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The Urban District Council of Swaffham.

Fourteenth Annual report of the Medical  
officer of Health.

Area in Acres. 7144. Census Population 5371.

Density of population 1 Person to 2 Acres.

Gentlemen.

In making my fourteenth Annual  
report to your Council in compliance with  
the 18<sup>th</sup> Article Section 14, of an order  
issued by the Local Government in 1880.  
According to my usual custom I will first  
submit the records of Births and Deaths  
which have occurred in the town, Workhouse  
and Cottage Hospital.

During the year 1903. The Births registered  
in the whole town, including one in the  
Workhouse numbered 59, a decrease of  
12 born during the last year, giving a  
Birth rate of 17.5 per thousand of the  
population of the whole town of these 28  
were Boys and 31 Girls.

The Deaths numbered 53 for the whole town  
including 16 in the Workhouse and 2 in  
the Cottage Hospital, this calculated on the  
whole population of the town will give a death  
rate of 16.03 per thousand,  
with reference to sex 26 were Males  
and 29 Females.

The Deaths of children under 1 year of age numbered 6, giving a death rate of .107 per thousand calculated on the number born during the year, ~~There~~ being of premature Births ~~two~~ the other from Whooping Cough, one Bronchitis and one Acute Gastritis.

The following table classifies the ages at which Deaths occurred in the whole town.

Deaths under 1 year. . . . .	6.
" 1 year and under 5 years . . . .	4.
" 5 years " " 15 years . . . .	
" 15 " " " 25 " . . . .	2
" 25 " and <del>upwards</del> 65: . . . .	12
" 65 and upwards.	31.
	Total. 55.

The Grouping into various ages is in conformity with the ages as fixed by the Local Government Board and accompanies this report.

### Notification Act.

During the year only 2 Cases of an Infectious Disease, have been reported to me viz one Case of Scarlet-Fever which occurred in Lynn Road in the month of January the other Case also Scarlet-Fever which was in Lynn Street in April, these Cases were at once visited by myself, and your Inspector given the necessary instructions, which were carried on with good result.

No Death was registered from the Seven  
Typhoid Diseases.

Whooping Cough was the Cause of Deaths  
of 5. Persons.

Diarrhoea 1.

Phthisis. 6.

Cancer. 2.

The Factory and Workshops Act:

I have visited the premises that come under  
this act, and have at all times found  
nothing wrong.

The town generally has been free from  
disease, and compares favourably with  
other towns of the same size.

I have visited most of the business houses that  
come within the Act. The bake houses and  
premises are all in a fairly good state.

The Water Supply has been good in Quantity  
and Quality.

A. V. Thomas.

March. 1902.

Swaffham.

