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FAMILY AND KINSHIP IN EAST LONDON - BETHNAL GREEN SURVEY  
(CHILDREN)

HISTORY

The pack contained 731 multi-punched cards which agrees with the total given in the book. The example schedules used in reconstructing the codebook were those for case numbers 0218, 0245, 0725, 0726, 0838 and 1508 since these appeared to offer the widest selection of responses to information regarding the children of the subject.

The first run of the conversion program produced two errors: one, a multi-punch in the third digit of the four column case-number field for family member number 24 of case 17 2 and the other, an invalid combination of punches in column 7 (marital status and sex coding of subject) of case-number 2050 for family member number 22. The first error was corrected by reference to other cards having three of the same digits in the case-number field and the same coding for column 21 (number of children) and the second, by reference to the other family member number cards for case-number 2050, where the common subject information was repeated.

The original 21 multi-punched columns were expanded to 32 in the conversion process to single punched card images and the resulting file was then recorded to combine codes, eliminate zone punches and to alter code values to produce a more convenient coding frame.

2 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 | - | 9 |  
 Y | - | - | - | - | - | 9 |

RETINAL GREEN FAMILY SURVEY.

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Serial No. 0 6 3 8

INTERVIEWER: I come from the Institute of Community Studies in Victoria Park Square. We are doing a survey of housing and family life in order to see what effect the reh using since the war, at Borden and elsewhere, has had on family contacts. We are visiting 1,000 people in Retinal Green and your (SUBJECT'S) name has come up. Can I come in and ask you a few questions - We are nothing to do with the Council or anything like that. Anything you tell us will be treated as confidential.

1. First of all can you tell me who lives in (your) household?

F. I. No.	Relationship to subject.	First Name	Sex M. F.	Age last birthday	Marital Status M S D Sep	Age at 1st marriage.	REHOUSED			How many children born alive by all marriages.	Same hse'hold as Subject	
							Yes	List	Not		Yes	No
1	SUBJECT	Sarah	1 (2)	67	X (3) 4 5 6 7	23	(8)	9	0			
2	Husband	Harry	(1)	66	(3) 4 5 6 7	23	(8)	9	0	9	(Y)	X
3	Daughter	Sarah	1 (2)	42	3 (4) 5 6 7	-	(9)	9	0	-	(Y)	X
4	Daughter	Ivy	1 (2)	36	3 (4) 5 6 7	-	(8)	9	0	-	(Y)	X
5			1 2		3 4 5 6 7		8	9	0		Y	X
6			1 2		3 4 5 6 7		8	9	0		Y	X
7			1 2		3 4 5 6 7		8	9	0		Y	X
8			1 2		3 4 5 6 7		8	9	0		Y	X
9			1 2		3 4 5 6 7		8	9	0		Y	X
10			1 2		3 4 5 6 7		8	9	0		Y	X
11			1 2		3 4 5 6 7		8	9	0		Y	X
12			1 2		3 4 5 6 7		8	9	0		Y	X

PROMPT Are there any boarders who eat with your family?

CHECK a). So there are 4 of you altogether?  
 b). Housewife is (GIVE NUMBER) 1  
 c). Informant is Subject..... (1) ✓  
 Subject's wife... 2  
 Subject's mother... 3  
 Other .....

2. Are there any other households living in this house/flat?  
 Yes ..... 4  
 No ..... (5) ✓

IF YES (4) a). How many?  
 b). Are any of the people in them/it related to you or your husband/wife?  
 Yes..... 6  
 No..... 7

IF YES (6) Who are they? RECORD IN TABLE UNDER Q.1

3. Do either you or your husband/wife hold the tenancy of this house/flat?  
 Yes, Subject..... 1  
 Yes, Spouse..... (2) ✓  
 No, neither..... 3

IF SUBJECT OR SPOUSE (1 or 2) Was the previous tenant anyone related to you?  
 Yes..... 8  
 No..... (9) ✓

IF YES (8) a). Who was it? (RELATIONSHIP TO SUBJECT)

b). Did you or your husband/wife take over the tenancy when they died?  
 Yes..... Y  
 No..... X

-4 -4 -4 -4 | 5 5 | 2 2 | 0 2 | 2 2 | Y Y | - /

IF SUBJECT SINGLE OMIT QUESTIONS 4, 5 and 6.

