

LEVENS SCHOOL - "catchment area" in 1908.

This is based on information taken from the Levens Boys School admissions register for a 5 year period 1890 to 1895 (inclusive). No registers survive for the period 1896 to 1921, nor is there any "residence" information in the Girls and Infants registers for the earlier period.

Before the age of the motor car and rural bus services, children walked to school.

Some children might have had lifts in horse-drawn farm or carriers' carts, but as these would have been little quicker than walking, the actual effect on the catchment area would not have been very significant.

By the 1890s the network of village elementary schools was more or less fully developed, so there would be a school within what was then regarded as a reasonable walking distance for all. Then, as now, some schools would be better than others, so parents would not always send children to the nearest school.

It is reasonable to suppose that any difference between the situation in 1890-1895 and that in 1908 would have been almost entirely due to the lottery of childbirth i.e. which hamlets contained children of school age.

Although the details of the situation in 1908 might have been different the overall picture would probably not have changed much from 1890-1895.

In the period 1890 to 1895, some 112 children were admitted to Levens Boys School.

Of this total 66 (c59%) lived outside the area we now regard as the main part of the village, defined roughly as Causeway End, Cotes, Cinderbarrow, The Crossings, Brigsteer Road, Main Street, Church Road and Lowgate.

The 59% was comprised roughly as follows:-

1. 11 children from Hincaster - c10%
 2. 11 from the Birks, Bridge Row (demolished long ago) and Bridge End area - c10%
 3. 10 from the Sizergh, Sizergh Fell Side, Sizergh Cottages area - c9%
 4. 9 from the Park Head and Force Cottages area - c8%
 5. 7 from Leasgill and Heversham - c6%
 6. 5 from the Foulshaw and Stakes Moss areas - c4%
 7. 4 from Low Levens - c4%
 8. 3 from Levens Hall & Levens Park - c3%
 9. 3 from Brigsteer - c3%
 10. 2 from Whitbarrow - c2%
 11. 1 from Sampool - c1%
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