

A Commentary on
THE
REGISTER
OF
PERSONS ENTITLED TO VOTE
AT ANY ELECTION OF
A MEMBER TO SERVE IN PARLIAMENT
FOR THE PARISH OF CONGRESBURY
(INCLUDING HEWISH)
AND OF PERSONS ENTITLED TO VOTE AT
ELECTIONS OF COUNTY COUNCILLORS
AND OF PERSONS ENTITLED TO VOTE AS
PAROCHIAL ELECTORS

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In 1911 the right to vote was determined by gender and the owning or occupation of property. It was the upheavals of the First World War that led to the Representation of the People Act 1918 and widened suffrage by abolishing almost all property qualifications for men and by enfranchising women over 30 who met minimum property qualifications. The Act also instituted the present system of holding general elections on one day and brought in the annual electoral register. However, women were still not politically equal to men, as men could vote from the age of 21. The age 30 requirement was to ensure women did not become the majority of the electorate. If women had been enfranchised based upon the same requirements as men, they would have been in the majority, due to the loss of men in the war. Full equality only came 10 years later, on 2 July 1928, with the Equal Franchise Act, when women did become the majority of the electorate.

<https://www.parliament.uk/about/living-heritage/transformingsociety/electionsvoting/womenvote/parliamentary-collections/collections-the-vote-and-after/representation-of-the-people-act-1918/>

1. Introduction

The 1911 electoral register for Congresbury and Hewish was published in July 1910. It gives 3 lists of voters:

- those entitled to vote in a Parliamentary election
- those entitled to vote in a County election
- those entitled to vote in a Parochial election

The criteria used to define each category of voter were based on property. They were complex and open to interpretation and possible legal action. One issue was plural voting, meaning men could vote more than once. If a man met the qualification to vote in more than one seat, and was registered to vote in each seat, then he could do so. This was at a time when general elections took place over many days (voting in a general election on a single day did not start until 1918). In 1910 it was estimated that there were over 500,000 plural votes and at least 80% were affiliated to the Conservative Party. (*see note 1 on sources, page 18*)

Not all sub-categories of elector are represented in the Congresbury register. These are the ones that are:

- a. Ownership Electors (Parliamentary and Parochial Electors) - Owners of property of freehold, leasehold or copyhold tenure (see pp. 6 – 8).*
- b. Separate List of Parochial Electors (Ownership) - (Persons entitled to Vote as Parochial Electors only) (page 9).*
- c. Occupation Electors (Other than Lodgers) Division 1 - Persons entitled to Vote as Parliamentary Electors, County Electors, and Parochial Electors (pp. 9 – 14).*
- d. Occupation Electors (Other than Lodgers) Division 3 - Persons entitled to Vote as County Electors and Parochial Electors, but not as Parliamentary Electors (pp. 15 – 16).*
- e. Occupation Electors Lodgers' List of Parliamentary and Parochial Electors (page 16).*

The occupations of the electors in Congresbury and Hewish included:

- a Peer of the realm;
- wage earners such as carters, platelayers, labourers, and charwomen;
- salaried staff such as teachers;
- employers such as farmers and shopkeepers.

The proportions of each employment category represented varied between each of the categories of voter listed above. Nationally, Charles Feinstein has estimated that of the approximately 20.4 million people employed in the United Kingdom in 1911 approximately 75% of them were wage earners. (2)

Classification of occupied population, United Kingdom, 1911 ('000s) Feinstein

1. Occupied population	20 380
2. Employers & own account	
Farmers	700
Shopkeepers	615
Other	1 145
Total	2 460
3. Salaried	
Teachers	315
Nurses	115
Clerks	940
Other	670
Total	2 040
4. Total non-manual (2+3)	4 500
5. Wage-earners (20 380 – 4 500)	15 880

In this commentary I have looked at information about the relative income of different occupation groups, the rules defining who was eligible to vote, and the occupations of electors in Congresbury and Hewish.

2. Income and cost of living

I have been unable to find local information on the standard of living of different occupations represented in the electoral register for Congresbury in 1911. Information nationally is also hard to find. Indeed when the Minister of Labour was asked in a Parliamentary question in 1919 to state, as far as he was able, the average or prevailing wages or income in 1913–14, he had to admit that no statistics were available. (3) He did, though, offer some information about weekly earnings in July 1914, including:

Transport railway service per week – national average (shillings) [*20 shillings = £1*]

Engine drivers	35s to 50s (£1.75 - £2.50).
Guards	25s. to 35s (£1.25 - £1.75).
Signalmen	25s. to 30s (£1.25 - £1.50).
Porters	20s. to 26s (£1.00 – £1.30).

Other glimpses into a quite different world include:

- In October 1911 payments to College servants at Brasenose College, Oxford ranged from £40.00 - £60 per annum for bedmakers to £315.00 p.a. for the Bursar's Clerk. (4)
- In his book "A pattern of Islands" (John Murray 1952) Arthur Grimble describes being paid £300.00 p.a. as a cadet in the Colonial Service appointed to the Gilbert and Ellice Islands in 1914.
- Charles Feinstein produced the analysis of average annual wage earnings for 1911 shown on page 4 (5). It does not cover all the occupations of Congresbury wage earners and, of course, applies nationally.