GO BACK AND CHECK UNDER 'RELATIONSHIP IN SUBJECT' (Q.1) WHICH MARRIAGE CHILDREN BELONG TO.

4. Have you (SUBJECT) been married more than once? Yes.....Y - When did your first marriage end? Year \_\_\_\_\_  
 No.....(X) - IF NOW WIDOWED OR DIVORCED When did your marriage end? Year \_\_\_\_\_
5. Have you any (other) children who don't live here? Yes.....(1) - How many? 4  
 No.....2 (EXCLUDE ADOPTED OR STEP CHILDREN)

F.M. No.	First Name	Which marriage	Sex M. F.	Age last birthday	Marital Status M S W D Sep.	Age at 1st marriage.	No. of children born alive.	Place of Residence			When last seen by subject					Rehousing							
								Bethnal Green Same street	Green 5 mins. walk	Other	Not in Bethnal Green (specify)	Within Day	Within Week	Over Month	Over Year	Yes	List Not D.K.						
20	Harry	1st	(1) M	43	(3) 4 5 1 6 8 7	14 <sup>E</sup> 29	0 - 2 3	1	2	4 <sup>3</sup>	Mile End	1	(2) 3	4	5	7	0	3	0	(Y)	-	2	4
EM3 21	Sarah	1st	1 F	42	3 4 5 6 7		-	1	2	3		1	2	3	4	5	0	9	0	Y			
22	Mary	1st	(2) F	41	(3) 4 5 1 6 7	17 24	7 2	1	2	(3)		1	(2) 3	4	5	8	0	9	(1) Y	8	-	4	
23	John	1st	(1) M	40	(3) 4 5 1 6 8 7	15 35	8 - NIL 2	(1) 2	3			(1) 2	3	4	5	0	(8) 9	0	Y	-	3	4	
FM4 24	Ivy	1st	1 F	36	3 4 5 6 7		-	1	2	3		1	2	3	4	5	0	9	0	Y			
25	Violet	1st	(2) F	38	(3) 4 5 1 6 7	9 19	X 3	1	2	(3)		1	(2) 3	4	5	X	0	9	(1) Y	X	-	4	
26			1 F		3 4 5 6 7			1	2	3		1	2	3	4	5	0	9	0	Y			
27			1 F		3 4 5 6 7			1	2	3		1	2	3	4	5	0	9	0	Y			
28			1 F		3 4 5 6 7			1	2	3		1	2	3	4	5	0	9	0	Y			
29			1 F		3 4 5 6 7			1	2	3		1	2	3	4	5	0	9	0	Y			

6. Did you (SUBJECT) have any children who died? Yes.....(1) - How many? 3 CHECK (TO ALL) No.....2  
 So you have had 9 children born alive altogether? OMIT MISCARRIAGES AND STILLBIRTHS.

F.M. No.	First Name (IF ANY)	Which marriage	Sex M. F.	Year of birth	Age at death	Marital Status M S W D Sep.	Age at 1st marriage.	No. of children born alive
30	Alfred	1st	(1) M	DK	5 mths	(3) 4 5 6 7		
31	Son 2	1st	1 M	1925 <sup>E</sup>		3 4 5 6 7		
32	D/W		1 M			3 4 5 6 7		
33			1 M			3 4 5 6 7		
34			1 M			3 4 5 6 7		

