

Potters worker

Most of the family were involved in the pottery industry. AI wording from Google::

A potter's assistant in the 1890s—often a child or young teenager known as a "mould runner"—was a factory laborer who fetched clay, turned wheels, and transported heavy plaster molds of wet clay to and from scorching stove-rooms.

This was an essential but grueling, low-status role vital to large-scale pottery production. During the height of the British industrial era, particularly in the Staffordshire Potteries, this work was characterized by several specific features: Mould Running: Assistants had to carry plaster molds filled with wet clay into intense stove-rooms (often 100°F to 130°F) to dry, returning them empty so the master potter could continue working without interruption. Child Labor: The role was largely filled by children as young as 7 to 14, as documented in Charles Shaw's 1890s memoirs W

They were typically hired directly by the adult potters themselves on a subcontract basis.

Dangerous Conditions: Aside from extreme heat, assistants worked in environments filled with fine, silica-rich dust that caused respiratory issues. They were also exposed to toxic materials like lead, which was heavily used in glaze.

Brick Fireman

A "brick fireman" isn't a specific vintage job title; it typically refers to a brickyard worker who tended the fires of the large brick kilns in the late 19th century

Tended the Brick Kilns: They manually stoked and regulated the fires in large brick kilns to ensure the bricks were baked at the correct, even temperature.

Operated Steam Engines: Brickworks in the late 19th century heavily utilized steam-powered machinery (e.g., steam-driven clay mixers and brick presses). A "fireman" was hired to tend the furnace of the steam engine

What we know from Uncle Mike

There is a reference of the family living at a colour mill – where the Canal meets the River Churnet. Consall Forge is the name of the village where the lime kilns were. It's by the Consall Railway Station and over the river from the Black Lion

1873 Mary Maguire

1873 - Mary Maguire was born 06 February 1873 at 50 High Street East, Fenton, Staffordshire, England. Her father was a pot pressor. The birth certificate is signed with an X marks the spot and the birth was registered on 09 March

453	Sixth February 1873 50 High Street	Mary	Girl	Michael Maguire	Hannah Maguire formerly Wilshaw	Pot Presser	Fenton + The mark of Hannah Maguire Mother 50 High Street Fenton	Ninth March 1873	W. L. Bickerton Registrar
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1881 Census

In the 1881 Census, the family continues to live at 50 High Street and can be seen on the 1881 Census and 1873 Mary Maguire can be seen at school

Mary Maguire in 1881

 1881 England, Wales & Scotland Census

 50, High St East, Stoke upon Trent, Staffordshire, England

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Household members (5 people) [Copy to clipboard](#)

First name(s)	Last name	Relationship	Marital status	Sex	Age	Birth year	Occupation	Birth place
Michael	Maguire	Head	Married	Male	37	1844	Potters presser	Ireland
Hannah	Maguire	Wife	Married	Female	32	1849	Potters transferer	Fenton, Staffordshire, England
Mary	Maguire	Daughter	Single	Female	8	1873	Scholar	Fenton, Staffordshire, England
Martha	Maguire	Daughter	Single	Female	4	1877	Scholar	Fenton, Staffordshire, England
Hannah	Maguire	Daughter	Single	Female	1	1880	-	Fenton, Staffordshire, England

1891

In 1891, Mary can be seen at 6, Wellington Street, Stoke upon Trent ([FMP](#)) ([Ancestry](#)) ([FMP 2nd family](#)) The family name is spelt incorrectly (Seen as Muguire). It is unclear if the house has a second family living at it. Find My past has the ability to search for “who lived at a house” and a second family can be seen at the address called Ball. and as Muguire.

Mary Muguire in 1891								
1891 England, Wales & Scotland Census								
6, Wellington Street, Stoke upon Trent, Staffordshire, England								
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First name(s)	Last name	Relationship	Marital status	Sex	Age	Birth year	Occupation	Birth place
Michael	Muguire	Head	Married	Male	45	1846	Potters assistant	Ireland
Hannah	Muguire	Wife	Married	Female	43	1848	Printers transferer porters	Fenton, Staffordshire, England
Mary	Muguire	Daughter	Single	Female	18	1873	Potters assistant	Fenton, Staffordshire, England
Martha	Muguire	Daughter	-	Female	14	1877	Potters assistant	Fenton, Staffordshire, England
Hannah	Muguire	Daughter	-	Female	12	1879	Scholar	Fenton, Staffordshire, England
Michael	Muguire	Son	-	Male	10	1881	Scholar	Fenton, Staffordshire, England
Margaret	Muguire	Daughter	-	Female	7	1884	Scholar	Fenton, Staffordshire, England
Sarah	Muguire	Daughter	-	Female	5	1886	Scholar	Fenton, Staffordshire, England
Winifred	Muguire	Daughter	-	Female	2	1889	-	Fenton, Staffordshire, England

