

FreeCEN Newsletter – October 2024

Hello All

Welcome to the newsletter for the month, and 42 new pieces have been added to the website since the last edition, around 160,000 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 November 4th.

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

Places that Still Exists

(From Owen Richards)

Have just started on Cardiganshire 1861 piece RG9_4195, and the address on the first few pages is for the start of Northgate Street in Aberystwyth.

Schedule	House	Occupant (B-1)	Family	Males	Females
1	1 Northgate St	Sarah Morgan	Head		33
		Thomas 6 ^o	son	15	
		John 6 ^o	son	10	
		David 6 ^o	son	4	

(extract from this piece with the first address in the street)

Here is a photo taken by myself of that street this month, and the places certainly look like they could be the same ones as that from the 1861 census.



Pensioner at Age 21

(from Chris Mahoney)

During the validation of an 1851 Nottingham piece I came across one Henry CLARK, aged 21, and with an enumerated occupation of Pensioner.

161	Smithy Row	John Clark	Head	Mar	52	F W K	St. Lutterell Schfield
		Hannah	Wife	Mar	51	Seamstress	St. Arnold
		Henry	Son	U	21	Pensioner	St. Hyson Green

(extract from Nottingham 1851 piece HO107_2128)

How this person became a pensioner at such a young age in 1851 is anyone's guess, could even been wrong. Anyway, Henry was easy enough to track down in later years, and for the 1861 census, an occupation of FWK (abbreviated from Frame Work Knitter) was enumerated for him.

Top End	George Brown	Son	-	10	Scholar	St. Arnold
Smithy Row	William	Do	Son	-	8	Do
Blunck Street	Sarah Ann	Do	Daughter	6	Do	Do
	Frances	Do	Daughter	3	Do	Do
64	Henry Clark	Lodger	-	21	F W K	St. Hyson Green

(extract from Nottingham 1861 piece RG9_2443)

Enumerator's Copying of Pages

(From Chris Mahoney)

Anyone who is familiar with the 1841 census will be quite familiar with seeing pages that have had portions crossed out, and a question that has been asked on a number of occasions, what should one do with those entries that have been crossed out.

Below is such a sample of a page partially crossed out from Flintshire 1841 piece HO107_1409.

Page	Name	Age	Occupation
6	Robert Davies	30	Ag L
7	John Fennah	70	Ag L
8	Ann Fennah	75	
9	John Ellis	75	Farmer
10	Mary Ellis	75	
11	John Ellis	35	
12	Samuel Ellis	30	
13	Francis Ellis	25	
14	Thomas Lewis	13	Farmer
15	Charles Ellis	40	
16	Ann Ellis	15	
17	Thomas Ellis	30	
18	William Roberts	40	Br S
19	John Cemberson	20	F S
20	Thomas Williams	30	Brick Maker
	Ann Williams	30	
	Thomas Williams	14	
	John Williams	12	
	Elizabeth Williams	6	
	Ann Williams	2	
	James Williams	2 1/2	

My response is that it usually means that the entries have been copied to somewhere else in the same piece by the enumerator, and sometimes, the enumerator may even say where they have been copied to as with the above sample.

However, do not take the enumerator's word for it. Do check and obtain visual confirmation for yourself that the entries are indeed enumerated elsewhere. If in doubt, transcribe the crossed out section anyway, better to have the entries transcribed twice rather than not at all.

In the case of our sample, the enumerator's comments on where the entries have been copied to are correct, and here is the duplicated section from the same piece on where the crossed out entries were copied to.

PLACE	HOUSES		NAMES of each Person who abode therein the preceding Night.	AGE and SEX		PROFESSION, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT, or of INDEPENDENT MEANS.	Where Born	
	Uninhabited or Building	Inhabited		Males	Females		Whether Born in same County	Whether Born in Scotland, Ireland, or Foreign Parts.
Lancashire Mancaster		1	John Lunnah	70				
			Mum		75			
		1	John Ellis	75				
			Mary		75			
			John	35				
			Samuel	30				
		1	Frances		25			
		1	Thos Linn	13				
Little Manchester		1	Chas Ellis	70				
			Mum		65			
		1	Thos	25				
			Mr Roberts	40				
			Mrs Pemberton	20				
		1	Thos Williams	30				
			Mum		30			
			Thos	14				
			John	12				
			Eliz th		1			
			Mum		2			
			Isa	2				

Now compare the two versions of these entries, and we get a visual confirmation that enumerators were known for not always getting things correct as it is clear they have made alterations, and omitted details.

My advice to the proofreader was to go with the version not crossed out, but add the details from the crossed out section with a note to say where the added information came from.

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	1911	RG14_34568	Llangefni	Penrhos Lligwy, Penrhosllugwy	338
Caernarvonshire	1891	RG12_4661	Carnarvon	Carnarvon, Llanbeblig, Llanfaglan	5,819
Cambridgeshire	1841	HO107_74	Thriplow	Foulmire, Foxton, Great Shelford, Harston, Hauxton, Little Shelford, Newton, Stapleford, Thriplow, Trumpington	5,261
Devon	1851	HO107_1883	Buckland Monachorum	Bere Ferrers, (Beeralston), Buckland Monachorum, Lydford (Dartmoor Forest), Meavy, Sampford Spiney, Sheepstor, Walkhampton	8,383
Devon	1851	HO107_1883A	Tavistock	Peter Tavy, (Wilsworthy), Tavistock, Whitchurch	9,896
Devon	1851	HO107_1886	Morchard Bishop	Brushford, Chawleigh, Eggesford, Kennerleigh, Lapford, Morchard Bishop, Thelbridge, Washford Pyne, Wembworthy, Woolfardisworthy East	5,006
Devon	1851	HO107_1886A	Bow	Bow, Cheriton Bishop, Clannaborough, Coldridge, Down St Mary, Hittisleigh, Nymet Rowland, Zeal Monachorum	3,780
Devon	1851	HO107_1893	Ilfracombe	Berrynarbor, Bittadon, East Down, Ilfracombe, West Down	5,723
Devon	1851	HO107_1893A	Braunton	Ashford, Braunton, Georgeham, Heanton Punchardon, Marwood, Morthoe, Pilton	7,469
Devon	1851	HO107_1893B	Bishops Tawton	Atherington, Bishops Tawton (Newport), Fremington, Horwood, Instow, Newton Tracey, Tawstock, Westleigh	6,780
Devon	1871	RG10_2065	St David	Exeter, (St David)	3,958
Devon	1871	RG10_2078	Moreton Hampstead	Moreton Hampstead	1,389