7. Can I ask about your parents? ONLY ASK FOR PARENTS NOT LIVING IN SAME HOUSE/FLAT.

			Age now or at death	IF DEAD Year of death	Present Place of Residence			Elsewhere (Specify)	Rehousing				Last seen by subject				Where last seen Subject's parents.			
	Alive	Dead			Bethnal Green Same Street	5 mins. walk	Other		Yes	List	Not D.K.	Yr.	Day	Week	Month	Year	+	Subject's home	Parent's home	Elsewhere
SUBJECT'S MOTHER	1	(2)	52	1920 <sup>E</sup>	1	2	3	0	0	9	0	Y	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
SUBJECT'S FATHER	1	(2)	60	1928/5	1	2	3	0	0	9	J	Y	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
SUBJECT'S SPOUSE'S MOTHER	1	(2)	70	1925	1	2	3	0	0	9	0	Y	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
SUBJECT'S SPOUSE'S FATHER	1	(2)	60/70	1925+	1	2	3	0	0	9	0	Y	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

+ Present or last spouse

CHECK FOR SUBJECT  
 Mother died before SUBJECT was 15 .....1  
 Father died before SUBJECT was 15 .....2  
 Both died before SUBJECT was 15.....3  
 Neither died before SUBJECT was 15.....(4) ✓

IF 1, 2 OR 3 Who did you (SUBJECT) live with then?

Mother.....0  
 Father.....9  
 Other.....

GIVE F.M. NO WHERE APPROPRIATE OTHERWISE RELATIONSHIP TO SUBJECT

INTRODUCTION We are trying to find out if there are more broken homes now than there used to be.

8. Did your (SUBJECT'S) parents get divorced or separate before you (SUBJECT) were 15? Yes, divorced.....5  
 Yes, separated.....6  
 No.....(7) ✓

IF YES (5 OR 6) a). How old were you (SUBJECT) when they parted? \_\_\_\_\_  
 b). Who did you (SUBJECT) live with? Mother.....0  
 Father.....9  
 Other.....

GIVE F.M. NO. WHERE APPROPRIATE OTHERWISE RELATIONSHIP TO SUBJECT.

OMIT IF SUBJECT SINGLE OR CHILDLESS

9. What about your own children? Did they all live continuously with both you and their father/mother until 15 (or until now if they are under 15) Yes.....(Y) ✓  
 No.....X

WE ARE ONLY INTERESTED IN BREAKS OF A YEAR OR MORE UNLESS DUE TO DEATH, DIVORCE OR SEPARATION.

a). No.	Child b). First Name	Reason				Others	Age of child at break	Who child lived with.				F.M. No OR RELATIONSHIP TO SUBJECT
		Mother died	Father died	Divorce	Sep.			Mother	Father	Other	F.M. No	
		1	2	3	6		0	9				
		1	2	5	6		0	9				
		1	2	5	6		0	9				
		1	2	5	6		0	9				
		1	2	5	6		0	9				

10. Now can you tell me about your (SUBJECT'S) brothers and sisters who are alive now?

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No.	First Name	Sex M. F.	Age Last birth day	Marital Status M S W D Sep.	Age at 1st marriage	Present Place of Residence			Parents Living with them Father Mother No	When did you last see them? Within					Rehousing			How many children born alive
						Same Street	Green walk	Other (specify)		Day	Week	Month	Year	Year +	Yes	List	No	
40		1 2		3 4 5 6 7		1 2 3		8 9 0	1 2 3 4 5									
41		1 2		3 4 5 6 7		1 2 3		8 9 0	1 2 3 4 5									
42		1 2		3 4 5 6 7		1 2 3		8 9 0	1 2 3 4 5									
43		1 2		3 4 5 6 7		1 2 3		8 9 0	1 2 3 4 5									
44		1 2		3 4 5 6 7		1 2 3		8 9 0	1 2 3 4 5									
45		1 2		3 4 5 6 7		1 2 3		8 9 0	1 2 3 4 5									
46		1 2		3 4 5 6 7		1 2 3		8 9 0	1 2 3 4 5									
47		1 2		3 4 5 6 7		1 2 3		8 9 0	1 2 3 4 5									
48		1 2		3 4 5 6 7		1 2 3		8 9 0	1 2 3 4 5									
49		1 2		3 4 5 6 7		1 2 3		8 9 0	1 2 3 4 5									

11. How many children did your (SUBJECT'S) mother have (BORN ALIVE) including any who may have died? OMIT STILLBIRTHS AND MISCARRIAGES

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IF SUBJECT IS A WOMAN RECORD DETAILS OF DEAD BROTHERS AND SISTERS BELOW.