[Note: In 1913 people earning less than £160 per year (around twice the average wage) paid no income tax.... Social security contributions were introduced in Britain only with the National Insurance Act of 1911, which applied to just 2.3 million largely skilled workers by 1914.... rates were low, working out at just 1.89 per cent of income for someone on £150 per year]. (6)

Number of wage earners, United Kingdom, 1911 and average annual full employment earnings, 1911 Feinstein

Sector	Wage Earners		Average Earnings
	('000s)	%	£s
Agriculture			
England & Wales	887	5.6	44.1
Scotland	129	0.8	47.3
Ireland	524	3.3	28.3
Total	1 540	9.7	39.0
Fishing	65	0.4	72.1
Mining and quarrying			
Coal	1 010	6.4	85.6
Iron ore	25	0.2	75.9
Other ore, stone, etc.	100	0.6	60.9
Total	1 135	7.2	83.2
Building	920	5.8	71.7
*Manufacturing	5 440	34.4	56.7
Gas	55	0.3	80.0
Electricity & water	30	0.2	76.9
Transport			
Railways	375	2.4	67.5
Road	510	3.2	63.4
Ships	210	1.3	66.3
Canals, etc.	45	0.3	67.9
Docks	135	0.9	85.2
Messengers, etc.	320	2.0	36.1
Total	1 595	10.1	61.3
Distribution	1 240	7.8	67.5
Domestic service			
Females	1 855	11.7	44.8
Males	435	2.7	74.3
Catering, laundries, etc.	420	2.6	47.6
Government & defence			
Central	25	0.15	68.3
Post office	90	0.55	65.6
Police	70	0.45	96.0
Local authorities	85	0.55	64.5
Army	240	1.5	61.2
Navy	130	0.8	76.8
Total	640	4.0	70.0
Unclassified labour			
General labour	390	2.4	50.7
Other	120	0.8	71.8
Total all sectors	15 880	100.0	58.6

*Average manufacturing wages ranged from £29.3 per annum for females in the footwear and clothing industry (males earned £73.6 p.a.) to £94.2 in manufactured iron and steel.

Wages of less than £1.00 a week seem incomprehensible now. In 1908 the Board of Trade compared wages and living standards in Britain and Germany. Based on this the expenditure table below gives an indication of the purchasing power of £1.00 in the early 20th century. (Note: the 1908 figures are adjusted for decimal currency: 1 pence = 2.4 old pennies; 240 old pennies = £1). (6)

Expenditure for fuel, food and rent, United Kingdom, 1905

Item	Unit	Price (pence)
Food		
Flour	7 lb	9.0
Bread	4 lb	5.0
Beef	1 lb	6.93
Lamb	1 lb	8.25
Pork & bacon	1 lb	8.0
Eggs	dozen	13.91
Milk	Quart (2 pints)	3.5
Butter	1 lb	13.0
Cheese	1 lb	7.0
Margarine	1 lb	7.25
Potatoes	1 lb	3.0
Sugar	1 lb	2.0
Tea	1 lb	18.0
Coffee	1 lb	18.2
Fuel and light		
Coal	Cwt (hundredweight)	10.75
Kerosene	gallon	8.86
Rent per room per week		16.5

3. The 1911 register for electors in the Parish of Congresbury: details of the lists and occupations of electors taken from the 1911 Census

As far as possible I have tried to find the occupations of electors. The electoral register gives lists of names and places of residence. I have correlated these with details in the census, taken on April 2nd 1911 and noted the occupations of individual electors. A surprising number of voters in the electoral register were not listed in their place of residence in the census taken just over 8 months later. Electors are listed in the five categories defined in the register, but whereas the register lists individuals alphabetically by last name, I have listed them alphabetically by occupation (the occupations are as given in the census). The first category of elector is:

a. Ownership Electors (Parliamentary and Parochial Electors) - Owners of property of freehold, leasehold or copyhold tenure in Congresbury

To qualify as electors, individuals could be:

- i. Freeholders: there were financial and/or marriage qualifications, and freeholders did not have to live on the property.
- ii. Copyholders: this was a relic of feudal ownership rights and copyholders did not have to live on the property

- iii. Leaseholders: there were financial and length of possession qualifications and leaseholders did not have to live on the property.

Men who qualified as an ownership elector in more than one constituency had to opt for where they wished to vote.

