



# Great Fire of London

---

## Pudding Lane hearth tax, August 1666

This is a tax record for August 1666.

These people lived in Pudding Lane in London. The numbers show the amount of hearths (fireplaces) in each person's house.

People who owned a house had to pay a hearth tax to the king. They paid 1 shilling (5p) for each hearth. This tax was collected twice a year. Some people might stop up their fireplaces for part of the year so they didn't have to pay the tax twice.

### Transcript

Mary Whittacre widow	2
George Porter plasterer	3
Widdow Gander	1
Benjamin Burstow	1
Thomas Knight glasier [glass maker].....	4
Alice Spencer	4
Empty	3
John Bibie turner [person who works with a turning lathe, a tool for shaping and cutting wood, important in making barrels]	3
Thomas Farrinor baker	5
1 oven	1
William Ludford plasterer	3
1 stop up	1
Jones .....	2
Susanna Noest .....	3
Empty	3
Lambe yard	
William Burgis hook & eye maker	3
Joshua Sands plateworker	2
Empty	3
Nicolas Carter hooke & eye maker	5
Widdow Grimes	1



# Great Fire of London

---

John Wardely clothworker	4
William Walter smyth [blacksmith who worked with metal and made horseshoes]	3
John Wells porter	2
John Hasleby porter	2
Widdow Pawley	2
William Greene turner	2
	68