1895

On 09 June 1895, born 1844 Michael Maguire dies from chronic bronchitis. He lives at 6 Wellington Street, Stoke on Trent. His profession is a potteries jigger (A **1900 potteries jigger** refers to an antique, mechanical forming machine that revolutionized industrial ceramics at the turn of the 20th century. It allowed potters to rapidly and uniformly produce identical plates, bowls, and hollowware using plaster molds and shaped templates, shifting the industry away from manual throwing)

The death is reported by Joseph Hudson, who is seen as the son in law

Hannah Wilshaw re-marries James Clarke

1901 Census

I have added this as a separate investigation as it is a little unclear finding the families whereabouts after the death of 1844 Michael Maguire.

Here is why:

I can see by 1901, the family have moved out of 6 Wellington Street ([FMP](#)). The house is now occupied by 1860 James Thorley (a Plumber) and his wife and son (A painter). In 1901 the family status is as follows:

- 1949 Hannah Wilshaw remarries James Clarke in 1899. They live in the same home that James lived with his previous wife, who died in 1898. The address is 62, Raglan Street, Stoke upon Trent (2.3 miles from Wellington Street) ([Ancestry](#)) There are several references to this address that link James children from his first wife, mainly around marriages and the children's home address at the time the children married.
- 1869 Hugh Maguire. I am still researching Hugh and at this stage, I believe he joins sea services (Merchant or Navy), which is why he cannot be found in the 1901 Census
- 1871 John Maguire died in 1872, so this closes John's story. He died from "convulsions", involuntary, jerky muscle spasms, twitches, or rigid posturing (myoclonus)) aged 8 months. In 1872, his father Michael continues to be seen as a Potters Presser. Home address is 3 North Crofts Street.
- 1873 Mary Maguire married on 06 Aug 1893 and is living with her husband 1871 Joseph Hudson & children at 31 Wellington Street, Stoke on Trent (A few doors away from where the family lived in the 1891 Census) ([FMP](#)) ([Ancestry](#))
- 1877 Martha Maguire is seen as Martha Clarke, living with her mother and stepfather at 62, Raglan Street, Stoke upon Trent ([Ancestry](#))
- 1879 Hannah Maguire is seen as Hannah Clarke, living with her mother and stepfather at 62, Raglan Street, Stoke upon Trent ([Ancestry](#))
- 1881 Michael Maguire. By 1901, we know Michael Maguire had joined the army. By Apr 1904, he was serving in South Africa as John Michael Carleton.

- 1883 Margaret Maguire is a servant at Arnside, Woodstock Road, Kings Norton, Worcestershire, England ([FMP](#)) ([Ancestry](#))
- 1886 Sarah Maguire is seen as Sarah Clarke, living with her moth and stepfather at 62, Raglan Street, Stoke upon Trent ([Ancestry](#))
- 1888 Winifred Maguire is seen as Winner Clarke, living with her mother and stepfather 62, Raglan Street, Stoke upon Trent ([Ancestry](#))
- Also, at 62 Raglan Street is abt 1847 James Clarkes child 1883 Myra Ann Clarke (Who becomes a servant, a cook and I think she dies in Tunbridge Wells ([Possible Probate](#)))

Back to 1873 Mary Maguire – Now Mary Hudson. In the 1901 Census ([FMP](#)) ([Ancestry](#)), Mary is seen as Mary Hudson with Joseph, and they have two sons and one daughter. They live at 31, Wellington Street, Fenton, Stoke On Trent (A few doors down from where her father and mother lived in 1891!