Ownership Electors (Parliamentary and Parochial Electors)					
Name of each Elector at full length, the Surname being first		Place of abode	Description of qualifying property	Occupation given in 1911 Census return	
Page	George Frederick	Coombe Barton, Kingston-on-Thames,	Congresbury	Auctioneer & Surveyor	
Francis	John	49, Plymouth Road, Penarth	Woodhill	Average Adjuster (worked in marine insurance)	
Taylor	Samuel	Congresbury	Plough Inn	Butcher	
*Jones	Michael	1, Albert Hall Mansions, Kensington Gore, London S.W.	Cadbury View	Caretaker Albert Hall Mansions Kensington Gore London SW	
<i>*wife Emma Jones born in Congresbury</i>					
Withers	George Robert	Congresbury	Congresbury	Carpenter	
King	George Francis	Congresbury	Congresbury	Chimney Sweep	
Maunsell - Eyre	Robert Hedges	Congresbury	The Vicarage	Clergyman - Vicar of Parish	
Franklin	Edmund John	Whitchurch Vicarage, Bristol	Congresbury	Clerk Holy Orders Established Church	
Simmonds	Thomas George	The Hill, Congresbury	Congresbury	Commercial Clerk - Alkali Works	
Buxton	James	Iwood, Congresbury	Iwood	Farm Labourer	
Richards	William	Congresbury	Oldmoor	Farm Labourer	
Atwell	Sidney Henry	Congresbury	Congresbury	Farmer	
Atwell	William	Congresbury	Congresbury	Farmer	
Chapman	Walter	Hewish	Hewish	Farmer	
Edwards	Edward John	Congresbury	Rhodyate	Farmer	
*Frost	Eli	Wick St Lawrence	Dolemoor	Farmer	
<i>* to poll at Worle</i>					
Macey	Joseph	Rookery Farm, Congresbury	Congresbury	Farmer	
Atwell	Herbert	Congresbury	Congresbury	Farmer and Road Contractor	
Green	Frederick jnr.	Congresbury	Congresbury	Farmers son working on farm	
Hillier	Charles	Congresbury	Congresbury	Gardener	
Wilkins	Arthur Hewlett	High Street, Thornbury	Hewish	General Draper Shop Keeper	
Moore	John	Congresbury	Heath	General Labourer	
Sutton	Charles Herbert	57, Moorland Road, Weston-super-Mare	Congresbury	Grocer	
Pitts	Charles Oliver	Congresbury	Walnut Cottage	House decorator	
Wood	Cyril Gent	Yeowood, Wrington	Yeowood	Living on own means	
Bishop	Alfred Conway	61 Rutland Gate London S. W.	Goodscroft Congresbury	Lt Col Retired Independent Private Means	

Ownership Electors (Parliamentary and Parochial Electors... continued				
Name of each Elector at full length, the Surname being first	Place of abode	Description of qualifying property	Occupation given in 1911 Census return	
Ball John	Hewish	Hewish	Market gardener	
Hillman William	Congresbury	Congresbury	Mason	
Ellis Frank	Wookey, Wells	Congresbury	Miller And Corn Dealer	
Sheppy Thomas Henry	Fern Bank, Congresbury	Chapel Street	Miller and Corn Dealer	
Tucker William Henry	Yatton	Lowerland Farm	No Occupation	
Albrecht Charles Edwin	The Orchard, Limpsfield, Surrey	Broadmead	Not at home on the day of the Census	
Sainsbury George	Congresbury	Congresbury	Pork Butcher	
Gough Edwin	Congresbury	Congresbury	Private Means	
Jane Warren	Somerton	Rhodyate	Private Means	
Long William	Newton House, Clevedon	Woodlands	Private Means	
Mansfield Francis	Congresbury	Urchinwood	Private Means	
Atwell Reginald	Congresbury	Congresbury	Publican	
Jennings Walter	The Old Inn, Congresbury	Congresbury	Retired	
Martin Robert S.	Congresbury	Congresbury	Retired accountant (Bank)	
Barnicott Athanasius	Congresbury	Congresbury	Retired Architect and Builder	
Allen Charles	Congresbury	The Rowans	Retired Baker	
Franck Charles Edward	Hill Court, Congresbury, Yatton	Congresbury	Retired Banker	
Lukins John Sprod	Congresbury	Congresbury	Retired builder	
Jackson Ernest	Rectory House, Congresbury	The Manor House	Retired Printer and Bookseller	
Pitts John William	Congresbury	Congresbury	Sub-Postmaster	
Stevens John	Compton Martin	Congresbury	Tailor	
Thomas Henry	Smallway, Congresbury	Smallway	Wheelwright and carpenter	
Crew Job	Congresbury	Congresbury	Working on own account at home	

