

FreeCEN Newsletter – July 2024

Hello All

Welcome to the newsletter for the month, and 46 new pieces have been added to the website since the last edition, around 200,000 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 September 5th.

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

Location of Vessels

(From Ali Hill)

When tasked with completing the census return of persons on board their vessel, many masters of merchant vessels may well have regarded this as an imposition on a busy working environment. In the returns this is most evident in the entries for the position of the vessel at midnight on census night. Many simply state "at sea", or are left blank, but these two entries made me laugh:

Anywhere.

~~John J. Lee~~

Place at which the Schedule is delivered to the Master
and the Date of Delivery.

Position of the Vessel at Midnight, April 7th, 1861.

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Born in a Tunnel

(From Chris Mahoney)

Some places of birth we do not think about, and if it is one the gazetteer accepts then we probably will not give it much thought, and move onto the next one. However there are occasions where one comes along that makes one take a closer look at.

Found on the Brecon 1891 Census was a family which included two children where place of birth was enumerated as "Tunnel Severn", which the gazetteer did not know, and my initial Google search suggested a railway tunnel.

No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES Inhabited (U.) or Building (B)	Number of rooms occupied if less than five	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON- DITION as to Marriage	AGE last Birthday of	PROFESSION or OCCUPATION	Employer	Employed	Where BORN	(1) Deaf-and-Dumb (2) Blind (3) Lame, Imbecile or Idiot	Language Spoken
32	Wickat	1	3	Liza Goldworthy	Head	M	28	None			Devon		English
				Mary Goldworthy	Wife	M	29	do			Devon		do
				James Goldworthy	Son	S	13	None do			do		do
				William Goldworthy	Son	S	12	do			Blackburn		do
				John E. Goldworthy	Son	S	2	do			Tunnel Severn		do
				Francis Goldworthy	Son	S	2	do			do		do
				Robert Goldworthy	Son	S	2	do			do		do
				Frank Goldworthy	Son	S	1	do			Sancton Badoff		do
								do			do		do

(From Piece RG12_4570)



According to the [Wikipedia](#) entry for the "Tunnel Severn", the tunnel is a railway tunnel running under the Severn River in close proximity to where the "Prince of Wales Bridge" is now, with construction on this started by the Great Western Railway in March 1873, first used for passenger service in December 1886, and still in use today.

(Entrance to tunnel from the English side of the channel)

Looking at the ages of the children enumerated as being born in the tunnel, estimated year of birth will put them as being born during the construction of the tunnel so perhaps the father was one of those working on the tunnel, and with an enumerated occupation of “Miner”, he certainly would have had experience with tunnels.

FreeBMD show the birth registration of both children in the Thornbury district, which is reasonably close to the tunnel entrance on the Gloucester side of the Severn River. Noted that they were registered under the names of John Edward, and Frances Elizabeth GOLDSWORTHY.

For the benefit of validation, I opted for “Severn Beach” as an alternative place of birth as this is where the tunnel entrance in Gloucester is located, and likely location of any camp for those working on the tunnel from the English side of the river.

Note that I did try looking for various members of the family in both the 1881, and 1901 census, but unable to locate.

Coordinator 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:

Hampshire/Isle of Wight Coordinator:

County has no coordinator at present, and has been vacant for a while, so no active transcribers at this time. One year is fully transcribed, with various pieces uploaded on others. 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. We do have scans we can supply you with.

Interested in any of these, 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
Anglesey	1901	RG13_5291	Llangefni	Capel Coch, Cefniwrch, City Dulas, Llanallgo, Llanbedrgoch, Llanddyfnan, Llaneugrad, Llanfair Mathafarn Eithaf, Llanfihangel Tre'r Beirdd, Llangwyllog, Marianglas, Moelfre, Penrhoslligwy, Rhosfawr, Talwrn, Tregaian, Ty'nygongl, Upper Benllech	3,444
Caernarvonshire	1891	RG12_4650	Criccieth	Abererch, Carngiwch, Criccieth, Four Crosses, Llanaelhaearn, Llanarmon, Llangybi, Llanystumdwy	7,071
Caernarvonshire	1891	RG12_4651	Pwllheli	Denio, Llanbedrog, Llandegwning, Llanfihangel Bachellaeth, Llangian, Llannor, Penrhos, Pentre Uchaf, Pig Street, Pont Rhyd hir, Pwllheli, Rhydyclafdy, Wellington	5,617
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	11,143
Cambridgeshire	1871	RG10_1619	Walsoken	Walsoken	2,932
Cambridgeshire	1871	RG10_1620	Walsoken	Elm, (Friday Bridge)	1,816
Cornwall	1881	RG11_2277	Launceston	Lawhitton, St Mary Magdalen, St Thomas by Launceston	3,652
Cornwall	1901	RG13_2173	Kilkhampton	Eastcott, Gooseham, Kilkhampton, Morwenstow, Shop, Stibb, Thurdon, Woodford, Woolley	1,485