Mary Hudson in 1901

1901 England, Wales & Scotland Census

31, Wellington Street, Fenton, Stoke upon Trent, Staffordshire, England

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Household members (5 people) [Copy to clipboard](#)

First name(s)	Last name	Relationship	Marital status	Sex	Age	Birth year	Occupation	Birth place
Joseph	Hudson	Head	Married	Male	30	1871	Stationary engine driver	Stoke, Staffordshire, England
Mary	Hudson	Wife	Married	Female	28	1873	-	Fenton, Staffordshire, England
William	Hudson	Son	-	Male	7	1894	-	Cannock, Staffordshire, England
Lilian	Hudson	Daughter	-	Female	5	1896	-	Fenton, Staffordshire, England
George	Hudson	Son	-	Male	2	1899	-	Fenton, Staffordshire, England

1903

1903 – In 1903 born 1873, Hannah Maguire married 1877 Albert Hudson. Hannah

1911 - Consall Forge Stoke-On-Trent, Ipstones, Staffordshire

There are several households living at Consall Forge, Ipstones ([FMP Houses report](#) link)

Also seen at this location is 1879 Hanna Maguires sister 1873 Mary Maguire (Seen as May Hudson) and her husband 1871 Joseph Hudson

([FMP](#)) ([Ancestry](#))

1873 Mary and 1871 Joseph list the home address as “High Lee Cottage, Consall Forge, Ipstones, Stoke On Trent, Staffs. While her sister Hannah and Albert show their address as Consall Forge

I thought these links an interesting find and it is possible the Hudson’s lived at this location and perhaps in one of these buildings.

https://www.rightmove.co.uk/properties/90460050#/?channel=RES_BUY

https://www.rightmove.co.uk/properties/90459993#/?channel=RES_BUY

<https://www.onthemarket.com/for-sale/cottage/hazlescros/>

https://www.rightmove.co.uk/properties/90460050#/media?activePlan=1&id=video0&ref=photoCollage&channel=RES_BUY

Old Maps Location:

Old Maps online can sometimes be invaluable when researching some historic building. In 1879, we can see Crowgutter Mill (Flint) being in use here:

https://www.oldmapsonline.org/en/Gmina_%C5%BBuromin?gid=57b1c120-2d32-4b5f-b177-5d8e6db4cdd8#position=17.2227/53.037584/-2.000866&year=1879

By 1898, we can see a reference to it being “disused” We can also see an “old railway signal box”

https://www.oldmapsonline.org/en/Gmina_%C5%BBuromin?gid=57b1c120-2d32-4b5f-b177-5d8e6db4cdd8#position=17.2227/53.037584/-2.000866&year=1879

Up the railway line a little you will also see the Black Lion Public house

Using this map, you will see the post code where the houses / cottages above are located (**ST9 0AJ**) and you can zoom in and out. You may note the railway line and a road going through it. Right next to this are two mills. One is Mill 4341. The next is Flint Mill

<https://maps.nls.uk/geo/explore/side-by-side/swipe/#zoom=17.7&lat=53.03324&lon=-1.99602&layers=1&right=ESRIWorld>

If they worked at Flint Mill, here is some information that is worth reading. I would imagine if they lived in the cottages above, they worked at Flint Mill based on their profession and the information provided in site below.

<https://www.search.staffspasttrack.org.uk/details.aspx?ResourceID=13369&ExhibitionID=13372>

Here are the cottages on Google Earth, that have a number of viewing options of the surrounding area, when clicking on the tiny blue circles. I must say I was fascinated with the place myself.

https://earth.google.com/web/search/Railway+Cottages,+Wetley+Rocks,+Stoke-on-Trent+ST9+0AJ/@53.03305257,-1.9934875,158.90445502a,639.06639798d,35y,0h,0t,0r/data=CqUBGncScQoIMHg0ODdhM2Y4YjZiN2JmZTliOjB4YTk4NDM3N2I3ZDE2NjFhZl0FgfhG4VKQCFRa_UwDwQAwCo2UmFpbHdheSBD3R0YWdlcywgV2V0bGV5IFJvY2tzLCBTdG9rZS1vbi1UcmVudCBTVdkgMEFKGAEGASImCiQJKahAv0WJSkAR8FhUENKISkAZwJ27mV5PAMAhR-5_VbJgAMBCAggBOgMKATBCAggASg0l_____ARAA?hl=en-GB

Hannah Hudson in 1911



1911 Census For England & Wales



Consall Forge Stoke-On-Trent, Ipstones, Staffordshire, England

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Household members (4 people)

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First name(s)	Last name	Relationship to head	Marital status	Sex	Age	Birth year	Occupation	Birth place
Albert	Hudson	Head	Married	Male	33	1878	Foreman of marl works	Stoke on Trent Staffs
Hannah	Hudson	Wife	Married	Female	32	1879	-	Stoke on Trent Staffs
Winifred	Hudson	Daughter	-	Female	6	1905	-	Stoke on Trent Staffs
William	Hudson	Son	-	Male	3	1908	-	Stoke on Trent Staffs