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Ownership Electors (Parliamentary and Parochial Electors... continued			
ELECTORS not at address given in Electoral Register on Census Day 1911			
Name of each Elector at full length, the Surname being first		Place of abode	Description of qualifying property
Baker	Maurice Mills	Congresbury	Rhodyate House
Bishop	Joseph	Claverham, Yatton	Hewish
Bowering	Alfred Henry	Wedmore	Honeyhall
Collard	Arthur C	Full Quart, Hewish	Hewish
*Dickinson	Robert Edmund	Coombe Cottage, Lyncombe, Bath	Congresbury
<i>*Banker Bath Chronicle and Weekly Gazette 18 November 1909</i>			
Hamlin	William G.	Star Inn, Rhodyate, Congresbury	Congresbury
*Hardman	Harold Fitzwilliam	The Barracks, Taunton	Congresbury
<i>*Captain 5th Battalion Somerset Lt infantry (Taunton Courier, and Western Advertiser 20 January 1909)</i>			
Harris	John	Congresbury	Honeyhall
Hippisley	James	Biddle Street, Yatton	Congresbury
Hunt	Henry Edward	Congresbury	Sharpham
*Hunt	William	24, Phillimore Gardens, London W.	Hewish
<i>*Educated at Harrow School and Trinity College; vicar of Congresbury, Somerset from 1867 to 1882, and then went to London as a reviewer and contributor to the Dictionary of National Biography. President of the Royal Historical Society from 1905 to 1909.</i>			
<i>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Hunt_(priest)</i>			
Lovell	Nicholas de Jersey	Lodway House, Pill, Easton-in-Gordano	The Marsh
*Norman	Harry Bath-hurst	10, Palmeria Square, Hove, Sussex	lwood farm
<i>*M.A. Cambridge, Clerk in Holy Orders</i>			
*Parnell	Thomas Parnell	Wickselme, Berkeley, Glos.	Pillhay
<i>*Gloucestershire, Kelly's Directory, 1914. M.A.; J.P.</i>			
Pollexfen	Robert Taylor	Yeo Bank, Congresbury	Yeo Bank
Powell	Edwin	Hewish, Bristol	Hewish
Rogers	Charles	Clydeside, Acreman Road, Southville, Bristol	Congresbury
Thatcher	Edgar	Heath Brewery, Nailsea	Bell Inn
Thomas	Alfred Charles	Cleve (sic), Yatton	Congresbury
Tripp	John James Darey	Yatton Road, Congresbury	Yatton Road
Walters	John Henry	The Mill, Congresbury	Congresbury Mill
Webber	Wallace James	6, The Avenue, Keynsham, Bristol	Honeyhall
White	Frederick Charles	Bermia House, Congresbury	Congresbury
*Windham	William	Dynton Park, Wilts.	Hewish
<i>*to poll at Highbridge</i>			
Winter	Caleb	Northcolt, Mangotsfield, Glos.	Cypress Cottage

b. Separate List of Parochial Electors (Ownership) - (Persons entitled to Vote as Parochial Electors only). Persons who qualified in the Congresbury polling district as above, but additionally qualified as parliamentary electors in respect of property owned elsewhere. So, they could vote for candidates for the Parish Council in Congresbury but voted elsewhere for a Parliamentary candidate.

<u>Separate List of Parochial Electors (Ownership)</u>				
Name of each Elector at full length, the Surname being first	Place of abode	Description of qualifying property	Occupation given in 1911 Census return	
Ridley Arthur Mark	Hewish, Bristol	The Heath	Builder and Farmer	
Sparks Joseph Barter	Wrington, Bristol	Smallway	Building Contractor	
Browning William	Stock, Churchill	Congresbury	Carpenter/Wheelwright	
Brookman Thomas	Sandford	Congresbury	Farmer	
Marshall Henry Cook	Rydings Farm, Wrington	Brinsea Farm	Farmer	
Pruen Henry Fawcett	Banwell	Congresbury	Farmer	
Light Henry	Palmer's Elm, Congresbury	Hewish	Grocer	
Parsley Edward	Wrington	Congresbury	Market Gardener	
Parsley Thomas	Wrington	Congresbury	Market Gardener	
Parsley William	Wrington	Congresbury	Market Gardener	
Pipe William	Stock Lane, Churchill	Congresbury	Poultry Dealer	
Frost Edward	Wick St Lawrence	The Willows	Retired farmer	
Powell John H.	Banwell	Congresbury	Solicitor	
<u>ELECTORS not at address given in Electoral Register on Census Day 1911</u>				
Buckwell Francis	Belmont House, Wilton Gardens, Weston-super-Mare	Hewish		
Edwards Charles Lund Fry	The Court, Axbridge	Congresbury		
Lawrence William	Sunny Bank, Bristol Road, Weston-super-Mare	Pillhay		
Parsley Henry	Wrington	Congresbury		

c. Occupation Electors (Other than Lodgers)

Division 1 - Persons entitled to Vote as Parliamentary Electors, County Electors, and Parochial Electors in Congresbury.

This list includes only men. The nature of qualification will usually be 'Dwelling house' but may be 'land'. It included:

- i. Occupiers of lands or tenements of the clear yearly value of £10 per annum. Rating is required but not necessarily residence.
- ii. Inhabitant occupiers, as owners or tenants, of dwelling-houses. Rating and residence are required. (These owners would not have met the criteria for Ownership Electors – see page 5)

Occupation Electors (Other than Lodgers)**Division 1 - Persons entitled to vote as Parliamentary Electors, County Electors and Parochial Electors.**

