Joseph Gale was born 16 October 1830 and died in August 1906. He lived and worked as a photographer in Bermondsey. One of his special interests was in photographing traditional rural life in the last twenty years of the nineteenth century. This collection of copy prints was deposited by the Royal Photographic Society in 1986.


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1. Farmhand in doorway, straw bag carried over shoulder
2. Farmhand leaning on gate, boy wearing smock and dog
3. Very old man returning home with walking stick
4. Man holding horse, standing in ancient doorway
5. Woman wearing shawl, carrying water jug and small boy on steps to house
6. Woman outside stone cottage, spinning wool
7. Old woman in cottage doorway, spinning wool
8. Old woman in cottage doorway, making lace, looking at work
9. Woman standing in doorway holding broom, two children sitting on ground
10. Woman and child in doorway, another woman at well
11. Old woman outside house with bucket, woman getting water from butt
12. Man carrying tools with small boy, woman, hand on post carrying bucket
13. Three boys in doorway carrying firewood
14. Woman in doorway handing bag to girl carrying can
15. Woman and child outside cottage, he is carrying a basket and bunch of wheat
16. Man meaning nets, woman sitting on steps, boy holding fishing nets
17. Old woman and girl crossing stream over stepping stones
18. Boy, arm around post, woman picking up bucket
19. Man and two women in lane, carrying tools and baskets
20. Woman drawing water from well, girl carrying bucket holding small boys hand.
21. Woman in doorway, inspecting goods in pedlars basket
22. Man drawing water from well outside house. Two beehives in foreground
23. Bearded shepherd with crook, carrying lamb, leaning on fence post
24. Shepherd boy two hands on crook, black and white dog and some sheep
25. Boy leading two-horse cart, fully laden. 20 sheep feeding
26. Man relaxing on bridge, two horses drinking in stream
27. Blacksmith shop; three men shoeing pale horse.
28. Three men outside the tap room and four horses
29. Haymaking: two carts, one empty, one piled high. 4 men, 1 boy
30. Haymaking, 1 laden cart, 3 horses, 2 people on top of cart, other workers
31. Woman (head and shoulders) leaning on wall. Man by gatepost picking up bucket. Wheelbarrow in foreground
32. Woman pumping water, child carrying bucket. Smaller child near pump
33. Man in doorway making a basket, girl watching
34  Horse drawn barge. W. Whitehouse & Son, carrier, London to Reading. Woman at tiller
35  Two men waist deep in water, boy with pole
36  Outside the Bell Inn, horse and cart in water. 3 men lounging
37  Three children on rustic wooden bridge. 2 woman 2 children in the background
38  Four children playing in stream, woman filling bucket from stream
39  Horse, with nosebag, and cart in lane. 5 ducks in front of horse
40  Ploughing with team of oxen (8)
41  Woman with broom standing in doorway young boy leaning against fence
42  Man cutting oats with scythe an man tying oats into bundles
43  Old woman in porched doorway, knitting
44  Narrow lane between buildings, children playing, donkey cart
45  Two women in donkey cart, man with donkey cart in village street
46  Group of children sitting around 4 cooking pots over an open fire at edge of field
47  Two workmen standing on rustic bridge, 1 carrying scythe
48  Cart loaded with brushwood, with driver pulled by 2 horses, passing churchyard
49  Two men and women cutting and bundling oats
50  Old lady in doorway, making lace, looking up and smiling
51  Group of men and women workers, planting. White horse and cart. 2 white horses pulling
52  Old woman with stick, young girl, with basket, crossing river by stepping stones
53  Man with 3 horse plough, lad with long pole
54  Man with 2 horse cutting machine, man and boy tying bundles of wheat
55  Two wheelwrights working outside small cottage, smoke
56  Man with 2 horse (black) cutting machine, man tying bundles, 2 children resting
57  Child in doorway, woman in front, sewing. 2 children reading ‘Mrs Alf Pearce, Long Crendon’.
58  Three-horse harvesting machine, flock of sheep in background
59  Group of 7 horses, with riders and handlers
60  Lunch break, 4 horses with nosebags and 2 men
61  Artist at work on beach, surrounded by many children
62  Knife grinder sitting at large wheeled push cart
63  Three oxen ploughs with 4 handlers
64  Country lane, cart piled with baskets, shepherd and flock of sheep
65  Two-horse cart being loaded with bundles of corn. 4 men and lad at horses head
66  Three children watching over horses and cattle grazing
67  Man and children, on rustic bridge outside cottage. 1 child holding bucket
68  Two-horse reaping machine, man tying bundles. 4 haystacks in background
69  Haymakers taking a rest. Mansion in background
70  Riverside scene, 2 cottages black cattle and 3 persons
71  Dovecote and birds, with watermill
72  Tree lined avenue, horse and cart, 2 women pedlars
73  Millpond and waterwheel, man with fish trap
74  Two men rolling field with 3 horses
75 Two teams of horses ploughing. 3 men and 1 boy
76 Drawing water from well at back of house. 2 children sitting
77 Lunch break, 4 men and 2 horses
78 Three-horse harvesting machine, and 3 men
79 Man with white horse outside old barn, woman in doorway, boy on ground
80 Man with wheel barrow at entrance to mine
81 Riverside scene, seated boy looking at large sailed boats
82 Horse and cart – ‘William Tappy Cutler’
83 Three-horse plough, man, boy with long stick