

## FreeCEN Newsletter – April 2025

Hello All

Welcome to the newsletter for the month, and 71 new pieces have been added to the website since the last edition, around 205,000 entries between these pieces. Details at the end of this newsletter.

These newsletters are sent on a monthly basis, and are usually sent out around the 4th.

Contributions are welcome, and all received are considered. These should be emailed to [chris.mahoney@freeukgenealogy.org.uk](mailto:chris.mahoney@freeukgenealogy.org.uk)

Congratulations to the Caernarfonshire team of transcribers as the 1891 census for this county has now been completed with all pieces for the year now online, and available to search.

## 1891 Occupations

(From Ian Robertson)

Cheshire 1891 (scan below) - the Jinks family at the bottom, sch 85. Absalom Jinks is described as a "navygator" (sic). We commonly call them Navvies of course and in our history were a very significant body of skilled labour (despite being manual labourers). There are still plenty of such occupations in Lancs & Cheshire census in 1891 but I suspect it was becoming increasingly rare by 1891 as steam-powered machines were becoming commonplace. The census official lumped this occupation with the platelayer category - a common enough occupation on the railways at the time. What's more there is a comment added in the employmen category which we think says "Salt & Union Ltd". Our transcriber Chris Humphrey found an interesting (but unfortunately incomplete) article on the internet – see [NarrowBoat Magazine](#) | [Salt Union Limited](#)

Absalom Jinks was employed as a Corn Miller in 1881 and a Colliery worker in 1901.

85	Rich Linn	1	Mary	as	Scholar	37	Scholar	do	do	✓
			Isabella	do	Daughter	35	Navigator	do	do	
			Absalom Jinks	Head	M	39		do	do	
			John	do	Wife	M		do	do	
			Beatrice	do	Daughter	12		do	do	
			Ann	do	Daughter	9	Scholar	do	do	
			May	do	Daughter	7	do	do	do	
			Alexander	do	Son	5	do	do	do	

(Scan from 1891 Piece RG12\_2847, Folio 142 Page 15)



(River scene of one of the Salt Union Ltd bases)

## Message from an Enumerator

(From Ali Hill)

Found the following message that an enumerator had written as part of their return.

Campfield is a very low neighborhood  
I some very nice language was indulged  
in at my expense. In asking some  
questions I run the risk of being kicked out.  
A. Garnett

## **FreeCEN Vacancies**

Interested in becoming one of our county coordinators, then this is for you as we have some roles that we would like to fill. Experience at transcribing, and proofreading for FreeCEN is preferable. Help, and support is available if needed.

We have the following vacancies at present:

Hereford:

County has been inactive for a while so no active transcribers at this time. One year is fully transcribed with some pieces from other years also complete. We do have scans we can supply you with.

Nottingham:

County has five years fully transcribed, with a sixth only needing a few pieces proofread before that one is complete. There is a small number of transcribers working on the remaining two years. We do have scans we can supply you with.

Sussex:

County has no coordinator at present, and has been vacant for a while, so no active transcribers at this time. Three years are fully transcribed, with another close to it. Some of the uploaded pieces however do need re-validating (but we may already have some to do these re-validations). We do have scans we can supply you with.

Interested in taking on these counties, or would like to know more, then do let us know.

## Pieces Uploaded Since Last Newsletter

County	Year	Piece	Location	Civil Parishes	Number of Entries
Argyllshire	1861	RS6_519	Killean and Kilchenzie		1,890
Berkshire	1891	RG12_972	Hungerford	Chilton Foliat, Crofton, Eddington, Hungerford	2,649
Berkshire	1891	RG12_981	Sutton Courtney	Appleford, Drayton, Milton, Steventon, Sutton Courtney, Sutton Wick	3,437
Berkshire	1891	RG12_989	Tilehurst	Englefield, Harmoor, Purley, Sulham, Theale, Tidmarsh, Tilehurst, Whitchurch	4,151
Buckinghamshire	1871	RG10_1390A	Tring	Marsworth, (Astrope), Pitstone, Tring	1,043
Caernarvonshire	1891	RG12_4648A	Tremadoc	Brynkir, Dolben Maen, Tremadoc, Ynys Cynhaiarn	3,161
Caernarvonshire	1891	RG12_4649A	Tremadoc	Portmadoc, Tref Llys, Ynys Cynhaiarn	4,262
Caernarvonshire	1891	RG12_4673	Creuddyn	Eglwys Rhos, Eirias, Llandrillo yn Rhos, Llangwstenin, Llysfaen, Mochdre, Penmaen	4,772
Cambridgeshire	1871	RG10_1361A	Melbourn	Abington Pigotts, Barrington, Bassingbourn, Foulmire, Fowlmere	3,796
Cambridgeshire	1871	RG10_1363A	Melbourn	Meldreth, Shepreth, Shingay, Thriplow, Wendy, Whaddon	2,309
Cambridgeshire	1881	RG11_1655	Caxton	East Hatley, Gamlingay, Great Eversden, Hardwick, Hatley St George, Little Eversden, Little Gransden	3,168
Cardiganshire	1841	HO107_1376	Penarth	Caron ys Clawdd, (Tregaron; Argoed and Ystrad; Blaen-Aeron; Blaen-Caron; Caron-Uwch-Clawdd or Strata Florida Rhydfendigaed; Croes and Berwyn; Tre-Cefel; Tref-Lynn), Llanbadarn Odwyn, Llanddewibrefi (Blaenpenal; Dothie-Camddwr; Dothie-Piscottwr; Garth and Ystrad; Garthely; Gogoyan; Gorwydd; Gwynfil; Llanio; Prisk and Carfan), Llangeitho (Bonteyen), Nantcwnlle (Dalbwba; Llandain-fach)	6,975
Cardiganshire	1871	RG10_5552	Llanwenog	Llanwenog, Llanwnnen	1,821

