

On boats on Census night, Sunday June 6th 1841

(?) = uncertainty (13) = age * = River Blyth parish

It is not always possible to tell if a person was on a boat as addresses were not as detailed as we are used to. For instance 'North Quay, Gt Yarmouth' could mean someone living in a house there, living on a boat there or someone on board on census night. Rarely the enumerator would write 'boat' or similar in the margin, but it was not in their instructions. The list below includes both certainties and doubtful cases.

No boat names were noted. All the people below also appear on the main 1841 list of wherrymen etc.

It is reasonable to assume that a woman on board sharing a surname and having a similar age, was the wherryman's wife, married or not. I have not checked.

When, as in the case of St Peter Southgate, Norwich, there is just a list of names, it is impossible to tell if a person was alone on board a wherry or barge, so I have not indicated anything. In some cases it is obvious from what is included in the main list and I have shown that there.

Name	Age	Occupation	Place	Details
Ames James	20	boatman	Stokesby with Herringby	waterside
Amis James Jnr	30	boatman	Barton Turf	Boat Staithe with Hannah Lubbock (30) and 2 children
Amis James Snr	65	boatman	Barton Turf	Boat Staithe with Pamela Amis (50)
Buff Robert				see Duff
Bull William	35		Norwich, St Julian	on the river in a barge
Buttle Jeremiah	15	waterman	Norwich, St Peter Southgate	on the river, on board of a wherry
Chambers Benjamin	20	waterman	Norwich, St Peter Southgate	on the river, on board of a wherry
Cossey Samuel	45	waterman	Plough? Street, Bungay	Staithe, with Sarah Cossey (45) and 7 children
Cox Samuel Snr	50	boatman	Barton Turf	Boat Staithe with (50) Anne Cox
Darby Robert	30	waterman	Norwich, St Peter Southgate	on the river, on board of a wherry
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Dawson James	25	waterman	Gt Yarmouth, North Quay	with Mary Dawson (25) and 2 children
Dawson John	13		Norwich, St Julian	on the river in a barge with John Dawson (30)
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Dearing Richard	15	waterman	Norwich, St Peter Southgate	on the river, on board of a wherry
Drake Henry	55		Norwich, St Julian	on the river in a barge
Duff Robert	30		Norwich, St Julian	on the river in a barge
Easter Thomas	70	waterman	* Southwold, Suffolk	on the river
Elvy Samuel	15	waterman	* Southwold, Suffolk	on the river with William Forman (45)
England James	40	waterman	Norwich, St Peter Southgate	on the river, on board of a wherry
Forman William	45	waterman	* Southwold, Suffolk	on the river with Samuel Elvy (15)
Gedge George	16	waterman	Smallburgh	on a boat
Gilden John	25	waterman	Barton Turf	Boat Staithe with Mary Gilden (28) and 3 children
Golder Robert	45	waterman	Norwich, St Peter Southgate	on the river, on board of a wherry
Hall Robert	20	waterman	Norwich, St Peter Southgate	on the river, on board of a wherry
Hill Henry	30		Norwich, St Julian	on the river in a barge
Hollis James	40	boatman	Upton, Boat Staithe	with Maria Hollis and 7 children
Howard William	25	waterman	Norwich, St Peter Southgate	on the river, on board of a wherry
Howes William	56		Norwich, St Julian	on the river in a barge
Jay Henry	15	waterman	Norwich, St Peter Southgate	on the river, on board of a wherry
Layton Thomas	45	boatman	Hickling, Staithe	with Mary Layton (44) and 4 children
Mace James	45		Norwich, St Julian	on the river in a barge, with Mary Mace (45)
Mace James	50	waterman	Norwich, St Peter per Mountergate,	St Anne's Lane, with Elizabeth Mace (45)

Mann	John	25		Norwich, St Julian	on the river in a barge ? with Frank Webb (14)
Miller	John	25	boatman	Stokesby with Herringby	Waterside, with Honor Miller (20) and 2 children
Mills	Mark	25	waterman	Norwich, St Peter Southgate	on the river, on board of a wherry
Minns	Roger	55	waterman	Norwich, St Peter Southgate	on the river, on board of a wherry
Pumphrey?	James	16	waterman	Smallburgh	on a boat
Reynolds	Samuel	20	waterman	Norwich, St Peter Southgate	on the river, on board of a wherry
Royal	Edmund	30		Norwich, St Julian	on the river in a barge
Royall	Henry	15	waterman	Norwich, St Julian	on the river, on board of a wherry
Sainty	William	28		Norwich, St Julian	on the river in a barge
Staff	John	35	waterman	Norwich, St Peter Southgate	on the river, on board of a wherry
Stebbing	James	25	waterman	Norwich, St Peter Southgate	on the river, on board of a wherry
Watson	Thomas	25	waterman	Norwich, St Peter Southgate	on the river, on board of a wherry
Webb	Frank	14		Norwich, St Julian	on the river in a barge ? with John Mears (25)
Wickham	Henry	55		Norwich, St Julian	on the river in a barge
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The Staithes