Name of each Elector at full length, the Surname being first	Place of abode	Description of qualifying property	Occupation given in 1911 Census return
Kimmins James	Congresbury	Venus Street	Agricultural Farm Hand
Nichols Walter	Congresbury	Congresbury	Baker
Allen Wallace Davey	Congresbury	Congresbury	Baker and Confectioner
Greenland Frank	Congresbury	Congresbury	Blacksmith
Champion Charles	Congresbury	Congresbury	Bootmaker
Gosling Tom	Congresbury	Congresbury	Builder and Wheelright
Green Harry	Congresbury	Congresbury	Butcher
Banwell Ephraim	Congresbury	Congresbury	Carpenter
Butcher Charles	Congresbury	Congresbury	Carpenter
Gill James	Congresbury	Mill Place	Carpenter
Hiles Richard jnr.	Congresbury	Congresbury	Carpenter
Gill Thomas	Congresbury	Congresbury	Carpenter and Wheelwright
King Richard	Congresbury	Congresbury	Carter for Miller
Hunt Alfred	Congresbury	Congresbury	Carter on Farm
Reynolds Albert Edward	Congresbury	Congresbury	Carter on Farm
Martin Joseph	Congresbury	Congresbury	Carter to Miller
Smith Arthur Amory	Congresbury	Congresbury	Certified Teacher Elementary School
King John	Congresbury	Congresbury	Chimney sweep
Sims William	Congresbury	Congresbury	Coachman
Gill Richard	Congresbury	Congresbury	Coal Clerk
Petvin Alfred Joseph	Congresbury	Honeyhall	Commercial Traveller retired
Cockram Henry	Congresbury	Congresbury	Cowman
Coward Wallace	Congresbury	Congresbury	Cycle agent
Hunt Ernest	Congresbury	Congresbury	Delver in stone quarry
Avery Henry	Station Road	Station Road	Farm Labourer
Avery John H	Hewish	Hewish	Farm Labourer
Banwell George	Congresbury	Congresbury	Farm Labourer
Castle Edward	Congresbury	Congresbury	Farm Labourer
Cole Thomas	Congresbury	Bristol Road	Farm Labourer
Court Charles Henry	Congresbury	Honeyhall	Farm Labourer
Cox James	Hewish	Hewish	Farm Labourer
Cullen Albert	Hewish	Hewish	Farm Labourer
Fisher William	Congresbury	Venus Street	Farm Labourer
Gadd Alfred	Hewish	Pillhay	Farm Labourer
Harvey Henry	Venus Street	Venus Street	Farm Labourer
Hollier Albert	Brinsea	Congresbury	Farm labourer
Hollier John	Congresbury	Congresbury	Farm Labourer
Hunt James	Congresbury	Congresbury	Farm Labourer
Kimmins Henry	Venus street	Congresbury	Farm Labourer

<i>Occupation Electors (Other than Lodgers) Continued</i>					
<i>Division 1 - Persons entitled to vote as Parliamentary Electors, County Electors and Parochial Electors.</i>					
Name of each Elector at full length, the Surname being first		Place of abode	Description of qualifying property	Occupation given in 1911 Census return	
King	Frederick	Hewish	Hewish	Farm Labourer	
Meaker	George (Joel George)	Congresbury	Smallway	Farm Labourer	
Norton	Charles	Brinsea	Congresbury	Farm labourer	
Osmond	Edmond John	Congresbury	Congresbury	Farm Labourer	
Poultney	Thomas	Congresbury	Woodhill	Farm Labourer	
Sainsbury	Edward	Congresbury	Congresbury	Farm Labourer	
Sweeting	Walter	Congresbury	Congresbury	Farm Labourer	
Thatcher	Frederick	Yatton Road	Yatton Road	Farm Labourer	
Vowles	Thomas	Congresbury	Brinsea	Farm Labourer	
Weaver	George (Henry George)	Congresbury	Congresbury	Farm Labourer	
Atwell	Wilfrid	Congresbury	Congresbury	Farmer	
Ball	George	Congresbury	Oak Farm	Farmer	
Bennett	Ernest	Congresbury	Honeyhall	Farmer	
Browning	Frank	Congresbury	Congresbury	Farmer	
Cavill	Charles	Congresbury	Congresbury	Farmer	
Cavill	George	Congresbury	Congresbury	Farmer	
Champion	Albert	Hewish	Hewish	Farmer	
Court	George	Congresbury	Lowerland Farm	Farmer	
Edwards	John	Congresbury	Congresbury	Farmer	
Edwards	John Vowles	Congresbury	Church Farm	Farmer	
Edwards	Ralph	Hewish	Hewish	Farmer	
Edwards	William Yates	Congresbury	Congresbury	Farmer	
Franklin	Charles	Congresbury	Congresbury	Farmer	
Hancock	George	Congresbury	Venus Street	Farmer	
Kingcott	Howard	Brinsea	Congresbury	Farmer	
Kingcott	William	Congresbury	Congresbury	Farmer	
Martin	Arthur	Congresbury	Congresbury	Farmer	
Norton	George	Congresbury	Honeyhall	Farmer	
Osmond	Thomas	Brinsea	Brinsea	Farmer	
Parsons	Frank (Francis)	Congresbury	Congresbury	Farmer	
Porter	Oliver	Congresbury	Congresbury	Farmer	
Sweeting	Joseph	Congresbury	Brinsea	Farmer	
Wear	Sidney	Congresbury	Congresbury	Farmer	
Wear	William	Congresbury	Congresbury	Farmer	
Poultney	Oliver	Congresbury	Congresbury	Farmer and Assistant Overseer of the Poor	
Green	Frederick	Congresbury	Congresbury	Farmers son working on farm	
Harding	James William	Congresbury	Iwood	Farming	
Cox	John	Congresbury	Congresbury	Ganger on railway	