Cornwall	1911	RG14_13519	Stratton	Stratton and Bude	7
Denbighshire	1891	RG12_4673A	Creuddyn	Colwyn, Llandrillo Yn Rhos	338
Devon	1851	HO107_1872	Torquay	Cockington, Coffinswell, Kingskerswell, St Marychurch, Stokeinteignhead, Tormoham(Upton)	15,861
Dorset	1871	RG10_1965A	Mere	Gillingham, (Bourton), Silton	1,198
Durham	1891	RG12_4135	South Bishopwearmouth	Bishopwearmouth	7,070
Essex	1861	RG9_1107	Witham	Wickham Bishops, Witham	4,123
Essex	1861	RG9_1111	Halstead	Colne Engaine, Earls Colne, Gosfield, Great Maplestead, Little Maplestead, Pebmarsh, White Colne	4,707
Essex	1861	RG9_1126A	Clare	Ashen, Birdbrook(Cornish Hall End)	1,141
Essex	1891	RG12_1311	Stratford	Stratford, West Ham	8,051
Glamorganshire	1871	RG10_5363	Cardiff	Cardiff St Mary	5,583
Glamorganshire	1871	RG10_5391	Lower Merthyr Tydfil	Merthyr Tydfil	3,893
Gloucestershire	1841	HO107_1172A	Chippenham	Kingswood	1,369
Gloucestershire	1871	RG10_2686A	Ross	Newland, (Lea Bailey)	1,356
Gloucestershire	1891	RG12_2484A	Blockley	Admington, Bourton on the Hill, Broad Campden, Chipping Campden, Clopton, Ebrington, Hidcote Bartrim, Hidcote Boyce, Mickleton, Quinton	4,149
Gloucestershire	1891	RG12_2485B	Shipston on Stour	Batsford, Lower Lemington, Moreton in Marsh, Todenham	2,067

Kent	1861	RG9_533	Minster	Acol, Birchington, Minster in Thanet(Brook;Wayborough), Monkton, Sarre, St Nicholas at Wade, Stonar	3,833
Kent	1871	RG10_885	Dartford	Darenth, (South Darenth), Dartford, Horton Kirby(Dean Bottom)	4,151
Lincolnshire	1851	HO107_2111	Withern	Aby, (Greenfield), Authorpe, Beesby in the Marsh, Belleau (Claythorpe), Gayton le Marsh, Hannah cum Hagnaby (Hagnaby), Haugh, Mablethorpe, Maltby le Marsh, North Reston, Saleby (Thoresthorpe), South Reston, South Thoresby, Strubby (Woodthorpe), Swaby (White Pit), Tothill, Trusthorpe, Walmsgate, Withern (Stain)	4,310
Merionethshire	1891	RG12_4649	Tremadoc	Beddgelert	901
Monmouthshire	1871	RG10_2702A	Kentchurch	Grosmont, Llangua	863
Oxfordshire	1891	RG12_981A	Sutton Courtney	Culham	478
Oxfordshire	1891	RG12_989A	Tilehurst	Whitchurch	914
Somerset	1901	RG13_2277	Taunton	Bishops Hull Without, Cheddon Fitzpaine, Haydon, Holway, Rumwell, Staplegrove, Taunton St James Without, Taunton St Mary Magdalene Without, Upper Cheddon	2,059
Somerset	1901	RG13_2281	North Petherton	Broomfield, Compass, Enmore, Goathurst, Huntworth, Moorland, North Newton, North Petherton, Northmoor Corner, St Michael Church, Thurloxton, Woolmersdon	4,605
Somerset	1911	RG14_14262	Bishops Lydeard	Bishops Lydeard	797
Somerset	1911	RG14_14263	North Petherton	Aisholt, Charlinch	223
Somerset	1911	RG14_14264	North Petherton	Broomfield	171
Somerset	1911	RG14_14265	North Petherton	Broomfield	135

