

## FreeCEN Newsletter – August 2025

Hello All

Welcome to the FreeCEN newsletter for August 2025, and 62 new pieces have been added to the website since the last edition, around 224,000 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 of the month.

### Contribution Guidelines

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

They can be in any format, but I do have two particular requests with contributions.

1. Please do include a scanned image of the census record referred to (if appropriate) along with relevant source information (i.e. piece number, folio number, page number, and schedule number)
2. With any images, please include separate copies of these attached to your email (much easier to work with than copying one out of your article)
3. If you have quoted another source (or copied an image from somewhere), please quote what that source is

### Previous FreeCEN Newsletters

Past editions of the newsletter are [now available to download](#) from the FreeCEN website. Or go to the “About” tab, and then look on the right hand side under “See Also”.

The previous twelve are there now, all in downloadable PDF format (can also be read in some internet browsers). Older editions available on request.

## **FreeCEN Vacancies**

If you are 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 are 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 someone to do these re-validations). We do have scans we can supply you with.

If you are interested in taking on these counties, or would like to know more, then do let us know.

## Interesting People - John Gould

(From Bev Howlett)



### John Gould

John Gould was born in Lyme Regis, 14 September 1804 the first son of a gardener. The young Gould started training as a gardener. Employed under his father at Windsor from 1818 to 1824, he was then a gardener at Ripley Castle in Yorkshire. He became an expert in the art of taxidermy. In 1824 he set himself up in business in London as a taxidermist. His skill helped him to become the first curator and preserver at the museum of the Zoological Society of London in 1827.

(Photo of John Gould taken around 1860)

### Work with Darwin

When Charles Darwin presented his mammal and bird specimens collected during the second voyage of HMS Beagle to the Zoological Society of London on 4 January 1837, the bird specimens were given to Gould for identification. Gould's work on the birds was published between 1838 and 1842 in five numbers as Part 3 of Zoology of the Voyage of H.M.S. Beagle, edited by Charles Darwin. Elizabeth Gould illustrated all the plates for Part 3.

## Research in Australia

In 1838 the Goulds sailed to Australia, intending to study the birds of that country and be the first to produce a major work on the subject. They took with them the collector John Gilbert. They arrived in Tasmania in September, making the acquaintance of the governor Sir John Franklin and his wife. Gould and Gilbert collected on the island. In February 1839 Gould sailed to Sydney, leaving his pregnant wife with the Franklins.. In April he returned to Tasmania for the birth of his son. In May he sailed to Adelaide to meet Charles Sturt, who was preparing to lead an expedition to the Murray River. Gould collected in the Mount Lofty range, the Murray Scrubs and Kangaroo Island, returning again to Hobart in July. He then travelled with his wife to Yarrundi. They returned home to England in May 1840.

The result of the trip was *The Birds of Australia* (1840–48), a seven volume work which is the first comprehensive illustrated account of Australian birds. It included a total of 600 plates in seven volumes; 328 of the species described were new to science and named by Gould. He also published “*A Monograph of the Macropodidae, or Family of Kangaroos*(1841–1842)” and the three-volume work “*The Mammals of Australia* (1849–1861)”.

Elizabeth died in 1841 after the birth of their eighth child, Sarah, and Gould's books subsequently used illustrations by a number of artists, including Henry Constantine Richter, William Matthew Hart and Joseph Wolf.

John Gould	35	butcher	H
Elizabeth do	35		H
Elizabeth Cary	20		H
Elizabeth Gould	5		H
Thomas do	3		H
Franklin do	2		H
Johnson Moore	35	Male servant	H
Sarah Moore	25	Female do	H
Margaret-Jagger	18	do do	H
Richard Bernard	60	Laundryman	H
Sarah do	60		H
William Tupper	65	Quadrant	H

(Family of John and Elizabeth Gould from the 1841 census – piece HO107\_1074 in Surrey)

