

FreeCEN Newsletter – December 2024

Hello All

Welcome to the newsletter for the month, and 59 new pieces have been added to the website since the last edition, around 230,000 entries between these pieces. Details at the end of this newsletter.

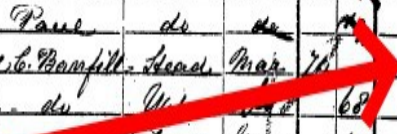
These newsletters are sent on a monthly basis, and the next one is due to be sent out around January 4th.

Contributions are welcome, and all received are considered. These should be emailed to chris.mahoney@freeukgenealogy.org.uk

Unusual Occupation

(From John Dunlop)

I came across this occupation, Wharfinger, which I'd not heard of before. Harbourmaster, in today's parlance.



		Georgia Davis	Serv	Widow	26	Cook	Devon Exeter
		James G. Paul	do	do		Nurse	Devon Exeter
263	2	Richard L. Bonfill	Head	Mar	76	Wharfinger	Devon Exeter
		Mary A. do	Wife	do	68		do Taverham
		John do	Serv	Widow	44	Teacher of Music	do St. Germans
		James H. W. Cumming	Grandson		6		do Exeter
		Emma Westhead	Serv	Widow		Domestic Serv	do do
264	1	Edgar Bayly	Head	Mar	67	Late Capt "12" Reg	Warwick (Shire)

(from Devonshire 1871 piece RG10_2064, Folio 102, page 89)

"A wharfinger is an old-fashioned term for someone who owns or manages a wharf, or dock, and is responsible for the goods delivered there

Responsibilities:

Wharfingers are responsible for the day-to-day activities at the wharf, such as keeping tide tables, resolving disputes, and managing slipways. They also receive goods and merchandise that are to be delivered to a consignee.

Office:

Wharfingers usually have an office on the wharf or dock.

Dock warrant:

Wharfingers may issue a dock warrant, which is a certificate that they hold goods.

Modern term:

The term "wharfinger" is rarely used today, and is usually replaced by the term "harbourmaster".

The earliest known use of the term "wharfinger" was in the mid-1500s.

Hidden Gems (From Chris Mahoney)

Two samples of the usual or unexpected things found on the scans for varying pieces recently:

First one is this page found at the end of a 1911 piece in the Welsh county of Caernafornshire.

N^o of Schedule 252

CENSUS OF SCOTLAND, 1911.

LIST OF OFFICERS, CREW, AND OTHERS ON BOARD THE SHIP OR VESSEL NAMED Irishman

NAME AND SURNAME.	AGE [Last Birthday] and SEX.	GAE.LIC.	PARTICULARS as to MARRIAGE.		PROFESSION or OCCUPATION.				BIRTHPLACE of every person.	NATIONALITY of every person born in a Foreign Country.	INFIRMITY (if any, as under- mentioned).
			Write "Single," "Married," "Widowed," or "Other," opposite the name of each person.	State for each Married Woman entered on this Schedule the number of— Children born alive years her present Marriage has lasted. If less than one year, write "under 1".	Personal Occupation.	Industry or Service with which Worker is connected.	Whether Employer, Worker or Working on Own Account.	Whether working at Home.			
Thomas Kane	Master 37		Married		Master	541		Worked	Co. Antrim, Ireland	630	
Magnus O'Boyle	Mate 46		Married		Mate			Worked	Co. Donegal, Ireland	633	
Alexander Jones	1 st Engineer 45		Married		Engineer	542		Worked	Kilth. Banffshire	503	
Robert Randall	2 nd Engineer 34		Married		Engineer			Worked	Middlethorpe, Edinburgh	510	
Hugh McCalmont	Crew 22		Single		Steward A.B.	541		Worked	Co. Antrim, Ireland	630	
George Hamilton	Crew 33		Married		Steward A.B.			Worked	Co. Antrim, Ireland	630	
John Fleming	Crew 45		Married		Steward, Fireman	542		Worked	Lanarkshire, Scotland	519	
Patrik Lynnington	Crew 26		Single		Cook	543		Worked	Lanarkshire, Glasgow	1	

My first thought is that someone had made a mistake, these scans were for a Welsh piece and as such, a page from the Scottish 1911 census should not be there. However the enumerator's summary of the piece (seen below) confirms that this page should be there.

