

THE BRICKMAKERS OF AVON
The Quarry and Checkweigher Returns

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In 1894 all open quarries of a depth of 20ft. and over were included in the Mining Acts. This was because of the great number of serious accidents in the quarries at that time. In order to conform with practice in the mines, the owners of these quarries were required to allow the quarrymen to employ a "checkweigher" to supervise the quantity of clay they dug and estimate their wages.

Firms made a return annually of the number of men they employed in the quarry area and this continued until 1937. The following list of brickmakers in the Avon area with quarries over 20ft. in depth has been taken from the returns lodged with The British Library.

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GLOUCESTERSHIRE

S.W. District.

Name	Situation	Name & address of Owner	Manager/s	From	To	Notes
1. Brick & Pottery (Warmley)	Warmley Tower, Warmley	Joseph Haskins, Warmley Potteries	H.J. Haskins Louisa "	1895	1937	
2. Brick & Tile Clay Cutting, (Shortwood)	Mangotsfield	Cattybrook Brick Co. Ltd. St. Stephen's Chambers, Baldwin Street, Bristol.	W.F. Collins Ernest Street E.E. Vivers/Vevers H.Hillman	1895	1934?	See BIAS <u>Journal</u> 8, 1975
3. Brick & Tile Works	Warmley	The Warmley Brick & Tile Co. Warmley Station. Theodore Cook Jones The Warmley Brick & Tile Co. Hollybrook Brick Co.	C.P. Jones &/or T.C. Jones T.C. Jones W.T. Williams Rosedale, Warmley	1895 1905 1907 1912	1905 1906 1911	See no. 7 below
4. Brick Works	Ridgeway Rd, Fishponds	Fishponds & Bedminster Brick Co. Ltd, Ridgeway Road, Fishponds. (Receiver, Clarence Smith Bristol Exchange, 1908)	Phillip Triggs Isaac Culliford	1895	1908	
5. " "	Wee Lane Stapleton	Geo. Hedges, Wee Road, Baptist Mills, Bristol (c1900 in liquidation Midland Brick Co, Wee Lane) (C1912 "Marion")	G. Williams Rowland Hill	1898	1912	
6. " "	Mount Hill, Court Rd Kingswood	A.J. Bridges, Kingswood, Bristol		1895	1926	
7. " "	Stapleton	Hollybrook Brick Co. Ltd., Chester Park, Kingswood. 2 Brick yards Chester Park & Warmley Yate Change of name to Hollychrome	Jonas David Geo. Young S. Jones/P.S. Jones	1895 1913 1934 1936?	1912 1037 1937	See BIAS <u>Journal</u> 15 p29
8. " "	Hopewell Hill, Kingswood	Frederick Lane, Hopewell Hill, Brickworks, Kingswood Bristol.		1898	1908	
9. " "	Croft End Rd., St George's	Bristol Brick & Tile Co. Ltd., Croft End Rd. St. George's. (Bristol Brick & Tile Co. of Whitehall Rd., St. George's made returns in 1921 and 1925.)	E.C. White	1895	1934	

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10. Brick Works	Croft End Rd., St George's	G.E. & A.E. Fussel, Crofts End, St. George's.		1896	1937	
11. " "	Clay Hill, St. George's	Alfred Bennett, 4 Kingsley Rd, Easton, Bristol.	Alfred Bennet	1895	1904	
12. " "	Almondsbury	Cattybrook Brick Co. Ltd., 1 Stephen's Chambers, Baldwin Street, Bristol.	E.E. Street E. Vevers	1895	1937	
13. " "	Field Farm, Stoke Gifford	Stoke Gifford Brick & Tile Co., c/o Pearson & Son Ltd., 10 Victoria Street, Westminster, London S.W.	Frank Colson	1903	1914	
14. " "	Hambrook	Imperial Brickworks, Hambrook.		1928	1937	
15.	Charlton Road, Kingswood	Kingswood Lodge Estate, Charlton Rd, Kingswood & c/o Bank Chambers, Baldwin St, Bnristol. (in liquidation)	Walter Podger 6 Elton Rd, Bishopston J.W. Brown	1897	1900	
16. " "	Baptist Mills	R.M. Bryant, Mina Rd, Baptist Mills.		1895	only	
17.		Midland Road Brick Co. Ltd., Wee Rd, Baptist Mills.		1896	only	
18. " "	Treefield Road, Baptist Mills.	Wm. Roach, Treefield Road, Baptist Mills. (Also includes a return for a sandpit).		1895	only	

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1. Brick Works	Malago, Bedminster	Bristol Collieries Co. Ltd., Bedminster	T. Barnard	1896	1908	
2. Brick & Tile Works	Luckwell Lane, Bedminster	Fishponds & Bedminster Brick & Tile Co., Ridgeway Road, Fishponds, Bristol. & Whitsun Chambers, Nicholas Street, Bristol	P.Triggs	1895	1907	
3. Brick Works	Vale Lane, Bedminster	A. Gee & Co., Vale Lane, Parson Street, Bedminster, Bristol.		1895	1914	
4. " "	Parson Street, Bedminster	W. Mereweather & Co., Parson Street, Bedminster, Bristol.	W.J. Mereweather	1895	1908	

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5. Brick Works	South Liberty, Bedminster	Ashton Vale Iron Co. Ltd., Bedminster, Bristol.	W.P. Jones Moses Cowcill A. Fisher	1897	1937	
6. “ “	Ashton Vale	Ashton Vale Iron Co. Ltd., Bedminster, Bristol.	Moses Cowcill A. Fisher	1899	1937	
7. “ “	South Liberty Lane	John Prater & Co., West End Brick & Tile Works, South Liberty Lane, Bedminster, Bristol.	1922 Robert Osbourne Partner 1925 Prater Jnr. & Robert Osbourne.	1901	1937	
8. “ “	Parson Street	Scourse Bros, Parson Street, Bedminster, Bedminster Bristol (one yard) Scourse & Kingston (two yards)	W. Proctor	1898 1909	1908 1937	BIAS <u>Journal</u> 15 p31
9. “ “	Twerton	The Victoria Brick & Tile Co. Ltd., 16, Milsom Street, Bath.	J. Painter L.C. Mundy A.H. Brewer	1896	1913	
10. “ “	Oakfield Park, Bath.	Victoria Works, Oldfield Park West, Bath.	H.H. Young R.W. Larit &/or Lovit	1913	1937	
11. “ “	Hengaston Road	W.P. Jones, Hengaston Road, West Street, Bedminster, Bristol.		1895	1900	
12. “ “	New Brislington	Netham Brick & Tile Co., New Brislington, Bristol. Also 4 Colston Street, Bristol.		1896	1904	
13. “ “	New Brislington	Heber Marden, 26 Bridge Street, Bristol. Also Southfield, Westbury-on-Trym, and 2, Lilfield Place, Clifton Down.		1897	1906	
14. “ “	Vale Lane	Hollybrook Brick & Tile Co. Ltd., Bedminster Later name changed to “Hollychrome”.		1925	1937	BIAS <u>Journal</u> 15 p30 See also Gloucestershire no. 7

NOTE

Avon Industrial Buildings Trust Magazine no. 5, Spring 1988, includes an article by John Butler 'From Mud to Mansions' which has information on the brickworks at Cattybrook and Shortwood