

On boats on Census night, Sunday April 2nd 1871

(?) = uncertainty

(13) = age

* = River Blyth parish

aob = alone on board

BST = *Black Sailed Traders* (Roy Clark)

WaW = *Wherries and Waterways* (Robert Malster)

The enumerators should have used a 'Schedule for Vessels' to record details of the vessel if someone was sleeping on board during the night of April 2nd/3rd, but this was not always done, and the vessel's details were thus not recorded. The first Table below records only the vessels that were recorded on the correct Schedule.

It is not always possible to tell if a person was on a boat as addresses were not as detailed as we are used to. For instance 'North Quay, Gt Yarmouth' could mean someone living in a house there, living on a boat there or someone on board on census night. Rarely the enumerator would write 'boat' or similar in the margin, but it was not in their instructions. The list below includes both certainties and doubtful cases.

All the people below also appear on the main 1871 list of wherryman etc.

It is reasonable to assume that a woman on board sharing a surname and having a similar age, was the wherryman's wife, married or not. I have not checked.

Name of wherry	Name on census	Official Number	Place of Registration	Ton-nage	How employed	Master	Where before / on / after Census night	Comments
<i>Accommodation</i>	William Crow, master	none	Norwich	27	river wherry	William Crow	Yarmouth Quay	with Charles Beckett, man
<i>Adelaide</i>	Henry Buttle		Norwich	27	wherry, inland navigation	Henry Buttle	Lowestoft Inner harbour	with James Seager [Seago?]
<i>Albert</i>	William S Holmes	none	Yarmouth		wherry	William S Holmes	Rockland Staithe	with wife Harriet and son William, 15 mths
<i>Albert</i>	James Harvey		Norwich	30	wherry, inland navigation	James Harvey	Lowestoft harbour	aob
<i>Aslacton</i>	Robert Kerrison	32	Coltishall	20	corn & coal	Robert Kerrison	Yarmouth Quay	
<i>Atalanta {Attalanta}</i>	Robert Frosdick	none	Acle	20	river craft	Robert Frosdick	Yarmouth Quay	with Amelia & William Frosdick, wife & son
<i>Aylsham</i>	James Balls	none	Aylsham	15	Wherry	George Gibbs	Yarmouth	James aob
<i>Barbara & Ellen</i>	William Hovell	none	Rockland St Mary		wherry	William Hovell	Rockland Staithe	with wife Maria and sons William (19) and Robert (9)
<i>Bessie*</i>	William Wright				wherry	William Wright		aob
<i>British Oak*</i>	William Bream				wherry	William Bream	River Wensum, Norwich	with wife Elizabeth and Thomas Howard, Mate
<i>British Oak</i>	Samuel Gibbs					Samuel Gibbs	Bramerton River	with wife Elizabeth Gibbs
<i>British Queen</i>	Richard Goffin	none				Richard Goffin	Reedham	with wife Mary A Goffin
<i>Bure</i>	John Money	none	Aylsham	15	wherry, market craft	John Money	Yarmouth Quay	with George Money, Man
<i>Carolone</i>	Robert Watts		Norwich	36	wherry, inland navigation	Robert Watts	Lowestoft Inner harbour	with Mate Robert Crickmore
<i>Dart</i>	Henry Canham	none	Norwich	25	coal and ?	Canham	Yarmouth Quay	
<i>Dove{Dane}</i>	Robert Forster {Foster}	13?	Aylsham	20	coal & corn	Robert Forster	Yarmouth Quay	with Thomas Wright
<i>Edwin</i>	Henry Jay	none	Norwich	30	river trade	Henry Jay	Yarmouth Quay	aob. 2 absent on shore
<i>Elephant</i>	Edward Carr	none	Norwich?	45	wherry	Edward Carr	Lowestoft harbour	with William Henry Balls [Mate?]
<i>Elizabeth</i>	William Bennis					William Bennis	Oulton Broad	with Samuel Gowing, Mate
<i>Elizabeth</i>	George Bircham {Barcham}	none	Aylsham	16?		George Bircham	Yarmouth Quay	with William Seago, mate
<i>Emma*</i>	Obadiah Clark				wherry	Obadiah Clark	River Wensum, Norwich	with Charles Nichols, Mate
<i>Enchantress</i>	John Greenwood	9077	Yarmouth	18	chemical trade	Samuel Noah Nicholls	Yarmouth Quay	wherry, steam
<i>Evening Star</i>	Edmund Wells		Norwich	24	wherry, inland navigation	Edmund Wells	Lowestoft harbour	with Jacob Godfrey, Mate
<i>Fortitude*</i>	William Betts				wherry		River Wensum, Norwich	Mate
<i>Forward</i>	Robert Powley		Somerton	16	wherry, coal etc.	Robert Powley	On the river, Acle	aob
<i>George</i>	William Corbett		Norwich	20	wherry, inland navigation	William Corbett	Lowestoft Inner harbour	with William Kenny, Mate
<i>George</i>	William Parker		Norwich	23	wherry, corn	William Parker	On the river, Acle	with William Royall, assistant and son George
<i>Hope</i>	William Waters, master	none	Yarmouth	18	river barge	William Waters	Yarmouth Quay	aob. 1 crew absent on shore
<i>Industry</i>	John Briggs		Norwich	20	wherry, inland navigation	John Briggs	Lowestoft Inner harbour	aob