Occupation Electors (Other than Lodgers) Continued**Division 1 - Persons entitled to vote as Parliamentary Electors, County Electors and Parochial Electors**

Name of each Elector at full length, the Surname being first	Place of abode	Description of qualifying property	Occupation given in 1911 Census return
Fisher Edward	Congresbury	Glen Yeo Terrace	Ganger on railway
Neath Charles	Hewish	Hewish	Ganger On Railway
Cornish John	Congresbury	Smallway	Gardener
Porter Alfred	Congresbury	Congresbury	Gardener
Atherton Frank	Congresbury	Congresbury	Gardener Domestic
Hatch Henry	Congresbury	Congresbury	Gardener Domestic
Phillips William Charles	Congresbury	Congresbury	Gardener Domestic
Cox Henry	Congresbury	Dolemoor	General Labourer
Cox William	Hewish	Hewish	General Labourer
Harvey George	Congresbury	Congresbury	General Labourer
Hiles Richard	Congresbury	Congresbury	General Labourer
Jones George	Congresbury	Congresbury	General labourer
Thomas William	Congresbury	Congresbury	General labourer
Weaver Tom	Congresbury	Congresbury	General Labourer
Weaver William	Congresbury	Congresbury	General Labourer
Poultney Edward	Congresbury	Congresbury	Grocer
Tucker Archibald	Congresbury	Causeway	Hair dresser and Assurance Collector
Pope John	Congresbury	Wrighton Hill	Haulier
Browning Victor	Congresbury	Smallway	Haulier Coal Merchant
Thayer Herbert	Puxton	Congresbury	Help On Farm
Watts William Henry	Hewish	Hewish	Horseman On Farm
Summers Tom	Congresbury	Congresbury	House decorator
Thomas George	Congresbury	Rhodyate	House Decorator
Sherbourne Henry James	Congresbury	Iwood	Inn Keeper
Lee George	Congresbury	Rhodyate	Jobbing Gardener
Collings Cecil	Congresbury	Congresbury	Labourer
Lambert John (Stephen John)	Congresbury	Congresbury	Labourer
Petheram Charles	Congresbury	Myrtle Cottage	Labourer
Weaver Obed	Congresbury	Cadbury	Labourer
Thomas Daniel	Congresbury	Congresbury	Labourer Farm
Sealey William John	Congresbury	Congresbury	Licensee
Atherton William	Congresbury	Congresbury	Market Gardener
Bridges Frederick	Congresbury	Rhodyate	Mason
Hillman Thomas	Congresbury	Congresbury	Mason
Sparey George	Kent Road	Kent Road	Mason
Palmer Arthur John	Congresbury	Congresbury	Not recorded
Davis Sydney	Congresbury	Venus Street	None (Baker in 1901)

<i>Occupation Electors (Other than Lodgers) ... Continued</i>				
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Name of each Elector at full length, the Surname being first		Place of abode	Description of qualifying property	Occupation given in 1911 Census return
Thomas	Edward	Congresbury	Smallway	Old Age Pensioner (Tailor)
Hardwick	Sidney	Congresbury	Honeyhall	On farm
Fletcher	Thomas	Congresbury	Congresbury	Parcel Porter GWR
*Callard	George	Congresbury	Congresbury	Pensioner & Sgt. Of Police
Parsons	George	Congresbury	Station Road	Platelayer
Scribbens	Ralph	Congresbury	Congresbury	Platelayer
Palmer	William	Cadbury	Congresbury	Platelayer GWR
Blackmore	William Henry	Congresbury	Station Road	Plumber
Bown	John	Congresbury	Congresbury	Plumber and House decorator
Greedy	Ernest George	Congresbury	Congresbury	Police Constable Somerset Constabulary
Standen	William	Congresbury	Congresbury	Police Pensioner
Sainsbury	Henry	Congresbury	Congresbury	Pork Butcher
Champion	Ernest	Congresbury	Congresbury	Postman
Sudgen	Charles Goldthorp	Congresbury	Rhodyate Lodge	Private Means
Bath	William	Congresbury	Rhodyate	Quarryman Road Construction
Braund	James	Congresbury	Glen Yeo Terrace	Railway Station Master GWR
Halliday	Edwin	Congresbury	Congresbury	Retired - Working Miller
Ashman	William	Congresbury	The Rowans	Retired Boot Factor
Hunt	Edward	Congresbury	Congresbury	Retired Coachman
Page	Edward	7, Churchill Road, Weston-super-Mare	School House	Retired School Masters Pension
Hunt	Robert	Congresbury	Cadbury	Road Foreman County Council
Palmer	Oliver	Congresbury	Woodhill	Roadman County Council
Hewlett	Oliver	Hewish	Hewish	Rural District Council
Burnham	Thomas	Congresbury	Congresbury	Sack and Bag Repair
Westcott	John	Hewish	Hewish	Signalman
Hillier	Frank	Congresbury	Congresbury	Stone mason
Edwards	Oliver	Congresbury	Congresbury	Stonemason
Tucker	Frederick	Congresbury	Congresbury	Sub-Post Master
Lucas	Edgar	Congresbury	Cypress Lodge	Traveller Corn Trade
Fisher	George	Congresbury	Congresbury	Walling Mason
Poultney	Herbert Richard	Congresbury	Cadbury View	Wheelright
Andow	Henry	Woolmers	Congresbury	Woodman

