

Castle Hill House Census

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3 (Look at the names of the houses and the number of heads of household)
- 2** List the different jobs that the people did?
Publican (landlord)
Waiter
Excavator
JP and Deputy Lieutenant (JP means Justice of the Peace, a kind of judge or magistrate)
- 3** Do any of William Gregory's family go out to work?
No (Neither his wife, nor his daughters work and his nephew is a "scholar" or schoolchild)
- 4** What kind of building do you think the Flint cottage was?
It is an Inn or Pub
- 5** What work do you think the "excavators" did?
Look at the map. What may have been dug or extended at this time?
The railway was being extended to Thame and Aylesbury at this time and so "excavators" were needed to work on the railway cutting.
- 6** How do you think Betsy Blackwell would have been treated by Susanna Harman?
The cook held an important role in most households. Before mealtimes the kitchen may become very frantic but after dinner had been served, the cook's work would be done and it would be left to the servant to do most of the clearing up.
- 7** Where was Mary Kingsell born?
Westminster (central London)
- 8** Can you think of a reason why she might be living with her aunt and uncle?
She may have been orphaned, alternatively it was common in large families for children to be sent away to be looked after by relatives, or maybe the stench in central London from the sewers was so bad that she was staying in the country for some fresh air.