Cornwall	1901	RG13_2196	Lerrin	Bocaddon, Boconnoc, Broadoak, Couchsmill, Crumplehorn, Herodsfoot, Lanreath, Lansallos, Lanteglos by Fowey, Lerryn, Penpoll, Polperro, Polruan, St Veep, Trenewan, West Kellow, West Taphouse	3,561
Derbyshire	1851	HO107_2123AA	Pleasley	Ault Hucknall, (Rowthorne; Stainsby), Bolsover (Glapwell), Scarcliff, Upper Langwith	1,559
Derbyshire	1851	HO107_2123BA	Blackwell	Pinxton, South Normanton, Tibshelf	3,100
Derbyshire	1891	RG12_2193A	Uttoxeter	Norbury, Roston	423
Derbyshire	1891	RG12_2666A	Ilkeston	Ilkeston	6,789
Derbyshire	1891	RG12_2667A	Ilkeston	Ilkeston	4,378
Devon	1871	RG10_2072	Teignmouth	Dawlish, East Teignmouth	2,241
Durham	1891	RG12_4045	Darlington	Darlington, High Coniscliffe, Hurworth, Low Coniscliffe, Low Dinsdale, Middleton St George, Neasham, Sockburn	3,694
Durham	1891	RG12_4121	Chester le Street	Edmondsley, Nettleworth, Newfield, Pelton, Pelton Fell, Plawsworth, Waldrige	7,399
Durham	1891	RG12_4178	Gateshead	Gateshead	7,863
Essex	1861	RG9_1068	Romford	Havering atte Bower, Romford	5,640
Essex	1891	RG12_1439A	Bulmer	Belchamp Otten, Belchamp St Paul, Belchamp Walter, Bulmer, Colne Green, Foxearth, Gestingthorpe, North Wood, Pentlow, Twinstead, Wickham St Paul, Wickham St Paul	4,096
Essex	1891	RG12_1440A	Bures	Alphamstone, Bures Hamlet, Lamarsh	967
Essex	1891	RG12_1443A	Melford	Borley	328
Fifeshire	1841	HS4_424	Dunfermline		3,217
					9,619

Flintshire	1841	HO107_1410	Mold	Mold, (Buckley; Arddynwent; Argoed; Bistree; Broncoed; Gwernafield; Gwernymynydd; Gwsaney; Hartsheath; Hendrebiffa; Leeswood; Llong; Llwynegrin; Mold; Nerquis; Pantymwyn; Pentre; Pontblyddyn; Rhydgoley; Tryddyn; Waenrhwyddfyd)	
Glamorganshire	1871	RG10_5358	Cardiff	Cardiff St John	3,850
Glamorganshire	1871	RG10_5405	Aberdare	Aberdare	3,616
Lancashire	1891	RG12_3163	Didsbury	Ashfield, Burnage, Shawbrook, Withington	7,057
Lincolnshire	1841	HO107_650	South Gartree	East Wykeham, Wood Enderby, Woodhall, Wootton, Worlaby, Worlaby, Wragby, Wrawby(Brigg or Glanford-Brigg), Wroot, Wyham with Cadeby, Yarborough	5,567
Lincolnshire	1871	RG10_3379	Wragby	Baumber, Benniworth, Bucknall, Gautby, Great Sturton, Hatton, Market Stainton, Ranby, Sotby, Tupholme, Waddingworth	2,197
Moray	1841	HS4_144	Urquhart		1,083
Norfolk	1871	RG10_1619A	Walsoken	Emneth	423
Northamptonshire	1891	RG12_1195	St Giles	Northampton, (St Sepulchre), St Giles, St Sepulchre	8,381
Northumberland	1841	HO107_845	Newcastle upon Tyne	All Saints	12,736
Northumberland	1841	HO107_846	Newcastle upon Tyne	All Saints	9,028
Somerset	1911	RG14_14246	Taunton	Bishops Hull Without	1,041
Somerset	1911	RG14_14247	Taunton	Cheddon Fitzpaine, Taunton St James Without	547
Staffordshire	1861	RG9_2039	Rowley Regis	Rowley Regis	5,601
Staffordshire	1891	RG12_2175	Stoke upon Trent	Stoke upon Trent	7,342

Suffolk	1891	RG12_1440	Bures	Assington, Bures, Bures St Mary, Honey Tye, Leavenheath, Nayland with Wissington, Stoke by Nayland	3,710
Suffolk	1891	RG12_1443	Melford	Acton, Alpheton, Great Waldingfield, Little Waldingfield, Long Melford, Newton near Sudbury	5,592
Wiltshire	1861	RG9_1310	Orcheston	Maddington, Orcheston St George, Orcheston St Mary, Rolleston, Shrewton, Tilshead, Winterbourne Stoke	2,534
Wiltshire	1861	RG9_1311	Amesbury	Amesbury, Bulford, Durnford, Durrington, Figheldean, Milston, Wilsford, Woodford	3,777
Wiltshire	1861	RG9_1312	Winterbourne	Allington, Boscombe, Idmiston (Ford; Gomeldon; Idmiston; Porton; Shrippe), Newton Tony, West Cholderton, Winterbourne Dauntsey, Winterbourne Earls, Winterbourne Gunner	1,939
Worcestershire	1861	RG9_2022A	Oldbury	Halesowen, (Oldbury)	6,049
Worcestershire	1861	RG9_2023A	Oldbury	Halesowen, (Oldbury)	5,924
Yorkshire - West Riding	1891	RG12_4045A	Darlington	Barton, Cleasby, Cliffe, Croft, Dalton upon Tees, Eryholme, Girsby, Manfield, Newton Morrell, Over Dinsdale, Stapleton	2,110

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.