The village staithes are usually easy to identify, but the Wensum in Norwich is a little more intricate. The information below is all taken from the Ordnance Survey 1884/1885 30" to the mile map. The boats at St Peter Southgate were all described by the enumerator as wherries, while those in St Julian were called barges by a different official. As there were no instruction to enumerators this is likely to be a result of personal choice of vocabulary rather than different wharves being used by different types of craft, though it is not possible to be certain. I found no reference to other quays like Riverside, Fyebridge (now Quayside), New Mills etc, but that again may be due to enumerator vocabulary or error.

Surprisingly, there appear to be no references to people on boats or to boats at quays in Gt Yarmouth.

- Spooner's Wharf** was at the northern end of St Peter Southgate and could be where the wherries were moored.
- Cannon Wharf** was at the southern end of St Edward, but as this parish no longer existed, this could have been where the St Julian wherries were moored - see below 'Parishes'.. There are new buildings on the east side of King Street, just south of the *Ferry Boat*, called Spooner's Wharf and Cannon Wharf where these two were.
- Mills Wharf** was close to the site of St Clement's church; near the 'Waterfront' and Wensum Lodge. It could have been the wharf where the St Julian barges were moored in 1841.
- St Julian's Wharf** was possibly where the the barges were on census night, at the bottom of an un-named lane between Greenman Yard and Cockey Lane. This seems to place the wharf at the end of the present (2017) Hobrough Lane as Cockey Lane seems to be the present Abbey Lane. Mary Rogers, in 'The Rivers and Staithes of Tudor Norwich' says, 'Mendham Staithe lay on the boundary between the parishes of St Clement and St Julian and public access was by an adjoining lane (Abbey Lane)'. So Mendham Staithe and St Julian's Wharf seem to be synonymous.
- St Anne's Staithe** was situated on the boundary between the parishes of St Peter Permouthergate [various spellings used]and St Julian. It, and the lane leading down to it, acquired its name from St Anne's Chapel which once stood nearby. This lane is still there.

The Parishes

- St Peter Southgate** After weeks of long, hard work digging in the 1841 census (not without its lighter moments like the discovery of Monsieur Bals d'Or) I entered 'on the river' into the Search Box and was delighted to find 18 men 'On the river, on board of wherries'. As they were all in the parish of St Peter Southgate, King Street, Norwich, I'd like to say a belated but heartfelt thank-you to the late Enumerator Mr Isaac Harper, 40, brewers' clerk, born in Norwich and living in St Etheldreda's, King Street, for doing his job so assiduously.
- St Edward** closed by 1738 (norfolkchurches.co.uk) . Phillip Judge's map in *Norwich in the Nineteenth Century*, Ed Barringer, shows this as 'Part of St Julian'.
- St Etheldreda** River frontage mostly warehouses and a brewery, though part of the Tudor Old Common Staithe was in this parish so there could still have been a wharf here.
- St Clement-in-Conesford** fell into disuse by 1482 (familysearch.org) 'The location is easily identifiable because it is now a grassed over area in front of the Norwich 'Waterfront' venue. It is barely a hundred metres from the church of St Julian across the road.' (norfolkchurches.co.uk) St Clement seems to have been incorporated into St Julian by about 1500 and the boundary between the two is, uniquely, not shown on the OS map. Phillip Judge's map in *Norwich in the Nineteenth Century*, Ed Barringer, shows this as 'Part of St Julian'.
- St Julian** In the parish of St Julian I again found a list of 14 men 'on the river in barges', so again, a big thank-you to the late Enumerator Mr Spencer Rudrum {Rudham}, 30, wharfinger {whurhinger}, born in St Julian's Norwich. He put himself on the census form in 1841 as he lived in the parish, and was still living there in 1851. He went on to become Inspector of Weights and Measures.
- St Peter** This began at At Anne's Staithe and continued along the Wensum to Pull's Ferry.