Joseph Hudson in 1911



1911 Census For England & Wales



Consall Forge Ipstones Stoke on Trent, Ipstones, Staffordshire, England

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Household members (9 people)

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First name(s)	Last name	Relationship to head	Marital status	Sex	Age	Birth year	Occupation	Birth place
Joseph	Hudson	Head	Married	Male	39	1872	Ironstone miner	Staff Stoke
May	Hudson	Wife	Married	Female	37	1874	-	Staff Fenton
William	Hudson	Son	Single	Male	16	1895	Ironstone mine loader	Staff Cannock
Lillian	Hudson	Daughter	-	Female	14	1897	-	Staff Fenton
George	Hudson	Son	-	Male	12	1899	School	Staff Fenton
Hannah	Hudson	Daughter	-	Female	9	1902	-	Staff Fenton
Margaret	Hudson	Daughter	-	Female	7	1904	-	Staff Fenton
Michael	Hudson	Son	-	Male	4	1907	-	Staff Fenton
William	Mollat	Boarder	-	Male	26	1885	Clay worker	Staff Hanly

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1921 Census

By 1921, 1873 Mary and 1871 Joseph move to 22 Weston Road, Stoke on Trent, that appears to now be a car park ([Ancestry](#)) ([FMP](#))

Mary Hudson in 1921

1921 Census Of England & Wales

22, Weston Road, Meir, Caverswall, Staffordshire, England

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First name(s)	Last name	Relationship to head	Sex	Birth year	Age in years	Birth place	Occupation	Employer
Joseph	Hudson	Head	Male	1871	50	Stoke on Trent, Staffordshire, England	Coal Miner (Hewer)	Slovance Colliery Co
Mary	Hudson	Wife	Female	1872	48	Fenton, Staffordshire, England	Home Duties	-
William	Hudson	Son	Male	1897	24	Hednesford, Staffordshire, England	Coal Miner (Hewer)	New Haden Collieries
George	Hudson	Son	Male	1899	22	Fenton, Staffordshire, England	Hawloye Hand (Under Ground)	Floranes Colliery Co
Hannah	Hudson	Daughter	Female	1901	19	Fenton, Staffordshire, England	Earthen Ware (Decorator)	Shaw & Capestake, Manufacturers
Richard	Hudson	Son	Male	1906	14	Fenton, Staffordshire, England	Window Cleaner	Stone & Fenton Window Cleanas
John	Hudson	Son	Male	1913	7	Ipstones, Staffordshire, England	-	-
Margaret	Hudson	Daughter	Female	1915	5	Staffordshire, England	-	-

1938

1873 Mary dies on 19 Jul 1938. She is seen living at 578 Newcastle Road aged 65. Mary dies from toxemia, diabetic gangrene, diabetically mellitus and senility. We can see her husband 1871 Joseph Hudson worked at a brickworks and was a fireman

- 1 Toxemia - Toxemia is an outdated medical term for a life-threatening pregnancy complication now called preeclampsia. It is characterized by the sudden onset of high blood pressure and signs of damage to organ systems, such as the liver or kidneys, usually developing after the 20th week of pregnancy
- 2 Diabetic Gangrene - Diabetic gangrene is the death of tissue (necrosis) caused by poor circulation, nerve damage (neuropathy), and infection. It most commonly affects the feet and toes. High blood sugar damages blood vessels and nerves, making it difficult for injuries to heal or be felt
- 3 Diabetic Mellitus - Diabetes mellitus is a metabolic disease characterized by high blood sugar. It occurs when your pancreas cannot produce enough insulin
- 4 Senility. An outdated, non-medical term historically used to describe age-related cognitive decline

Her daughter 1915 Margaret Mary Hudson is single at this stage and living at 16 Cornelious Street, Stoke on Trent and reports the death

In 1939, we can see 1915 Margaret Mary Hudson living with her father at 16 Cornelious Street, Stoke on Trent

U.D				Assistant	G.D. Hehan	H.B	Stoke-on-Trent	1938	Registrar
255	Nineteenth July 1938 578 Newcastle Road u.D.	Mary Hudson	Female	65 years	16 Cornelious Street Meir Stoke on Trent u.D. Widow of Joseph Hudson Brickworks Fireman	I st Toxaemia & Diabetic Gangrene & Diabetic Mellitus II Senility certified by G. G. Greer M.D.	M. M. Hudson Daughter 16 Cornelious Street Meir Stoke on Trent	Twentieth July 1938	L. Heywood Deputy Registrar

Other observations:

578 Newcastle Road seems to have been replaced by Springfield private hospital. a 1915 Margaret Mary Hudson (Her single daughter at the time of her mother's death) lived around 6.5 miles away from where her mother and it would appear after her mother's death, she moved her father in with her (Seen in the 1939 Census - 16 Cornelious Street, Stoke-On-Trent, Stoke-On-Trent). I cannot find this address on Google Maps. Odd numbered houses exist. It seems even number houses were demolished and replaced by a large CoOp shop.

