

STREETS WITH A HIGH PROPORTION OF ADDRESSES WITH NO STATED OCCUPATION

Wrightson's Directory purported to provide a listing of 'the merchants, tradesmen and respectable inhabitants' of the town. About 12% of the addresses show no occupation against them. It is clear that some of these represent the residential addresses of tradespeople who are also listed at business addresses elsewhere in the town, and since the main purpose of such a directory was to promote business, it is reasonable to suppose that in most, if not all, cases where no occupation is shown, that is because none was carried on at that address.

The following list contains all the streets where 50% or more of the addresses had no occupation listed against them. These streets, which are concentrated to the west of the town around Five Ways, to the north-west around Summer Hill and the western side of the modern Jewellery Quarter, and to the north in Hockley and Handsworth, are likely to have been the desirable addresses of the time.

Street name	No. of addresses listed	Percentage showing no occupation
Rose Hill Handsworth	3	100
St James's St	7	100
St Martin's Pl	3	100
Summer Hill Terrace	6	100
Calthorpe St	13	92
Camden Hill	10	90
Summer Hill	14	86
Hockley Hill	6	83
Prince's Row	5	80
Hagley Row	33	79
Edgbaston	17	76
Soho Hill	17	76
Hampstead Row	21	76
Bath Row	18	72
Hockley	14	71
Warstone Lane	16	69
Handsworth	9	67
Ashted Row	51	67
Bristol St	50	64
Islington	54	56
Crescent	24	54
Regent Place	4	50