A Guide to Using the
1881 Census Index for England and Wales

The 1881 British census is a list of people living in England and Wales. The census is arranged by place. This valuable research tool provides the name, relationship to the head of household, marital status, age at last birthday, occupation, street address, and birthplace.

BYU has a surname, birthplace, and census place index to the 1881 British census. Although BYU does not have the original census, the index is a microfiche typescript that contains essentially the same information. This collection is located microfiche cabinet 2.

To search the 1881 census index you must know the county (shire) where the individual was enumerated and the surname.

Part I- Surname Index (Pink Title)

1. Locate your county section in the microfiche drawer. The pink fiche labeled SURNAME INDEX contains an alphabetical surname list. The first surname of the fiche is printed on the title.

	County	Surname	Forename	
1881 Census of England and Wales	CORNWALL	SURNAME INDEX	BLAMEY ,Richard 6086236	0002

2. When you have found the fiche containing your surname go to a reader. The information is organized into columns, with the first surname of each column printed at the top. Locate the correct column, and search down the alphabetical list for the surname and forename of your individual.

Copy the **Piece Roll #**_____**Folio #**_____and **Page #**_____.

For future reference, record: **Birthplace** (parish) _____ and

Census Place_____.

3. Return to the microfiche cabinet and locate the yellow fiche labeled AS ENUMERATED for your county. Find the fiche you need by using the Piece Roll and Folio numbers printed on the title.

	County	Census Place	Surname	Piece #	Folio #
1881 Census of England and Wales	CORNWALL	AS ENUMERATED	BODMIN	2292 16 0005 6086239	

4. Return to the reader. Pinpoint the sheet with the individuals enumeration by first matching the Piece Roll #, Folio #, and Page # in the far right columns and then by surname and forename.

5. Record the information you find the same way you would with the original census. If an "X" appears in any of your family's columns be sure to check the brown fiche labeled MISCELLANEOUS NOTES.

Part II- The Birthplace Index (Green Title)

1. Once you know the individual's parish, county, and surname, use the birthplace index to identify others of the same surname born within the same parish for that county. The birthplace index is organized by surname.

Part III- The Census Place Index (Orange Title)

1. Once you know the individual's census place, county, and surname, use the census place index to identify others of the same surname enumerated within the same census place. The census place index is organized by surname.