Somerset	1911	RG14_14266	North Petherton	Over Stowey	360
Somerset	1911	RG14_14267	North Petherton	Enmore	265
Somerset	1911	RG14_14268	North Petherton	Goathurst	233
Somerset	1911	RG14_14269	North Petherton	North Petherton	669
Somerset	1911	RG14_14270	North Petherton	North Petherton, St Michael Church	712
Somerset	1911	RG14_14271	North Petherton	North Petherton, Thurloxton	276
Suffolk	1861	RG9_1126	Clare	Clare, Hundon, Poslingford, Stoke by Clare, Wixoe	5,274
Surrey	1851	HO107_1641AA	East Grinstead	Lingfield	2,137
Warwickshire	1861	RG9_2155	St Mary	Birmingham	5,328
Warwickshire	1871	RG10_3104	St Martin	Birmingham	6,635
Warwickshire	1891	RG12_2462	Solihull	Elmdon	230
Warwickshire	1891	RG12_2478	Stratford on Avon	Atherstone on Stour, Billesley, Binton, Crimscott, Luddington, Old Stratford, Shottery, Temple Grafton, Whitchurch	3,502
Warwickshire	1891	RG12_2480	Studley	Morton Bagot, Sambourn, Spennall, Studley	3,241
Warwickshire	1891	RG12_2482	Feckenham	Weethley	37
Warwickshire	1891	RG12_2484	Blockley	Stretton on Fosse	370



Warwickshire	1891	RG12_2485	Shipston on Stour	Ascott, Barcheston, Burmington, Cherington, Great Wolford, Little Wolford, Stourton, Sutton under Brailes, Whichford	1,685
Warwickshire	1891	RG12_2488	Southam	Chapel Ascote, Hodnel, Ladbroke, Lighthorne, Lower Shuckburgh, Napton on the Hill, Priors Marston, Southam, Stockton, Ufton, Upper Shuckburgh, Watergall, Wills Pastures, Wormleighton	5,150
Wiltshire	1851	HO107_1834	Wootton Bassett	Clyffe Pypard, (Broad Town), Lydiard Millicent, Lydiard Tregoze, Lyneham(Clack), Tockenham, Wootton Bassett	5,592
Wiltshire	1851	HO107_1834A	Cricklade	Ashton Keynes, (Ashton Keynes;Leigh), Cricklade St Mary, Cricklade St Sampson(Chelworth;Whidhill), Eisey(Eisey;Water Eaton), Latton, Purton(Braydon;Purton;Stoke)	5,911
Wiltshire	1871	RG10_1946	Winterbourne	Allington, Boscombe, Idmiston(Ford;Gomeldon;Porton;Shrippl), Newton Tony, West Cholderton, Winterbourne Dauntsey, Winterbourne Earls, Winterbourne Gunner	1,909
Wiltshire	1871	RG10_1964	Hindon	Berwick St Leonard, Chicklade, Chilmark(Ridge), Fonthill Bishop, Fonthill Gifford, Hindon, Teffont Evias, Teffont Magna	2,586
Wiltshire	1871	RG10_1965	Mere	East Knoyle, Kingston Deverill, Maiden Bradley(Yarnfield), Monkton Deverill, Stourton(Brook or Gaspar), Upper Pertwood, West Knoyle	1,757
Wiltshire	1891	RG12_972A	Hungerford	Axford, Chilton Foliat, East Grafton, Froxfield, Great Bedwyn, Hippenscombe, Hungerford, Little Bedwyn, Marten, Ramsbury, Tidcombe, West Grafton, Wexcombe, Wilton	5,921
Worcestershire	1861	RG9_2065	Stourbridge	Oldswinford, (Stourbridge)	5,956
Worcestershire	1871	RG10_2681A	Ledbury	Mathon	1,187
Worcestershire	1871	RG10_2710A	Bishops Frome	Acton Beauchamp	222
Worcestershire	1871	RG10_2712A	Brockhampton	Lower Sapey	245
Worcestershire	1891	RG12_2482A	Feckenham	Abbots Morton, Astwood Bank, Boutts, Callow Hill, Cladswell, Feckenham, Headless Cross, Holberrow Green, Hunt End, Inkberrow, Stockwood	6,500

Worcestershire	1891	RG12_2484B	Blockley	Aston Magna, Blockley, Draycott, Paxford	2,201
Worcestershire	1891	RG12_2485A	Shipston on Stour	Shipston on Stour, Tidmington	1,755

#### Important Notes:

- If the piece number has a letter after it, then this suggests that the upload may only contains particular districts within the piece, not all districts that make up the piece

#### **FreeCEN1**

The last reported updated to our old website at <https://freecen1.freecen.org.uk/> took place on July 6th 2021. Further updates to this website have, as of now been discontinued, and as of now, any new uploads of completed pieces will take place on FreeCEN2 only.

It is expected that, at some point the old website will be taken off-line.