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<i>Integrity</i>	Isaac Paston		Norwich	28	wherry, inland navigation	Isaac Paston	Lowestoft Inner harbour	with John Paston, Mate
<i>Jenny Morgan*</i>	William Gage		Yarmouth	22	River craft	William Bacon	River Wensum, Norwich	aob. 'Norwich Local Board of Health' stamp
<i>Jessie {Jesse of Norwich}</i>	Benjamin Smith					Benjamin Smith	Bramerton River	with Thomas Seago, waterman
<i>Kate</i>	George Rump	none	Worstead	17	Wherry, trading up Bure			
<i>Kathleen</i>	William Tooley			51	Master of barge	William Tooley	River [Wensum], St Matthew, Thorpe Hamlet	with son William Tooley, 15, bn Lowestoft, Su
<i>Lapwing</i>	Charles Rouse		Lowestoft	34	Wherry, inland navigation	Charles Rouse	Lowestoft harbour	with John Matterson (?)
<i>Lord Exmouth*</i>	James Wright				wherry	James Wright	River Wensum, Norwich	with Robert Wright, son, Boy of wherry
<i>Maid</i>	Joseph Beckett				charge of wherry	Joseph Beckett	River [Wensum], St Matthew, Thorpe Hamlet	
<i>Mary Ann</i>	Frances Elridge							
<i>Mermaid*</i>	James Betts				wherry		River Wensum, Norwich	waterman, aob
<i>North Walsham Trader</i>	Christopher Gedge	none	Dilham	18	wherry, river trader	Christopher Gedge	Yarmouth Quay	aob. 1 crew absent on shore
<i>Nymph</i>	Henry Randell	none	Norwich	32	wherry, river	Robert England	Yarmouth Quay	master absent on shore
<i>Nymph</i>	John William Amis	60753	Gt Yarmouth	25	River craft. Merchandise	John William Amis	Lowestoft / Gt Yarmouth	
<i>Prince of Wales</i>	James Secrett	none	Surlingham	18	River trade	James Secrett	Yarmouth Quay	
<i>Providence</i>	Robert Hovell	none	Rockland St Mary			Robert Hovell	Rockland Staithe	with wife Eliza
<i>Ranson</i>	Samuel Lodge		Norwich	34	wherry	Samuel Lodge	wherry	with family inc Horace, son, unmar, 23, Man
<i>Rhoda</i>	John Betts	none	Norwich	27	wherry, inland navigation	John Betts	Lowestoft Inner harbour	with son John Betts and James Wright, Mate
<i>River Gem*</i>	Samuel Gutridge				wherry	Samuel Gutridge	River Wensum, Norwich	with Alfred Fielding, Mate
<i>Sarah Ann</i>	Ennis? Hutson	43904	?	18	corn & coal	William Warnes?	West Somerton	
<i>Sarah Ann</i>	William Hurrell	none	Rockland	18	coal & corn	William Hurrell	Quayside, Gt Yarmouth	aob. Delivered 25.3.71
<i>Shannon</i>	William Parker	none	Surlingham					with William Butcher
<i>Spray</i>	Samuel Lancaster	none	Yarmouth	40	wherry, river	William England	Yarmouth Quay	aob. Double entry
<i>Spring</i>	Thomas Kann					Thomas Mann	Bramerton River	with Robert Kable, man [mate], waterman
<i>Star</i>	William Brady, labourer	none	Yarmouth	23	market corn & coal trade {tread}	William Woods	Yarmouth Quay	aob
<i>Thomas & Maria*</i>	James Gibbs				wherry	James Gibbs	River Wensum, Norwich	with wife Mary Ann
<i>William</i>	James Harvey	none	Norwich	18	wherry, inland navigation	James Harvey	Lowestoft harbour	aob

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<i>William & Elizabeth*</i>	Richard Casey				wherry	Richard Casey	River Wensum, Norwich	with Henry Wright, Mate
<i>Waveney</i>	John Goffin		Beccles	18	wherry	William Goffin	Lowestoft Inner harbour	with Mate, William Edwards
<i>William & Sarah</i>	Stephen Poll	none	Norwich	25	wherry, river trader	Stephen Poll	Yarmouth Quay	with Stephen Poll, son and Emma Louisa Poll, dau, 2. None on shore
<i>unknown barge</i>	John Reynolds						River Waveney, Beccles, Suffolk	with wife Betty, 57, bn Benacre
<i>unknown wherry</i>	James Edridge Edward Wright					James Edridge	Anchor Staithe, Coltishall	
<i>unknown wherry</i>	Robert Porter Robert George					presumed	Langley Staithe	
<i>Violet</i>	Isaac Bussey		Oxnead	16	wherry, coal & corn	Isaac Bussey	On the river, Acle	with wife Elizabeth, son Albert, daughter Annie
<i>Widgeon</i>	William Southgate		Wroxham	22	wherry, corn, coal, bricks & etc.	William Southgate	On the river, Acle	with John Southgate, 15, assistant

* This group of boats is described as being in 'St Etheldred and St Peter Southgate, Norwich', which presumably means alongside the Old and New Common Staithes, Cannon Warf and Spooner's Warf on the River Wensum.