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<i>Occupation Electors (Other than Lodgers) continued</i>			
<i>Division 1 - Persons entitled to vote as Parliamentary Electors, County Electors and Parochial Electors.</i>			
ELECTORS not at address given in Electoral Register on Census Day 1911			
Name of each Elector at full length, the Surname being first	Place of abode	Description of qualifying property	
Bennett William	Hewish	Hewish	
Cardigan Earl of	Congresbury	Cadbury House	
Denmead John	Congresbury	Congresbury	
East Edward	Congresbury	Smallway	
Edwards Arthur	Yatton	Cadbury, Congresbury	
Ettrick Havelock	Congresbury	Venus Street	
Finch William	Congresbury	Ivy Dean	
Ford Edwin	Congresbury	Honeyhall	
Franklin Thomas	Congresbury	Congresbury	
Frost Gilbert	Hewish	Hewish	
Harris Edward	Congresbury	Iwood	
Hillbourne George	Congresbury	Congresbury	
King Lewis	Congresbury	Honeyhall	
Lee Albert	Congresbury	Congresbury	
Maunsell-Eyre Freke Listow	Congresbury	Congresbury	
Mitchell George	Hewish	Hewish	
Phippen William T.	Hewish	Hewish	
Pigou Francis	Congresbury	Congresbury	
Reed Joseph	Congresbury	Congresbury	
Scott McDugald	Congresbury	Yeo Cottage	
Stock John	Congresbury	Honeyhall	
Tucker George	Congresbury	Urchinwood	
Wookey James	Congresbury	Congresbury	

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d. Division 3 - Persons entitled to Vote as County Electors and Parochial Electors, but not as Parliamentary Electors, in Congresbury.

This qualification was based on the occupation of premises and the payment of rates and included women occupiers. These lists included men who were already qualified in the same polling district as ownership electors for the parliamentary and parochial franchise, so they have no entitlement to be a parochial Elector in this list. They have been listed separately (page 16) and their details are included with Division 1 Ownership Electors.

<u>Occupation Electors (Other than Lodgers)</u>				
<u>Division 3 - Persons entitled to Vote as County Electors and Parochial Electors, but not as Parliamentary Electors.</u>				
Name of each Elector at full length, the Surname being first		Place of abode	Description of qualifying property	Occupation given in 1911 Census return
Blackmore	Ann	Congresbury	Congresbury	Charwoman
Bridges	Maria	Congresbury	Congresbury	Charwoman
Hardwick	Elizabeth	Mendip View	Mendip View	Dressmaker
Light	Kate	Congresbury	Congresbury	Dressmaker
Sparey	Annie	Congresbury	Congresbury	Dressmaker
Ham	Emma	Congresbury	Venus Street	Farm labourer
Veal	Kate	Congresbury	Congresbury	Farm Labourer
Hardwick	Emma	Congresbury	Venus Street	Farmer
Harris	Mary	Congresbury	The Elms	Farmer
Osmond	Sarah Ann	Heath Gate	Hewish	Farmer
Wear	Harriet	Congresbury	Congresbury	Farmer
Willett	Mary Ann	Iwood	Congresbury	Farmer
Davis	Joseph Henry	Banwell	Hewish	Farmers Son Working On Farm
Virgo	Alice	Congresbury	Clarence Cottage	Farming
Denning	Harriet	Congresbury	Congresbury	Home duties
Atwell	Eliza	Congresbury	Bell Inn	Inn Keeper, Bell Inn
Hillman	Jane	Congresbury	Smallway	Laundress
Bartlett	Mary (Alice Mary)	Congresbury	Ivy Cottage	No occupation
Chapman	Mary	Hewish	Hewish	None recorded
Banwell	Ruth	Bridge Villa	Bridge Villa	Not recorded
Jennings	Matilda	Congresbury	Old Inn	Not recorded
Taylor	Mary	Congresbury	Congresbury	Not recorded
Wood	Ellen	Congresbury	Smallway	Not recorded
Foord	Margaret	Congresbury	Congresbury	Nurse
Allen	Ellen	Congresbury	Woodlands View	Private Means
Baker	Edith Mills (Maud Mells)	Congresbury	Rhodyate House	Private Means
Burdge	Elizabeth	Congresbury	Congresbury	Private Means
Pope	Beatrice	Congresbury	Congresbury	Private Means
Sheppy	Louisa	Congresbury	Congresbury	Private Means
Sturge	Caroline	Congresbury	Fair Orchard	Retired Doctor
Martin	John	Congresbury	Congresbury	Timber dealer and Haulier
Tinklin	Emily	Woodhill	Congresbury	Washerwoman

