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Editors’ note

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Cheap microfilm for sale

Dear Sir

LPS readers may be interested to learn that the Public Record Office is selling off cheap reels of 35mm microfilm of the 1851 and 1861 censuses. These films have been in daily use in the Census Rooms at Chancery Lane. Some however may be in poor condition. For this reason they are being sold at a fraction of what such a film would cost new.

For the 1851 films pieces HO 107/1468-2050 are available for the counties of Bedfordshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire, Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Essex, Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Hertfordshire, Huntingdonshire, Kent, London (part only), Middlesex, Norfolk, Northamptonshire, Oxfordshire, Shropshire, Somerset, Suffolk, Staffordshire, Surrey, Sussex, Warwickshire (part only), Worcestershire.

For 1861 the following films are available: RG 9/3188-3913 for the counties of Cumberland (part only), Durham, Northumberland, Yorkshire East Riding, Yorkshire North Riding, Yorkshire West Riding (part only).

The price for the 1851 films is £14.00 per piece number which includes on average two reels. The 1861 films are £8.00 per reel which normally includes two or more piece numbers.

Prices are inclusive of postage and packing. These films are available on a first come first served basis. Reels of the 1851 census can not be broken down and sold separately.
Orders should be sent to Angela Munley, PRO Enterprises, Public Record Office, Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1LR. It would help us considerably if purchasers make requests using PRO references rather than asking for specific areas or districts. For further information telephone either Simon Fowler (081-876-3444 ext 2230) or Angela Munley (081-876-3444 ext 2213) at the PRO.

Yours faithfully
Angela Munley

Public Record Office, Kew.

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