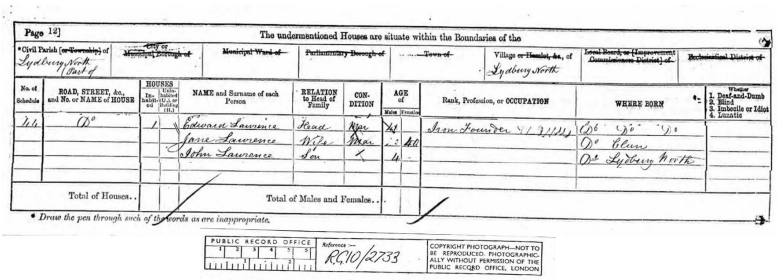
UKS2: What can the census tell us about local areas?

Imagine you are a local history expert. Another census is upcoming and you have been invited by your local newspaper to write an article about the importance of the census and how it changed through history.



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41	Do	1		Edward Lawrence	Head	Mar	41		Iron Founder	Do Do Do	
				Jane Lawrence	Wife	Mar		40		Do Clun	
				John Lawrence	Son	S	11			Do Lydbury North	
	Total of Houses..			Total of Males and Females..							

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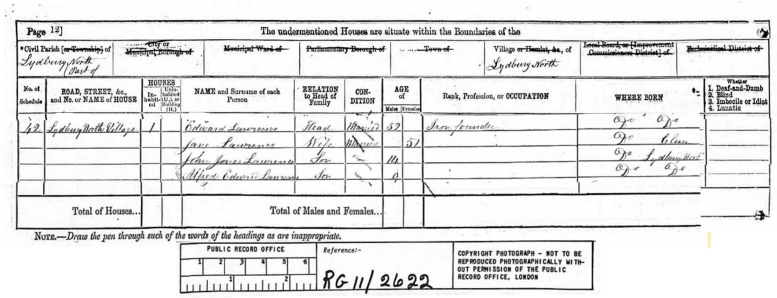

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42	Lydbury North Village	1		Edward Lawrence	Head	Married	52		Iron Founder	Do Do	
				Jane Lawrence	Wife	Married		51		Do Clun	
				John Jones Lawrence	Son	—	11			Do Lydbury North	
				Alfred Edwin Lawrence	Son	—	9			Do Do	
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In your article, include:

- What the census is.
- How census data was collected in the past.
- What censuses can tell us about the jobs in Victorian England.
- Why the 1911 census was boycotted.
- How the census changed in 1921.
- The usefulness and limitations of censuses.

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