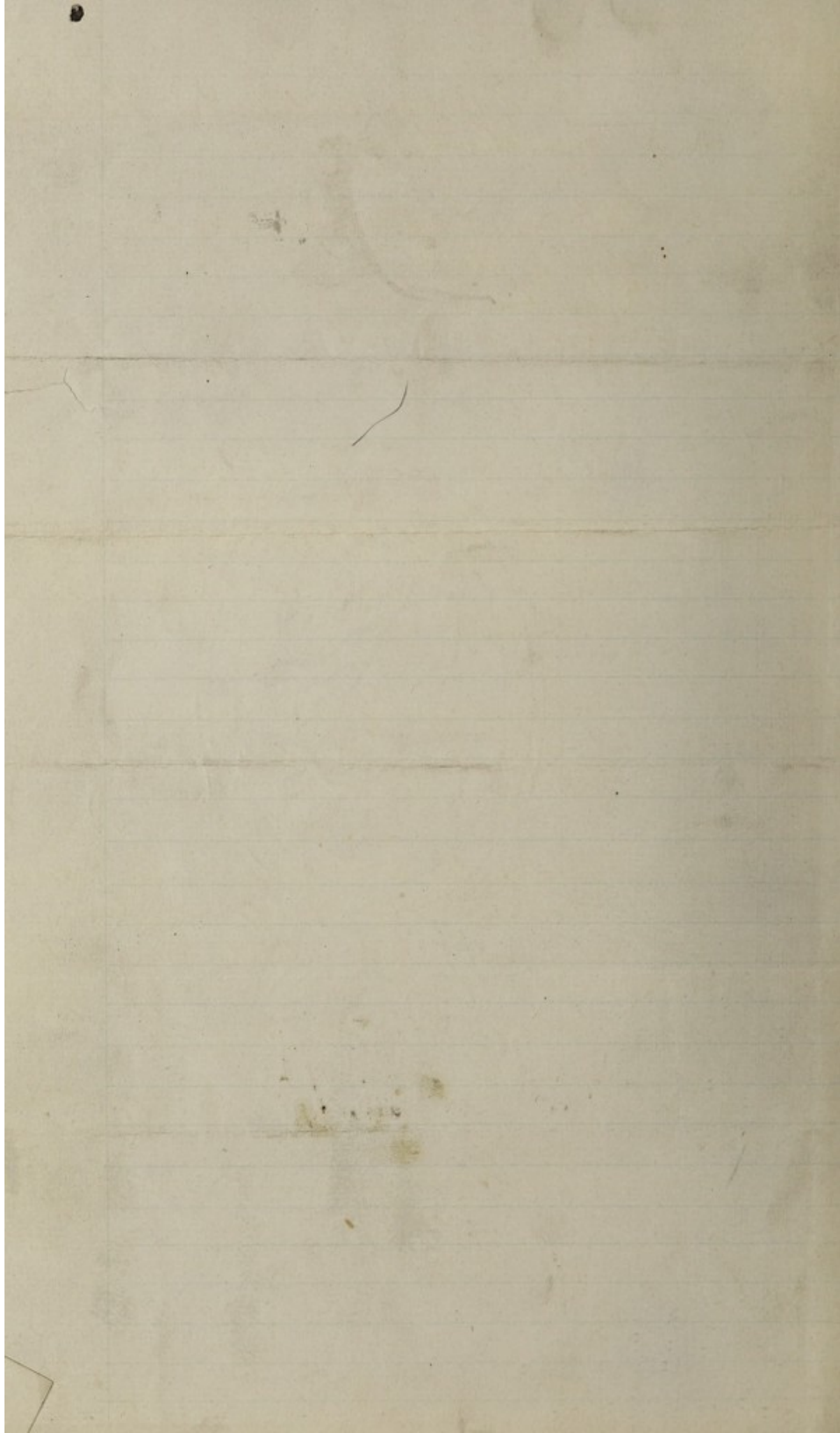


TABLE I.

Vital Statistics of Whole District during 1903 and previous Years.

Name of District *Swaffham Urban District Council.*

YEAR.	Population estimated to Middle of each Year.	BIRTHS.		TOTAL DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE DISTRICT.				TOTAL DEATHS IN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS IN THE DISTRICT.	Deaths of Non-residents registered in Public Institutions in the District.	Deaths of Residents registered in Public Institutions beyond the District.	NETT DEATHS AT ALL AGES BELONGING TO THE DISTRICT.			
		Number.	Rate.*	Under 1 Year of Age.		At all Ages.					Number.	Rate.*	Number.	Rate.*
				Number.	Rate per 1,000 Births registered.	Number.	Rate.*							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13		
1893.	3656													
1894.	3636													
1895.														
1896.														
1897.														
1898.														
1899.														
1900.														
1901.														
1902.														
Averages for years 1893-1902.														
1903.	3371	59	17.5	159	55	16.3	12.	10.	—	45	13.0			

\* Rates in Columns 4, 8, and 13 calculated per 1,000 of estimated population.

NOTE.—The deaths to be included in Column 7 of this table are the whole of those registered during the year as having actually occurred within the district or division. The deaths to be included in Column 12 are the number in Column 7, corrected by the subtraction of the number in Column 10 and the addition of the number in Column 11.

By the term "Non-residents" is meant persons brought into the district on account of sickness or infirmity, and dying in public institutions there; and by the term "Residents" is meant persons who have been taken out of the district on account of sickness or infirmity, and have died in public institutions elsewhere.

The "Public institutions" to be taken into account for the purposes of these Tables are those into which persons are habitually received on account of sickness or infirmity, such as hospitals, workhouses and lunatic asylums. A list of the Institutions in respect of the deaths in which corrections have been made should be given on the back of this Table.

Total population at all ages 3371

Number of inhabited houses \_\_\_\_\_

Average number of persons per house \_\_\_\_\_

} At Census of 1901.

Area of District in acres (exclusive of area covered by water) } 7144

TABLE I

Vital Statistics of White District of New York and Previous Years

I. Institutions within the District receiving sick and infirm persons from outside the District.	II. Institutions outside the District receiving sick and infirm persons from the District.	III. Other Institutions, the deaths in which have been distributed among the several localities in the District.
		<p style="text-align: right;">1898</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1899</p>
<p>Is the Union Workhouse within the District? <u>Yes.</u></p>		



TABLE II.

Vital Statistics of separate Localities in 1903 and previous years.  
 Name of District *Sheffham Urban District Council*

Year	1. <i>Sheffham Urban District Council</i>				2. _____				3. _____				4. _____				5. _____				6. _____				7. _____							
	a.	b.	c.	d.	a.	b.	c.	d.	a.	b.	c.	d.	a.	b.	c.	d.	a.	b.	c.	d.	a.	b.	c.	d.	a.	b.	c.	d.				
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1901																																
1902																																
Averages of Years 1893 to 1902																																
1903	3391	59	55	6																												

NOTES.—(a) The separate localities adopted for this table should be areas of which the populations are obtainable from the census returns, such as wards, parishes or groups of parishes, or registration sub-districts. Block 1 may, if desired, be used for the whole district; and blocks 2, 3, &c., for the several localities. In small districts without recognised divisions of known population this Table need not be filled up.

(b) Deaths of residents occurring in public institutions beyond the district are to be included in sub-columns e of this table, and those of non-residents registered in public institutions in the district excluded. (See note on Table I. as to meaning of terms "resident" and "non-resident.")

(c) Deaths of residents occurring in public institutions, whether within or without the district, are to be allotted to the respective localities according to the addresses of the deceased.

