

## Census Occupations

Occupations in Quorn have varied enormously over the years and many interesting comparisons can be made.

The comparison below is between the 1851 census and 1881 census. Several features can be noted:

- Framework knitters working in their own homes were prolific in 1851, but by 1881, factory work was increasing and the decline in framework knitters is dramatic.
- In 1851 there was a lace factory in Quorn, on the site of the present Church Rooms. However by 1881, this had closed.
- By 1881 Wrights factory had opened and was thriving (as it is today). Note the introduction of elastic workers.
- By 1881 there is a marked decline in the number of agricultural workers. Perhaps this is related to the expansion of the work at local quarries and the availability of quarry working jobs.

Occupations	1851 Census	1881 Census
Tailors/Dressmakers/Seamstresses	146	59
Servants	135	154
Frame Work Knitters	124	20
Agricultural Workers	122	54
Lace industry workers	99	1
Hosiery/Cotton etc	50	57
Groom/Stables etc	35	22
Shoe Making/binding	35	12
Miscellaneous	35	98
Private means	23	18
Quarry Workers	20	78
Farmers (having land & employing men)	15	12
Joiners/Carpenters/Cabinet Makers	15	27
Bricklayers/Builders	12	27
Teaching	11	15
Butchers	10	7
Nurse/Midwife	10	12
Blacksmiths	9	7
Income from Land and Houses	9	12
Beer Sellers	8	11
Nailmakers	7	1
Waggoners and Carriers	7	4
Laundry	6	13
Boatmen	5	7
Bakers	5	4
Glove Making	5	0
Tanners	5	0
Coal Wharf	4	1
Chemist/Druggist/Apothecary/Surgeon	4	1
Draper/Haberdashery	4	1
Grocers	4	10
Saddle & Harness Makers	4	3

Solicitors	2	2
Minister/Vicar	2	4
Wheelwrights	2	3
Elastic Workers	0	64
Gas Workers	0	4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>989</b>	<b>825</b>