<i>Occupation Electors (Other than Lodgers) ...continued</i>			
<i>Division 3 - Persons entitled to Vote as County Electors and Parochial</i>			
<i>Electors, but not as Parliamentary Electors.</i>			
ELECTORS not at address given in Electoral Register on Census Day 1911			
Name of each Elector at full length, the Surname being first		Place of abode	Description of qualifying property
Brewer	Jane	Congresbury	Congresbury
Day	Emma	Congresbury	Congresbury
Frear	Jade	Congresbury	Congresbury
Hancock,	Prudence	Congresbury	Urchinwood
Lucas	Elizabeth Mary	Congresbury	Hill Side
Sholl	Eliza	Congresbury	Congresbury
Stephanoff	Lucy	Congresbury	Kent Road

The men who were already qualified in the same polling district as ownership electors for the parliamentary and parochial franchise, and so had no entitlement to be a Parochial Elector in this list were:

<i>Division 3 Electors registered as Occupation Electors Division 1</i>			
Albrecht	Charles Edwin	Hunt	Henry Edward
Attwell	Sidney Henry	Jackson	Ernest
Atwell	William	King	George Francis
Atwell	Herbert	Long	William
Atwell	Reginald	Lukins	John Sprode
Ball	John	Macey	Joseph
Barnicott	Athanasius	Maunsell-Eyre	Robert Hedges
Buxton	James	Moore	John
Chapman	Walter	Pitts	Charles Oliver

e. Lodgers' List of Parliamentary and Parochial Electors in Congresbury.

The Occupation franchise also covered Lodgers. The term "lodgings" was any apartment or place of residence, furnished or unfurnished, in a dwelling-house, where the landlord lives and retains control over the passages and outer doors. A Lodger was defined as the inhabitant occupier, for the 12 months preceding 15 July in any year of lodgings of the clear yearly value, if let unfurnished, of £10 or upwards. (Note – as a young man my grandfather rented a bedroom in his father's house for 12 shillings [60p] a week. As an electrician this was probably approaching half of his income.(5) As well as contributing to the family finances – it also qualified him to vote.

<i>Lodgers' List of Parliamentary and Parochial Electors</i>				
Name of each Elector at full length, the Surname being first		Description of rooms occupied, and whether furnished or not	Name and address of Landlord or other person to whom rent is paid	Occupation given in 1911 Census return
Walter	Herbert Henry	Bedroom, first floor, use of sitting room; furnished	John Henry Walter, Lyndhurst	Assisting in Business - Corn Merchant
Martin	Charles	Bedroom, first floor, use of sitting room; furnished	Joseph Macey, Rookery Farm	Bailliff
Day	Reginald Thomas	Bedroom, first floor, use of sitting room; furnished	Mrs M. E. Day, Yew Tree Farm	Carpenter
Sweeting	Frank	Bedroom, first floor, use of sitting room; furnished	Joseph Sweeting, West Brinsea Farm	Farm Labourer
Champion	Hugh	Room, first floor; furnished	Albert Champion, The Farm, Hewish	Farm worker
Champion	Richard	Bedroom, first floor; furnished	Albert Champion, The Farm, Hewish	Farm worker
Harris	James	Bedroom, first floor, use of sitting room, ground floor; furnished	William Harris, The Elms	Farmer
Osmond	William	Bedroom, first floor; furnished	Sarah A. Osmond, Heath Gate, Hewish	Farmers son on farm
Petvin	Joseph Alfred jnr.	Bedroom, first floor, use of sitting room; furnished	J. A. Petvin, Honeyhall Lane	Gardener on premises
Elliott	Thomas John	Bedroom, first floor, use of sitting room; furnished	Cyril Gent Wood, Yeowood	Groom
Sheppy	John Percy	Bedroom, first floor, use of sitting room; furnished	Thomas H.F. Sheppey, Fern Bank	Miller and Corn Dealer
Martin	Frank	Bedroom, first floor, use of sitting room, ground floor; furnished	John Martin, Bridge Farm	Not recorded
Nash	Samuel	Bedroom, first floor, use of sitting room; furnished	James Wookey, Church View	Not recorded
Buxton	Charles Henry	Two rooms, ground and first floor; furnished	James Buxton, Iwood	Platelayer
Weaver	Albert	Room, first floor; furnished	Mrs. Mills Baker, Rhodyate House	Servant
Poultney	George Ackland	Bedroom, first floor, use of sitting room; furnished	Oliver Poultney, Mulberry Farm	Working on farm

Most of these electors were renting rooms in the family home.

<i>Lodgers' List of Parliamentary and Parochial Electors Continued</i>			
ELECTORS not at address given in Electoral Register on Census Day 1911			
Name of each Elector at full length, the Surname being first		Description of rooms occupied, and whether furnished or not	Name and address of Landlord or other person to whom rent is paid
Court	Wallis James	Room, first floor; furnished	George Court, Cadbury Farm
Harris	John	Bedroom, first floor, use of sitting room, ground floor; furnished	William Harris, The Elms
Sheppy	Maurice	Bedroom, first floor, use of sitting room; furnished	Thomas Henry Sheppey, Fern Bank

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