Margaret M Ford (Hudson) in 1939



1939 Register



16 Cornelious Street, Stoke-On-Trent, Stoke-On-Trent C.B., Staffordshire, England

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Household members (2 people)

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First name(s)	Last name(s)	Birth date	Sex	Occupation	Marital status	Schedule	Schedule sub number
Albert	Hudson	25 Dec 1898	Male	Rubber Mixer Heavy Worker	Single	57	1
Margaret M	Ford (Hudson)	20 Jul 1915	Female	Pottery Papering Warehouse	Single	57	2



Transcript of Margaret M's record

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First name(s)	Margaret M	County	Staffordshire
Last name(s)	Ford (Hudson)	Country	England
Birth date	20 Jul 1915	E. D. letter code	ONNT
Birth day	20	Schedule	57
Birth month	7	Schedule sub number	2
Birth year	1915	Archive reference	RG101/5311H/006/10
Sex	Female	Piece number	5311H
Marital status	Single	Item number	6
Occupation	Pottery Papering Warehouse	Line number	10
Address	16 Cornelious Street, Stoke-On-Trent	Record set	1939 Register
Place	Stoke-on-Trent C.B.	Category	Census, land & surveys
Borough / district	Stoke-On-Trent C.B.	Subcategory	Census
County	Staffordshire	Collections from	Great Britain, England, Wales

This record is officially closed.

16	-	-	57	1	Hudson Albert	M	25 Dec	98	S	Rubber Mixer H.W.
-	4.3.44	-	-	2	Hudson ^{FORD} Margaret	F	20 July	15	S	Pottery Papering Worker
18	-	-	58	1	Plant Elizabeth	F	8 March	72	W	Unpaid Domestic Duty
-	2010	-	-	2	Plant ^{BALL} Mary	F	1 March	57	S	Pottery Decoration
20	-	-	59	1	Averill Lillian	M	21 March	74	S	Colliery Dutter H.W.
22	-	-	60	1	Hudson Hannah	F	1 May	79	W	Household Duties Domestic
24	1.12.14	14.1.49	-	2	Hudson ^{BRIDGMAN} William M	F	15 July	22	S	Sailor
-	-	-	-	3	Dale Richard D	M	29 Nov	28	S	at School
24	-	-	61	1	Rowe Frank	M	22 Oct	73	M	Ironmongers Warehouse
-	-	-	-	2	Rowe Edith	F	25 Apr	14	M	Unpaid Domestic Duty

- [FMP Link](#)

The Maguire and Hudsons link:

1881 ([FMP](#)) ([Ancestry](#)) – The Hudsons lived at 38 Shelton Road. The Maguires ([FMP](#)) ([Ancestry](#)) lived at 50 High Street, Stoke On Trent. The distance is under 2 miles.

The male Hudsons were brick & tile firemen. 1862 Hannah was a dress maker in 1881. The Maguires worked in the Potters trade. Brick / tile firemen and potters trade were linked together ([Interesting website Here](#))

1891 ([FMP](#)) ([Ancestry](#)) – The Hudsons lived at 1 Prospect Row, Stoke On Trent. The Maguires (Spelt Muguire in the Census) ([FMP](#)) ([Ancestry](#)) lived at 6 Wellington Street, Stoke on Trent. The distance is 2 miles. The male Hudsons were all brickmakers (1862 Hannah was married, living with her husband and her husbands widowed father - and still a dress maker ([FMP](#)) - Another daughter (1875 Clara Hudson) can be seen as a General Servant ([FMP](#))

Father professions may have played a key part in how the Maguires and Hudson families got together. I have still yet to find the link prior to the first marriage.

1872 Mary Maguire & 1872 Joseph Hudson married in 1893 ([Ancestry](#))

1879 Hannah Maguire & 1877 Albert Hudson married in 1903 ([Ancestry](#))