Durham	1891	RG12_4046	Aycliffe	Archdeacon Newton, Barmpton, Brafferton, Coatham Mundeville, Cockerton, Denton, Great Aycliffe, Great Burdon, Haughton le Skerne, Heighington, Houghton le Side, Killerby, Morton Palms, Redworth, Sadberge, School Aycliffe, Summerhouse, Walworth, Whessoe	7,663
Yorkshire - East Riding	1891	RG12_3950	Aldbrough	Aldbrough, Burton Constable, Carleton, Cowdens Ambo, East Newton, West Newton, Withernwick	1,392
Essex	1861	RG9_1088	Bradwell	Asheldham, Bradwell, Dengie, St Lawrence Newland, Tillingham	2,851
England Wales Shipping	1861	RG9_4472	Limehouse	Limehouse	137
England Wales Shipping	1861	RG9_4473	Poplar	Poplar	828
England Wales Shipping	1861	RG9_4474	Erith	Erith	246
England Wales Shipping	1861	RG9_4475	Dartford	Dartford	205
England Wales Shipping	1861	RG9_4476	Gravesend	Gravesend	650
England Wales Shipping	1861	RG9_4477	Northfleet	Northfleet	154
England Wales Shipping	1861	RG9_4478	Rochester	Rochester	236
England Wales Shipping	1861	RG9_4479	Chatham	Chatham	632
England Wales Shipping	1861	RG9_4480	Sheerness	Sheerness	1,719
England Wales Shipping	1861	RG9_4481	Dover	Dover	214
England Wales Shipping	1861	RG9_4482	Shoreham	Shoreham	360
England Wales Shipping	1861	RG9_4483	Portsmouth	Portsmouth	2,975
Glamorganshire	1871	RG10_5360	Cardiff	Cardiff St Mary	6,370

Huntingdonshire	1851	HO107_1748B	Spaldwick	Alconbury, Alconbury Weston, Barham, Buckworth, Easton, Ellington, Hamerton, Leighton Bromswold, Spaldwick, Woolley	3,624
Lancashire	1861	RG9_2666	Dale Street	Liverpool, (St Paul's and Exchange)	4,653
Leicestershire	1841	HO107_588	Framland	Cold Overton, Melton Mowbray (Freeby), Melton Mowbray (Welby), Muston, Plungar, Redmile, Saltby, Saxby, Scalford, Somerby, Sproxton, Stapleford, Stonesby, Strathern, Sysonby, Thorpe Arnold, Waltham on the Wolds, Withcote, Wyfordby (Brentingby), Wymondham	10,056
Lincolnshire	1891	RG12_2712A	Bassingham	Bassingham, Beckingham, Brant Broughton, Carlton le Moorland, Norton Disney, Stapleford, Thurlby	2,373
Lincolnshire	1891	RG12_2715A	Bennington	Allington, Bennington Grange, Foston, Long Bennington, Sedgebrook, Westborough	1,856
Moray	1871	RS7_139	Knockando		1,910
Staffordshire	1891	RG12_2362A	Harbourne		6,933
Worcestershire	1841	HO107_1191A	Blackenhurst (Lower Division)	Abbots Moreton, Church Lench (Atch Lench; Sheriffs Lench), Great Hampton (Little Hampton), Norton (Chadbury; Lenchwick), Oldberrow	1,341
Worcestershire	1841	HO107_1191B	Blackenhurst (Upper Division)	Badsey, (Aldington), Bretforton, Church Honeybourne with Poden, North Littleton(Middle Littleton), Offenham, South Littleton, Wickhamford	2,100
Worcestershire	1891	RG12_2333	Upton on Severn	Berrow, Birts Morton, Bushley, Castlemorton, Eldersfield, Holdfast, Longdon, Queenhill, Upton on Severn	5,166
Worcestershire	1891	RG12_2359	Edgbaston	Edgbaston	7,320

Yorkshire - West Riding	1851	HO107_2293	Newmill	Kirkburton, (Cartworth; Fulstone or Foolstone with Scholes; Hepworth with Barnside, Foster Place, Meal Hill and Scholes; Holmfirth; Newmill; Scholes)	5,665
Yorkshire - West Riding	1851	HO107_2293A	Kirkburton	Emley, (Cumberworth Half with Skelmanthorpe and Scissett), High Hoyland (Cumberworth with Skelmanthorpe and Scissett), Kirkburton (Cumberworth Half; Shepley; Thurstonland), Kirkburton (Kirkburton with Dogby Lane, Green Grove, Linfit Lane, Spring Grove, Paddock and High Burton; Shelley with Roydhouse, Thunderbridge and Woodhouse), Silkstone (Cumberworth with Skelmanthorpe and Scissett)	12,693
Yorkshire - West Riding	1891	RG12_3510	Ripon	Ripon	5,939

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.