(d) Care should be taken that the gross totals of the several columns in this Table respectively equal the corresponding totals for the whole districts in Tables I. and IV.; thus, the totals of sub-columns a, b, and c should agree with the figures for the year in the columns 2, 3, and 12, respectively, of Table I.; the gross total of the sub-columns c should agree with the total of column 2 in Table IV., and the gross total of sub-columns d with the total of column 3 in Table IV.

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TABLE III.

Cases of Infectious Disease notified during the Year 1903.

*Name of District* *Waffan Urban District Council*

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE.	CASES NOTIFIED IN WHOLE DISTRICT.				TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED IN EACH LOCALITY.							NO. OF CASES REMOVED TO HOSPITAL FROM EACH LOCALITY.							
	At all Ages.	At Ages—Years.				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Under 1.	1 to 5.	5 to 15.	15 to 25.														
Small-pox ... ..																			
Cholera ... ..																			
Diphtheria ... ..																			
Membranous croup ...																			
Erysipelas ... ..																			
Scarlet fever ... ..																			
Typhus fever ... ..																			
Enteric fever ... ..																			
Relapsing fever ... ..																			
Continued fever ... ..																			
Puerperal fever ... ..																			
Plague ... ..																			
Totals ... ..																			

NOTES.—The localities adopted for this table should be the same as those in Tables II. and IV. State in space below the name of the isolation hospital, if any, to which residents in the district, suffering from infectious disease, are usually sent. Mark (H) the locality in which it is situated, or if not within the district, state where it is situated, and in what district. Mark (W) the locality in which a workhouse is situated.

\* This space may be used for record of other disease the notification (compulsory or voluntary) of which is in force in the district.

† These age columns for notifications should be filled up in all cases where the Medical Officer of Health, by inquiry or otherwise, has obtained the necessary information.

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*Isolation Hospital* *St. Mark's Mental District Hospital*

1. The first case of typhoid fever was reported on the 1st of August 1892, in the person of a young man, aged 25, who had returned from a visit to his parents in the country. He had been absent for three weeks, and had been in contact with several persons who had been ill with the disease. He was first attacked on the 10th of August, with a fever, headache, and diarrhoea. He died on the 15th of August, after a course of illness of five days.

No.	Name	Age	Sex	Profession	Place of Birth	Place of Residence	Onset of Disease	Duration of Disease	Result
1	John A. Smith	25	M	Farmer	County, Conn.	County, Conn.	Aug. 10, 1892	5 days	Death
2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
19	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
22	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
23	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
24	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
26	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
27	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
28	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
29	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
31	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
32	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
33	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
34	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
35	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
36	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
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38	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
39	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
40	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
41	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
42	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
43	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
44	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
45	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
46	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
47	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
48	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
49	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

Cases of typhoid fever in the County of ... during the year 1892

Cases of typhoid fever in the County of ... during the year 1892



NOTES.—(a) In this Table all deaths of "Residents" occurring in public institutions, whether within or without the district, are to be included with the other deaths in the columns for the several age groups (columns 2-8). They are also, in columns 9-15, to be included among the deaths in their respective "Localities" according to the previous addresses of the deceased as given by the Registrars. Deaths of "Non-residents" occurring in public institutions in the district are in like manner to be excluded from columns 2-8 and 9-15 of this Table.

(b) See notes on Table I. as to the meaning of "Residents" and "Non-residents," and as to the "Public Institutions" to be taken into account for the purposes of these Tables. The "Localities" should be the same as those in Tables II. and III.

(c) All deaths occurring in public institutions situated within the district, whether of "Residents" or of "Non-residents," are, in addition to being dealt with as in note (a), to be entered in the last column of this Table. The total number in this column should equal the figures for the year in column 9, Table I.

(d) The total deaths in the several "Localities" in columns 9-15 of this Table should equal those for the year in the same localities in Table II., sub-columns c. The total deaths at all ages in column 2 of this Table should equal the gross total of columns 9-15, and the figures for the year in column 12 of Table I.

(e) Under the heading of "Diarrhoea" are to be included deaths certified as from diarrhoea, alone or in combination with some other cause of ill-defined nature; and also deaths certified as from

Epidemic enteritis;  
Zymotic enteritis;  
Epidemic diarrhoea. Summer diarrhoea;  
Dysentery and dysenteric diarrhoea;  
Choleraic diarrhoea, cholera, cholera nostras  
(in the absence of Asiatic cholera).

Under the heading of "Enteritis" are to be included those certified as from Gastro-enteritis, Muco-enteritis, and Gastric catarrh, unless from information obtained by enquiry from the certifying practitioner or otherwise, the Medical Officer of Health should have reason for including such deaths, especially those of infants, under the specific term "Diarrhoea." Under the headings of "Cancer," "Phthisis" and "Puerperal fever" should be included all registered deaths from causes comprised within these general terms.

Deaths from diarrhoea secondary to some other well-defined disease should be included under the latter.

In recording the facts under the various headings of Tables I, II, III. and IV., attention has been given to the notes on the Tables.

A. W. Thomas. Medical Officer of Health.

Date 1<sup>st</sup> March 1904.