F.H. No.	First Name	Sex M. F.	Age at death.	Year of death	Marital Status M S W D Sep.	Age at 1st marriage.	No. of children born alive.
50	Jack	1 2	70	1955	3 4 5 6 7	DK	1
51	Mary	1 2	45	1925	3 4 5 6 7	22	4
52		1 2			3 4 5 6 7		
53		1 2			3 4 5 6 7		
54		1 2			3 4 5 6 7		
55		1 2			3 4 5 6 7		
56		1 2			3 4 5 6 7		
57		1 2			3 4 5 6 7		
58		1 2			3 4 5 6 7		
59		1 2			3 4 5 6 7		

Subj did not know anything about the other six — 2 twins

12. Have you (SUBJECT) ever acted as a parent to any children under 12, other than your own - for 1 year or more  
 Yes.....1  
 No.....2

IF YES (1) Who was it?

- Step-child.....3
- Adopted child.....4
- Brother or sister's child.....5
- Daughter's child.....6
- Other relative's child.....7
- Other (specify)

13. We want to find out about the occasions on which families get together - for example - which of your (SUBJECT'S) relatives did you see last Xmas day?

LIST F.M. NOS. where appropriate

FM 2, 3, 4

20

22 with husband

23

25 with husband

CLASSIFICATION

14. Where were you born?	SUBJECT	SPOUSE
Same house/flat	1	1
Same street or block of flats	2	2
Bethnal Green other	3	<u>3</u> ✓
Elsewhere (specify):	<u>Stafford 6</u>	
<u>IF NOT BORN IN BETHNAL GREEN</u>		
When did you first come to live in Bethnal Green?	Year? <u>1893</u> <sup>0</sup>	<u>X</u>

15. WORKING	SUBJECT	SPOUSE
	Full time _____ 1	_____ <u>1</u> ✓
	Part time _____ 2	_____ 2
	Not working _____ <u>3</u> ✓	_____ 3
OCCUPATION	<u>Ret. Pens.</u> _____	<u>Coal Porter 6</u>
INDUSTRY		<u>Coal Y</u>
	Self-employed/ Employer _____ 4	_____ 4
	Employee _____ 5	_____ <u>5</u> ✓
16. RELIGION	Church of England _____ <u>6</u> ✓	_____ <u>6</u> ✓
	R.C. _____ 7	_____ 7
	Jewish _____ 8	_____ 8
	Non Conformist _____ 9	_____ 9
	None _____ Y	_____ Y
	Other (specify)	
17. AGE AT WHICH LEFT SCHOOL		
	Under 14 _____ 1	_____ 1
	14 _____ <u>2</u> ✓	_____ <u>2</u> ✓
	15 _____ 3	_____ 3
	16 or more _____ 4	_____ 4
18. TYPE OF DWELLING		
	<u>Flat</u> Council block _____ <u>1</u> ✓	
	Other block _____ 2	
	Basement _____ 3	
	<u>House</u> 2 Storey _____ 4	
	3 Storey _____ 5	
	Pre-fab _____ 6	
	Other (specify) _____ 7	
19. INTERVIEW SITUATION		
	Informant alone .....Y	
	Spouse present.....X	
	Other adult(s) present..... <u>0</u>	
	Child(ren) present.....1	
20. DATE OF INTERVIEW	<u>24/5/55</u>	DAY OF INTERVIEW <u>Tuesday</u>

Thank you. I hope I have not taken up too much of your time. What you told me - when put with the information from all the other people - will help understanding about the effect housing has on family life. It will be of great value in advising those whose job it is to build new houses and flats in communities all over the country. (HAND INFORMANT LETTER).

