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A SNAPSHOT OF THE VILLAGE... Here are a few of the 40 Longnor households listed in the 1911 Census.

There are 5 **Papermill Cottages**. Mary Smith (63) lives at **No. 1** with her son Richard (34, gardener) and 2 grandsons, Richard (14) and William (10). Richard was later killed in WW1.

Martha Haycock (82) and her brother John Partridge (77) live at **No. 2** with Martha's grandson Charles Hancock (24, farm labourer).

No. 3 isn't listed, but at **No. 4** live William & Harriet Bethell, who've had 12 children, 5 of whom have died. Staying with them are 3 boarders, all GPO Wiremen.

William & Susan Juckes live at **No. 5**. They have 8 children, though only the youngest, Percy (11) lives with them.

Alfred Evans (49, farm labourer) and his wife Sarah live at **No. 6** with 2 of their 5 children: Thomas (21, railway porter) and Sarah Ann (16, domestic servant).

George Smith (55) runs **The Mill** and lives here with his sister, Mary (40). George used to run it with Richard Higgs (75), who's now retired. He lives at **Malt House Farm** with his son William (40, wheelwright) and his family: Martha (42), Annie (13) and Richard (11).

1 School Cottages: William & Sarah Salter live here with their nephew William Cornes (aged 3). William is a farm waggoner. His father used to drive the engine at the coalmine. Sadly, it is recorded on the Census that Sarah has had five stillbirths.

Nextdoor at **2 School Cottages** live John & Ann Dudley. They've been married for 28 years and have 5 children.

Stoneleigh: Mary Pinches (aged 79) lives here with her daughters Mary (50) and Hannah (42). Ernest Everall said: *"They had a few acres of land and kept a cow or two and some pigs. They were quite well educated and did a lot of voluntary work for the church."* There have been Pinches in Longnor since the 1780s.



Across the road at **Caradoc View**, 73-year-old Anne Heighway, a farmer and former dressmaker, lives with her nephew Thomas Heighway (43), a watchmaker. The Heighway family have lived in Longnor since at least 1612.

At **Upper Farm** are John and Susannah Downes, their 2 children John (3) and Edith (1), John's mother, Mary, their nephew William Edward (16), a workman, a waggoner and a domestic nurse (16).

The Grove: The 3 unmarried Dayus sisters have lived here all their lives: Emma (71, retired farmer); Fanny (62, church worker); Maria (57, retired governess).

The Post Office: run by Alice Deakin (59) and her niece Alice Anna Deakin (31). 'Old' Mrs Deakin (aged 92) lives at **2 Quality Row**.

Malt House Cottage: Charles Jones (47, shepherd) was widowed 4 years previously. He has 6 children, 3 of whom are living at home - including Ann (14) who had to stop going to school when her mother died, to help at home.

The Farm: Charles and Mary Everall have been married 24 years and have 6 children. 1 daughter (22) and their 2 older sons work on the farm; Thomas (17) is an ironmonger. They also have a servant, Esther Evans (18) from Hope Bowdler.

1 Back Lane: Edwin Roberts (62, mason employed on Longnor Hall estate) and Elizabeth (the village midwife). *"She must have been at the birth of scores of babies... no one thought of going to hospital."* Ernest Everall. Their daughter Selina (36) lives at home, as does their son Edwin (28, a postman). Also listed on the Census are their widowed daughter-in-law (Elizabeth, 32) and her 3 children (10, 7 and 4).

Moat House: William Rowson (55, cowman) and Lucy (51) have been married 30 years and have 16 children. William (22) is a gardener; Ernest (14) is a 'house boy at the Hall'.

Yew Tree Cottage: Edward Roberts (cowman) and his wife Anne have 10 children, 8 of whom live at home. Their 6th child, Albert (13) was later killed in WW1.