252 Vessel at Tan-y-Graig Wharf. British Grey Granite Co^o

"Irishman" 11189 Cargo screw steamer, Yomage 81.97
belonging to Glasgow, Employed Coasting Trade

Captain ✓ M^r Thomas Kane 1 - 8 - 8

The more plausible explanation is that the census papers for this vessel were delivered by one enumerator while the ship was in dock at some undisclosed location in Scotland, and collected by another enumerator while the vessel was docked at the wharf in Tan Y Graig, Wales.

And while working on an 1861 piece in Nottingham, I came across a few pages that initially looked like they were accidentally scanned as part of the piece...

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CASE *13/128 Pownall* *POWELL*
DATE SENT *6 Dec 73*
DATE COMPLETED
HOURS
FEES
RECORDS SEARCHED
PLACE OF ACCESS
REMARKS AND QUERIES
YES Try the rest of the registration district See back of form for numbers &c Best of luck! 02120 Please note all of surname
1825

However the three pages do have folio, and page numbers which indicate that they are indeed part of the enumerator's book for the piece. Most likely explanation is that the mentioned organisation did some research for somebody with results inserted into the enumerator's book for all to see, and included when they were scanned.

For the other two pages, one is a tree of the Powell family most likely supplied from the customer to the research company, and the third page names which Nottingham 1861 pieces were searched to locate this family, and that the search was unsuccessful.

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:

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. We do have scans we can supply you with.

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

Pieces Uploaded Since Last Newsletter

<u>County</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Piece</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Civil Parishes</u>	<u>Number of Entries</u>
Anglesey	1891	RG12_4665A	Beaumaris	Gaerwen, Llandegfan, Llandysilio, Llanfihangel Esceifiog, Llangristiolus, Malltraeth, Trefdraeth	4,427
Caernarvonshire	1891	RG12_4665	Beaumaris	Beaumaris, Bethel	39
Caernarvonshire	1911	RG14_34362	Criccieth	Llanaelhaearn, Llanaelhaiarn	203
Cambridgeshire	1841	HO107_86	Cambridge	Cambridge Holy Sepulchre, Cambridge Holy Trinity, Cambridge St Benedict, Cambridge St Botolph, Cambridge St Clement, Cambridge St Edward, Cambridge St Giles, Cambridge St Mary The Great, Cambridge St Mary The Less, Cambridge St Michael, Cambridge St Peter	22,286
Cambridgeshire	1891	RG12_1298	Ely	Chettisham, Ely College, Ely Holy Trinity, Ely St Mary, Prickwillow, Stuntney	8,052
Carmarthenshire	1861	RG9_4147A	Llandissilio	Cilymaenllwyd, (Grondre), Egremont	162
Cheshire	1891	RG12_2804	Stockport Second	Brinnington, Stockport	7,874
Denbighshire	1871	RG10_5640A	Nannerch	Nannerch	83
Derbyshire	1861	RG9_1957A	Sudbury	Boylstone, Cubley, Doveridge, Hanbury(Draycott-in-the-Clay; Marchington, Marchington Woodlands), Marston Montgomery, Somersall Herbert, Sudbury	3,842
Devon	1851	HO107_1862	Lyme	Uplyme, (Monckton Wyld)	1,041