## CODEBOOK

The coding structure for the common subject information at the beginning of the record was inferred from the subject's codebook and reference to the example schedules. That for the remaining columns, except those still in question, was drawn up by comparing sub-totals with those in the "working papers". There remain just 6 columns for which the coding frame has not been discovered.

The first set of three of these, columns 13 to 15, has the "familiar" appearance of a "birth order" coding, with column 13 applicable to all children of the subject and columns 14 and 15 applicable only to female and male children respectively, from a comparison with the sub-totals in column 10 (sex of child). The second set of three columns, 18 to 20, again has a complete range of codes, with column 19 applicable to female children only and, column 20 to male children - could be "birth order" but why coded twice?-

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- 1 )
- 2 )
- 3 )
- 4 )

5 sex of subject      1      male  
                                 2      female

6 age group of subject

2	20-24
3	25-29
4	30-34
5	35-39
6	40-44
7	45-49
8	50-54
9	55-59
0	60-64
-	65-69
&	70+

7 marital status of subject

3	married	)	
4	single	)	
5	widowed	)	females
6	divorced	)	
7	separated	)	

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8	married	)	
9	single	)	
0	widowed	)	males
-	divorced	)	
&	separated	)	

1)  
2) add up to 730

8-9 FM number of child

10 sex of child      1      male  
                                 2      female



- 11 age group of child
- |   |            |
|---|------------|
| 1 | 16-19      |
| 2 | 20-24      |
| 3 | 25-29      |
| 4 | 30-34      |
| 5 | 35-39      |
| 6 | 40-44      |
| 7 | 45-49      |
| 8 | 50-54      |
| 9 | 55-59      |
| 0 | 60-64      |
| - | 65-69      |
| & | don't know |
- 12 marital status of childd - as for column 7  
with 1 = (3) + (8) + (5) + 3
- 13-15 unknown
- |    |                      |
|----|----------------------|
| 14 | female children only |
| 15 | male children only   |
- 16 child's place of residence
- |   |                      |
|---|----------------------|
| 1 | B.G. same street     |
| 2 | B.G. 5 minute's walk |
| 3 | B.G. other           |
| 4 | adjacent borough     |
| 5 | other London         |
| 6 | Other G.B.           |
| 7 | abroad               |
| 8 | same household       |
| 9 | same dwelling        |
| & | not known            |
- 17 when last seen by subject
- |   |                |
|---|----------------|
| 1 | within day     |
| 2 | within week    |
| 3 | within month   |
| 4 | within year    |
| 5 | over a year    |
| 6 | same household |
| 7 | same dwelling  |
| & | not known      |
- 18-20 unknown
- |    |                      |
|----|----------------------|
| 19 | female children only |
| 20 | male children only   |
- 21 number of children
- |   |      |
|---|------|
| 1 | = 1  |
| 2 | = 2  |
|   | etc. |
| 9 | = 9  |
| 0 | = 10 |
| - | = 11 |

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CARD/COL	VARIABLE	TITLE	CODES	MARGINALS
01/01-04		Serial number of subject		
01/05-06		Card number	01 Card one	731
01/07	1	Sex of subject	1 Male 2 Female	302 429
01/08-09	2	Age group of subject	5 35-39 6 40-44 7 45-49 8 50-54 9 55-59 10 60-64 11 65-69 12 70+	1 10 42 78 92 127 127 254
01/10	3	Marital status of subject	1 Married 3 Widowed 5 Separated	457 264 10
01/11-12	4	Family member number of child	20-30	
01/13	5	Sex of child	1 Male 2 Female	335 396
01/14-15	6	Age group of child	1 16-19 2 20-24 3 25-29 4 30-34 5 35-39 6 40-44 7 45-49 8 50-54 9 55-59 10 60-64 12 Not known	8 80 147 152 117 107 58 35 10 3 14
01/16	7	Marital status of child	1 Married 2 Single 3 Widowed 4 Divorced 5 Separated	710 3 9 2 7

