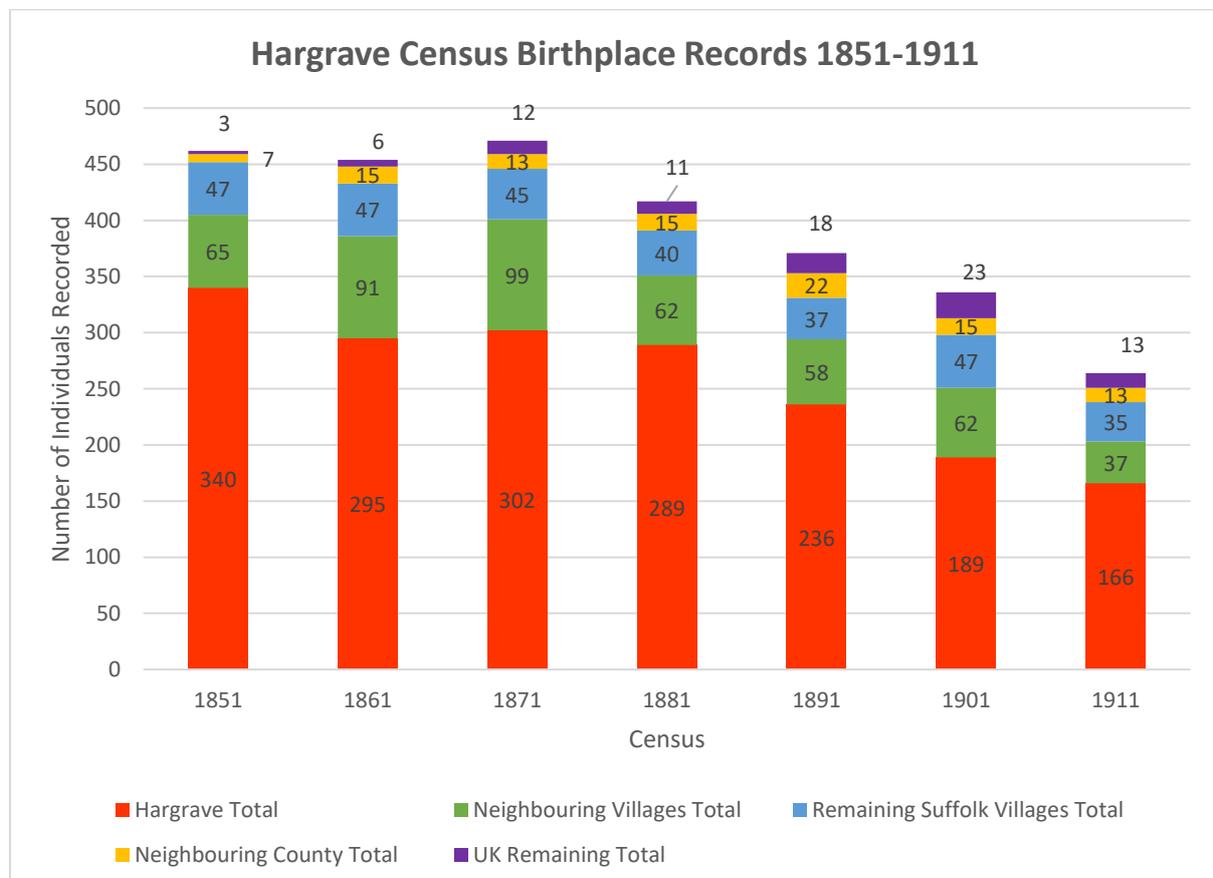
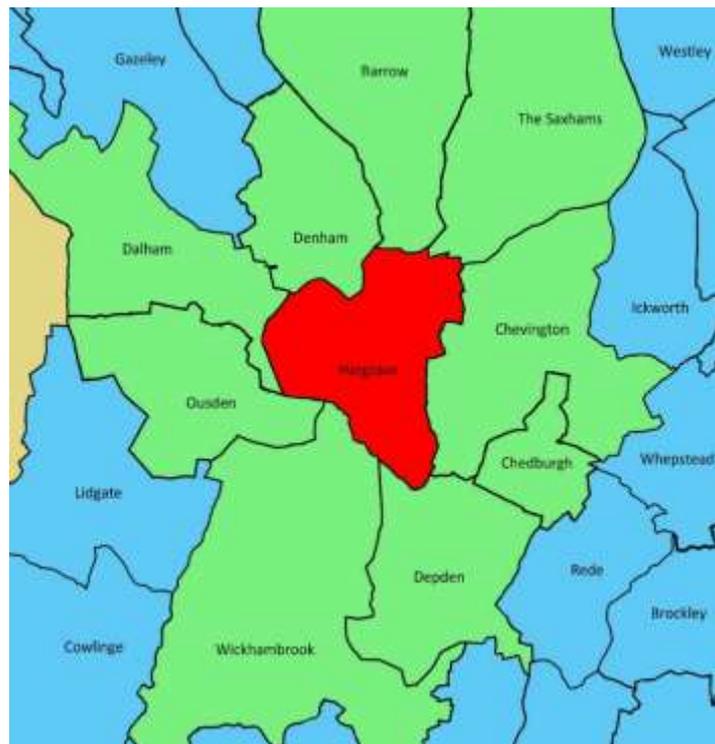
The second resident from outside the mainland, but not quite so far away is recorded in 1881. She is Emily Pinder who was a school teacher living at the School House in Hargrave and who had been born on Guernsey.

The last resident with a distant birthplace is Mary Buxton recorded in 1901 and 1911. She is living at The Wash with her husband James Buxton who is a Corn Miller who came from Hammersmith. At that point in time they have two daughters Edith and Alice. She also records her birth place as India.

Hargrave Census Birthplace Data 1851-1911 Subdivided and Totalled by Village, County and Country

Location	Census						
	1851	1861	1871	1881	1891	1901	1911
Hargrave Total	340	295	302	289	236	189	166
Neighbouring Villages							
Barrow	5	13	7	7	6	4	0
Chedburgh	1	8	8	3	12	9	1
Chevington	2	12	19	6	5	4	15
Dalham	20	11	21	13	5	7	1
Denham	0	3	4	1	0	0	1
Depden	10	15	12	7	8	4	0
Ousden	4	11	12	12	11	16	10
The Saxhams	10	5	2	3	3	2	2
Wickhambrook	13	13	14	10	8	16	7
NV Total	65	91	99	62	58	62	37
West Suffolk Remaining Villages	45	46	40	36	36	33	24
Remaining Suffolk Villages Not WS	2	1	5	4	1	14	11
Suffolk Remaining Total	47	47	45	40	37	47	35
Neighbouring Counties							
Cambridgeshire	5	13	7	9	17	9	7
Essex	1	0	2	2	3	1	1
Norfolk	1	2	4	4	2	5	5
NC Total	7	15	13	15	22	15	13
England Remaining Counties	3	6	12	11	18	20	11
Wales	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Scotland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ireland	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
ER/W/S/I Total	3	6	12	11	18	23	13
Overseas	1	1	1	2	0	1	1

Hargrave and its Neighbours Key



Due to low numbers overseas birthplace totals have not been included.

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