Devon	1851	HO107_1862A	Axminster	Axminster, (Abbey; Beerhall; Shapwick; Smallridge; Town; Trill; Uphay; West Water; Weycroft; Wyke or Week), Combpyne, Kilmington	3,479
Devon	1851	HO107_1862B	Chardstock	Dalwood, Membury, Stockland (Dalwood)	2,507
Devon	1851	HO107_1862C	Colyton	Axmouth, Beer, Colyton (Colyford; Salterton), Musbury, Rousdown, Seaton(Beer;Seaton), Shute	6,384
Dorset	1851	HO107_1862AA	Axminster	Charmouth, Lyme Regis (Colway)	3,580
Dorset	1851	HO107_1862AB	Hawkchurch	Hawkchurch, (Wyldecourt), Thorncombe	2,118
Dorset	1851	HO107_1862AC	Chardstock	Chardstock	1,396
England Wales Shipping	1861	RG9_4493	Devonport	Devonport	5,909
Essex	1861	RG9_1113	Finchingfield	Finchingfield, (Cornish Hall End), Great Saling, Shalford, Wethersfield	5,369
Essex	1861	RG9_1128A	Bures	Alphamstone, Bures Hamlet, Lamarsh	1,294
Essex	1891	RG12_1314	Stratford	Forest Gate, Stratford, Stratford New Town, West Ham	6,884
Glamorganshire	1871	RG10_5362	Cardiff	Cardiff St Mary	5,736
Glamorganshire	1871	RG10_5371	Cardiff	Cardiff	724
Huntingdonshire	1861	RG9_2314A	Barnack	Stibbington	720
Lanarkshire	1841	HS4_644	Glasgow	Albion St, Bridgegate, Brownfield, Chalmers, College, Inner High, Martyrs, Outer High, St Andrews, St David, St Enoch, St George, St Georges Field, St James, St Johns, St Marys, St Peters, St Thomas, Wellpark	3,582
Lancashire	1861	RG9_2721	Everton	Walton on the Hill	5,845

Lancashire	1891	RG12_2978	Walton	Walton on the Hill	7,104
Lancashire	1891	RG12_3347	Newchurch	Lumb, Newchurch, Tunstead, Whitewell Bottom	1,849
Lancashire	1891	RG12_3359	Accrington	Accrington	3,261
Lancashire	1891	RG12_3374	Padiham	Altham, Bentley Wood Green, Childers Green, Hapton, Padiham	6,523
Lancashire	1891	RG12_3379	Colne	Great Marsden, Hebson, Limefield, Little Marsden, Nelson	8,327
Lincolnshire	1851	HO107_2106	Lincoln North East	Aisthorpe, Apley, Barlings (Langworth), Brattleby, Broxholme, Caenby, Cammeringham, Cold Hanworth, Dunholme, East Firsby (East Firsby; West Firsby), Faldingworth, Friesthorpe, Goltho (Bullington; Goltho), Hackthorn, Holton cum Beckering, Ingham, Langton Woodhouse, Normanby, Owmbly, Rand (Fulnetby), Saxby, Saxilby with Ingleby (Ingleby), Scampton, Scothern, Snarford, Snelland (Swinethorpe), Spridlington, Stainton by Langworth (Newbell with Coldstead; Reasby), Sudbrooke, Welton (Ryland), Westhorpe, Wickenby (Rosedale; Westalby)	8,358
Lincolnshire	1851	HO107_2107A	Horncastle	Asterby, Cawkwell, Edlington, Goulceby, Hemingby, Horncastle, Horsington, Langton near Horncastle, Martin, Scamblesby, Stixwold, Thimbleby (Tower Moor Allotment), Thornton, West Ashby (Farthorpe; Middlethorpe), Wispington, Woodhall	4,422
Lincolnshire	1861	RG9_2311	Stamford	Pickworth, Stamford All Saints, Stamford St Mary	1,742
Lincolnshire	1861	RG9_2314	Barnack	Barholm, Braceborough, Greatford (Wilsthorpe), Stowe, Tallington, Uffington, West Deeping	1,812
Lincolnshire	1871	RG10_3307	Stamford	Pickworth	220
London	1871	RG10_486	Bethnal Green	Bethnal Green, (Green), St Matthew Bethnal Green	4,488
Middlesex	1861	RG9_776	Twickenham	Twickenham, (Twickenham Common; Whitton)	4,071
Middlesex	1861	RG9_790	Finchley	Finchley, (Whetstone)	4,232