CARD/COL	VARIABLE	TITLE	CODES	MARGINALS
01/17-18	8	Marriage order of child: all children	1 Only married child	104
			2 First married of two	68
			3 Last married of two	62
			4 First married of three	27
			5 Second married of three	25
			6 Last married of three	23
			7 First married of four or more	66
			8 Early married of four or more (eg second of four; second or third of six or seven)	91
			9 Middle married of five or more (odd numbers eg third of five; fifth of nine)	23
			10 Later married of four or more (eg fourth or fifth of six; sixth or seventh of eight)	88
			11 Last married of four or more	57
			12 Not known	97
01/19-20	9	Marriage order of child: female children	1 Only married child	104
			2 First married of two	61
			3 Last married of two	53
			4 First married of three	26
			5 Second married of three	22
			6 Last married of three	24
			7 First married of four or more	17
			8 Early married of four or more	16
			9 Middle married of five or more (odd numbers)	7
			10 Later married of four or more	19
			11 Last married of four or more	13
			12 Not known	34
			13 Not applicable	335

CARD/COL	VARIABLE	TITLE	CODES	MARGINALS
01/21-22	10	Marriage order of child: male children	1 Only married child 2 First married of two 3 Last married of two 4 First married of three 5 Second married of three 6 Last married of three 7 First married of four or more 8 Early married of four or more 9 Middle married for five or more (odd numbers) 10 Later married of four or more 11 Last married of four or more 12 Not known 13 Not applicable	106 42 42 15 14 13 10 16 3 9 10 55 396
01/23	11	Child's place of residence	1 Bethnal Green same street 2 Bethnal Green 5 minutes walk 3 Bethnal Green other 4 Adjacent borough 5 Other London 6 Other Great Britain 7 Abroad 8 Same household 9 Same dwelling 0 Not known	39 80 84 152 46 226 24 34 36 10
01/24	12	When child last seen by subject	1 Within day 2 Within week 3 Within month 4 Within year 5 Over a year 6 Same household 7 Same dwelling 8 Not known	185 222 117 76 56 34 36 5

CARD/COL	VARIABLE	TITLE	CODES	MARGINALS
01/25-26	13	Birth order of child: all children	1 Only	50
			2 Elder of two	57
			3 Younger of two	33
			4 Eldest of three	44
			5 Middle of three	37
			6 Youngest of three	21
			7 Eldest of four or more	107
			8 Older of four or more (eg second of four; second or third of six or seven)	156
			9 Middle of five or more (odd numbers eg third of five, fifth of nine)	37
			10 Younger of four or more (eg fourth or fifth of six; sixth or seventh of eight)	124
			11 Youngest of four or more	51
			12 Not known	14
01/27-28	14	Birth order of child: female children	1 Only	71
			2 Elder of two	57
			3 Younger of two	44
			4 Eldest of three	32
			5 Middle of three	25
			6 Youngest of three	18
			7 Eldest of four or more	41
			8 Older of four or more	40
			9 Middle of five or more	15

CARD/COL	VARIABLE	TITLE	CODÈS	MARGINALS
01/29-30	15	Birth order of child: male children	10 Younger of four or more	29
			11 Youngest of four or more	19
			12 Not known	5
			13 Not applicable	335
			1 Only	73
			2 Elder of two	52
			3 Younger of two	35
			4 Eldest of three	22
			5 Middle of three	23
			6 Youngest of three	15
			7 Eldest of four or more	28
			8 Older of four or more	31
			9 Middle of five or more	6
01/31-32	16	Number of children of subject living away from home	10 Younger of four or more	25
			11 Youngest of four or more	17
			12 Not known	8
			13 Not applicable	396
			1 One	104
			2 Two	134
			3 Three	84
			4 Four	128
			5 Five	120
			6 Six	54
			7 Seven	28
			8 Eight	40
			9 Nine	18
10 Ten	10			
11 Eleven	11			