

1921 census - encampment in Mystole Lane, Chilham, Kent
East Ashford Registration District 56, Registration Sub-District 2
Enumeration District 9
Transcribed by Anne Lane

Household 1: Ripley family

Head: Mark Ripley, Age 40 + 6 months, Hawker, born Hollington, Sussex
Wife: Louisa Ripley, 38, born Bride, Sussex
Daughter: Olive Ripley, 14 + 6m, born Bowdle St, Kent
Son: Absolom Ripley, 12, born Faversham, Kent
Daughter: Louisa Ripley, 8 + 10m, born Sittingbourne, Kent
Daughter: Sarah Ann, 5 + 2m, born Hollington, Sussex
Daughter: Mary Ripley, 3 + 10m, born Hollington, Sussex

Household 2: Ripley family 2

Head: Joseph Ripley, 39 + 11 months, Hawker, born Polesworth, Sussex
Wife: Jane Ripley, 30 + 4m, born Crowborough, Kent
Son: Joseph Ripley, 12, born Maidstone, Kent
Son: Albert Ripley, 7 + 3m, born Tunbridge Wells, Kent
Daughter: Rose Ripley, 4 + 11m, born Tunbridge Wells, Kent
Son: Stephen Ripley, 1 + 8m, born Sandhurst, Kent

Household 3: Lee family

Head: Thomas Lee, 32, Hawker, born Folkestone, Kent
Wife: Jane Lee, 30, born Maidstone, Kent
Son: Frank Lee, 5 + 3 months, born Paddlesworth, Kent
Daughter: Annie Lee, 4 + 3m, born Etching Lane, Sussex
Son: William Lee, 2 + 3m, born Faversham, Kent
Daughter: Phoebe Lee, 3 + 6m, born Dollerton, Berkshire

Household 4: Matthews family

Head: William Matthews, 60 + 6 months, General Dealer, born Selindge, Kent
Wife: Ann Matthews, 53 + 5m, Licensed Hawker, born Forest Row, Ashdown, Sussex
Son: Sydney Matthews, 28 + 3m, born Bexhill, Sussex
Son: Nigger (?) Matthews, 18 + 11m, born Laidliyle (?), Kent
Son: Joe Matthews, 17 + 10m, born Hunton, Kent
Daughter: Louisa Matthews, 14 + 9m, born Tenterden, Kent
Son: Charlie Matthews, 13 + 4m, born Chilham, Kent
Son: Edward Matthews, 5 + 3m, born near Faversham, Kent
Son: Henry Matthews, 2 + 3m, born near Faversham, Kent
Daughter: Phoebe Matthews, 7 + 2m, born Preston, Kent

Transcriber's notes: Edward/Ted Matthews also used the surname Scamp. He married Lily Lee and the book "The Moon in My Pocket: Life with the Romanies" by Rupert Crofte-Cooke (published 1948) was written about them.

Charlie and Phoebe Matthews both became famous Romany folk singers and had their songs recorded.

Household 5: Simpson family

Head: Joseph Simpson + 3 months, 23, Hawker, born Chatham, Kent

Wife: Mary Simpson, 24, born Eastbourne, Sussex

Household 6: Johnson family

Head: John Johnson, 49 + 4 months, Licensed Hawker, born Crawly [sic], Sussex

Wife: Alice Johnson, 46 + 6m, Licensed Hawker, born Nutly [sic], Sussex

Son: William Johnson, 22 + 10m, Licensed Hawker, born Bexley, Kent

Daughter: Brittania Johnson, 19 + 8m, born Plumstead, Kent

Daughter: Naomi Johnson, 17 + 4m, Licensed Hawker, born Bexley, Kent

Son: Levi Johnson, 14 + 10m, born Bexley, Kent

Daughter: Eliza Johnson, 12 + 4m, born Bexley, Kent

Daughter: Rosena Johnson, 9 + 5m, born Fooks Cray, Kent

Daughter: Patience Johnson, 6 + 11m, born Bexley, Kent

Daughter: Elizabeth Johnson, 3 + 8m, born Bexley, Kent

Transcriber's note: There are many photos of this Johnson family on Ancestry.co.uk. In the 1911 census, they are at Hurst Common, Bexley, Kent, living in a fruit picker's shelter, waiting for casual work.