Northamptonshire	1861	RG9_2311A	Stamford	Duddington	424
Northamptonshire	1861	RG9_2314C	Barnack	Bainton, Barnack (Pilsgate; Southorpe), Thornhaugh, Ufford (Ashton), Wansford, Wittering	2,145
Northamptonshire	1871	RG10_3307A	Stamford	Duddington	388
Northumberland	1841	HO107_318A	Islandshire	Ancroft, (Cheswick; Haggerston; Scremerston), Belford (Elwick; Ross), Farne Islands, Holy Island (Fenham; Goswick), Kylee (Beal and Lowlin; Berrington; Buckton; Fenwick; Kylee), Monks House, Tweedmouth (Ord; Spittle or Spittal)	8,934
Northumberland	1841	HO107_319A	Norhamshire	Norham, (Cornhill; Duddo: Grievestead; Felkington; Grindon; Horncliffe; Loan-End; Longridge; Norham-Mains; Shoreswood; Thornton; Twizel)	3,798
Nottinghamshire	1911	RG14_20701	Kneesall	Edwinstowe	599
Pembrokeshire	1861	RG9_4147	Llandissilio	Bletherston, Clarbeston, Llandilo, Llandissilio, Llangolman, Llanycefn, Llys Y Fran, Maenclochog (Vorlan), New Moat	3,151
Renfrewshire	1861	RS6_564	Greenock	Greenock East, Greenock West	3,955
Rutland	1861	RG9_2311B	Stamford	Clipsham, Great Casterton, Ketton, Little Casterton, Tinwell, Tixover	2,099
Rutland	1861	RG9_2314B	Barnack	Essendine, Ryhall	973
Rutland	1871	RG10_3307B	Stamford	Clipsham, Great Casterton, Ketton, Little Casterton, Tinwell, Tixover	1,931
Suffolk	1861	RG9_1128	Bures	Assington, Bures St Mary(Bures), Nayland, Stoke by Nayland, Wissington	5,643
Suffolk	1861	RG9_1178	Westleton	Aldringham, Carlton, Kelsale, Knodishall, Leiston, Middleton, Theberton	5,541
Surrey	1851	HO107_1594A	Ripley	Ockham, Send(Ripley;Send), Wisley	2,382

Surrey	1871	RG10_804	Chertsey	Chertsey, (Addlestone; Botleys; Long Cross; Lyne; Ottershaw), Eastworth	4,800
Surrey	1891	RG12_557	Ripley	Ockham, Send and Ripley, Wisley	2,867
Warwickshire	1861	RG9_2187	Sutton Coldfield	Curdworth, (Curdworth; Minworth), Sutton Coldfield (Boldmere; Hill; Walmley), Wishaw	5,545
Wiltshire	1861	RG9_1316	Salisbury	St Edmund, St Thomas	4,940
Wiltshire	1861	RG9_1317	Salisbury	St Edmund, St Martin	4,226
Yorkshire - East Riding	1891	RG12_3906	South Cave	Brantingham, Ellerker, Elloughton cum Brough, Little Weighton, North Newbald, Rowley, South Cave, South Newbald	3,686
Yorkshire - East Riding	1891	RG12_3955	Driffield	Elmswell with Little Driffield, Great Driffield, Nafferton, Pockthorpe, Ruston Parva, Skerne	4,288

Important Notes:

- If the piece number has a letter after it, then this suggests that the upload only contains particular districts within the piece, not all districts that make up the piece
- If a place name is followed by a county code, then this indicates that this place is actually in that county, not the county the piece is listed under

FreeCEN1

The last reported update 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.