



West Dean Parish Survey 1783

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The following particulars were sent on the 28th of April 1783 under cover to the Bishop of Sainsbury – to the Rev^d Mr J Howlett of Maidstone, in answer to several questions proposed by this gentlm who is engaged in an enquiry into the state of the Population of England & Wales.

Annual number of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials in the united parishes of West Dean & East Grimstead in the diocese of Sarum in the county of Wilts, during three periods of twenty years each, the first beginning with the year 1688, the second with the year 1730, the third with 1760.

The 1st Period beginning with 1688

Year	Baptisms	Marriages	Burials
1688	4		12
1689	5	1	9
1690	3	1	3
1691	7		7
1692	7		8
1693	7	1	3
1694	7		5
1695	6	1	2
1696	4		2
1697	7		5
1698	3		7
1699	8		9
1700	8		5
1701	11		4
1702	10	3	3
1703	9		5
1704	8		4
1705	6		2
1706	8		2
1707	8	5	4
Total	20	13	101

The 2nd Period beginning with 1730

Year	Baptisms	Marriages	Burials
1730	5	1	5
1731	8	2	11
1732	8	1	2
1733	9	5	4
1734	6	3	7
1735	12	3	5
1736	11		6
1737	11		5
1738	12	2	10
1739	15	3	9
1740	16	1	5
1741	8	2	9
1742	14		11
1743	7	2	6
1744	14	2	6
1745	10	1	11
1746	16		6
1747	10	3	4
1748	8	2	2
1749	9	4	4
Total	209	37	128

The 3rd Period beginning with 1760

Year	Baptisms	Marriages	Burials
1760	8	2	12
1761	13	1	3
1762	8	3	11
1763	7	2	8
1764	7	4	2
1765	3		3
1766	7	5	5
1767	6	5	1
1768	10	2	
1769	6	2	2
1770	5	4	6
1771	7	5	5
1772	7	1	2
1773	3	2	1
1774	6	1	1
1775	1	1	
1776	3	4	
1777	9	3	2
1778	9		4
1779	11		9
Total	136	48	77

Year	Baptisms	Marriages	Burials
1 st Period 1688-1707	136	13	101
2 nd Period 1760-1749	209	37	128
3 rd Period 1760-1779	136	48	77

Question 2

Number of Inhabitants by accurate enumeration

Answer: In West dean 185 including 20 servants & 1 apprentice
 In East Grimstead 118 including 6 servants & 2 apprentices

In all: 303

Question 3

Quota furnished to the triennial service of the national Militia?

Answer: One man in three years

Question 4

Total number of houses in the Parish from annual survey

Answer: In West Dean 37, 1 empty
In East Grimstead 35, 6 empty

In all 72

Question 5

Number charged to the Window Tax and 3s house duty ?

Answer: In West Dean 19
In East Grimstead 10

In all 29

Question 6

Number of Families ?

Answer: In West Dean 35
In East Grimstead 21

In all 56, including Widowers & Widows who have children – old married people who have never had any, & such as have not had any for several years.

There are whose families may be said to be increasing

In West Dean 16
In East Grimstead 11

In all 27

Inclosures: There were considerable inclosures made in both Parishes between 50 & 60 years ago

Inoculation: Inoculation has not been practised here in general, but many have been inoculated out of the Parish & with the usual success.

Source: West Dean St Andrew's Parish Register 1779-1812 (eg. Mary Russell 1785)