

From David Sutcliffe

Re the 1901 census: Hambridge came under Curry Rivel District 4 (the boundary was the River Isle and Hambridge Mills & Brewery was in Curry Rivel Dist 2 and thus was excluded from the document). When transcribed the census returns, in the left Column I just wrote the SCHEDULE numbers (1-116) that the Census Enumerator wrote as he tramped and zigzagged his way through the village starting at the north end (now Underhill). He simply wrote 'Main Street' for the whole exercise and did not differentiate between houses, nor use any names of houses. There are a few clues to note: schedule 26 James Brownsey was innkeeper of the New Inn (Lamb & Lion); schedule 55 James Manfield was at Hambridge Farm (acc to Kelly's Directory 1895); sch 64 is Rev Marson at the vicarage with 67 John England as sexton behind the church; schedules 71ff are the top end of Westport (incl Goosebradon); sch 88 Charles Brownsey's shirt factory I believe was where Mr/Mrs Paull lived; sch 108 Wm Brownsey was Innkeeper of the beershop that became the Old Barn Owl. The Enumerator then doubled back to Earnshill (sch 115/6). I attach the description he was following:

The rest of Westport was divided in two, the left hand side (eastern side of the road) was responsibility of the Barrington Enumerator, while the right hand side (western side) came under Isle Brewers. I simply grafted these extra returns onto my document to make life easier. I hope this all helps and that you can share this with friends. I am afraid I can't identify all the shops in the census.