

Historic Parishes of England & Wales

An Electronic Map of Boundaries before 1850

with a Gazetteer and Metadata

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Instructions for using the Gazetteer

The Gazetteer lists 18,598 places (areas) in England and Wales, and provides various information about them. Each entry in the Gazetteer has the same format:

1 REC:- this is a unique identifier for each record

2 NUM:- this is a serial number, consisting of the county/area number

3 PLA:- this is the name of the area

4 CAT:- this is the category of the area: B = Borough; C = Chapelry; D = Division; H = Hamlet; P = Parish; T = Township

5 PAR:- this is the mother parish of the area

6 APL:- any alternative names of the area are given here

7 NGR:- this is the National Grid centroid of the area

8 CTY:- this is the county that the area is in (this is based upon the county boundaries as they were in the period 1844-1888)

9 ONP:- this is the Ordnance Survey Sheet that the area can be found in

10 CEN:- this is the parish number of the place as it appears in the 1851 Census; parish numbers that extend over more than one area are affixed with an *

11 SCE:- this indicates where the information about the boundary of this area came from:

C51 = 1851 Census returns; D = Drainage Map; E = Enclosure Map; O6 = Ordnance Survey 1:10,560 1st edition; R = Rating map; S = Sanitary Map; T = Tithe Map

12 REF:- this is the location and reference number of the source (which is not given for areas derived from the 1851 Census or the Ordnance Survey 1:10,560 1st edition)

13 COM:- any additional remarks are added here

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Two versions of the Gazetteer have been provided on CD 1, although both contain the same information. The version in Adobe Acrobat format can be viewed using the supplied Reader software, and is suitable for printing excerpts from. The version in Microsoft Excel format requires the Excel software, but is suitable for analysis and custom sorting.

To search for a particular place in the Gazetteer (in either version), press CTRL+F and type in the name of the place you are looking for. In the Adobe Acrobat version, the search may take some time. Once you have found the entry for the place, note the sheet number it appears on (the entry labelled '9 ONP'), and then insert the CD which contains that sheet. From the index of that CD, click on the sheet number to view the sheet