## Pieces Uploaded July 2025

County	Year	Piece	Location	Civil Parishes	Number of Entries
Bedfordshire	1861	RG9_984A	Kimbolton	Dean, Eaton Socon, Little Staughton, Pertenhall, Shelton, Tilbrook	4,792
Bedfordshire	1861	RG9_994	Potton	Everton, Potton, Sandy(Beeston;Sandy), Tempsford	4,835
Brecknockshire	1891	RG12_4571	Pencelli	Aber, Abercynrig, Llanddetty, Llanfrynach, Llanvigan, Pencelli, Talybont	1,267
Cambridgeshire	1841	HO107_71	Radfield	Balsham, Brinkley, Burrough Green, Carlton cum Willingham, Dullingham, Stetchworth, West Wratting, Westley Waterless, Weston Colville	5,577
Cambridgeshire	1861	RG9_1023	St Andrew the Less	Cambridge St Andrew The Less, (St Paul)	5,628
Cambridgeshire	1861	RG9_1026	St Andrew the Great	Cambridge All Saints, (Jesus College; Sidney-Sussex College; St John's College; Trinity College), Cambridge Holy Trinity, Cambridge St Andrew The Great (Christ's College; Emmanuel College; St Paul)	5,706
Cardiganshire	1861	RG9_4195	Aberystwyth	Llanbadarn Fawr, (Aberystwyth), Llanychaiarn	3,866
Cardiganshire	1901	RG13_5140	Penbryn	Bettws Evan, Brongest, Brongwyn, Dolgoy, Dolguan, Llainmanal, Llandyfriog, Llanfair Trelygen, Llangrannog, Newcastle Emlyn, Penbryn, Rhyd Lewis, Sarnau, Troedyrour	4,217
Cardiganshire	1911	RG14_33312	Penbryn	Penbryn	331
Derbyshire	1871	RG10_4666A	Upper Hallam	Dore, Totley	1,132
Derbyshire	1871	RG10_4667A	Norton	Beauchief, Norton(Bradway;Greenhill;Meadowhead)	2,964
Derbyshire	1871	RG10_4701A	Beighton	Beighton, (Bierley;Hackenthorpe;Sothal)	1,574

Devon	1871	RG10_2367A	Pitminster	Churchstanton, (Accombe; Churchinford; Stapley)	843
Devon	1891	RG12_1892A	Combe St Nicholas	Yarcombe	660
Dorset	1851	HO107_1931D	Wincanton	Buckhorn Weston, Kington Magna(Nyland)	1,154
Dorset	1861	RG9_1649A	Wincanton	Buckhorn Weston, Kington Magna	1,105
Dorset	1871	RG10_2426A	Wincanton	Buckhorn Weston, Kington Magna	1,102
Dorset	1891	RG12_1892B	Combe St Nicholas	Wambrook	236
England Wales Shipping	1861	RG9_4433	Royal Navy at sea and in ports abroad	Royal Navy at sea and in ports abroad	6,399
Essex	1861	RG9_1065	Harlow	Great Parndon, Harlow, Latton, Little Parndon, Matching, Netteswell, Roydon, Sheering	5,594
Essex	1861	RG9_1069	Romford	Dagenham, Romford	4,015
Essex	1861	RG9_1070	Ilford	Barking, (Barking Side;Chadwell;Great Ilford)	5,491
Essex	1861	RG9_1102	Peldon	Abberton, East Donyland, East Mersea, Fingringhoe, Great Wigborough(Tiptree Heath), Langenhoe, Little Wigborough, Peldon, Salcott, Virley, West Mersea	4,732
Essex	1861	RG9_1107	Witham	Wickham Bishops, Witham	4,123
Gloucestershire	1861	RG9_1717	Bristol St Paul	Bristol St Philip and Jacob In	4,438
Gloucestershire	1861	RG9_1777	Minchinhampton	Minchinhampton, (Amberley;Brimscombe)	4,245
Gloucestershire	1861	RG9_1803	Cheltenham	Cheltenham	5,637
Gloucestershire	1861	RG9_2100A	Evesham	Ashton Underhill, Aston Somerville	714
Hertfordshire	1891	RG12_1115	St Albans	London Colney, Oaklands, Sleafshyde, Smallford, St Albans St Peter, Tyttenhanger, Wilkins Green	8,305
Lancashire	1861	RG9_2750	St Helens	Prescot, (Eccleston St Helen's)	3,735
Lancashire	1891	RG12_3384	Gisburn	Gisburn, Gisburn Cotes	449

Leicestershire	1841	HO107_597	Guthlaxton	Arnesby, Ashby Magna, Ashby Parva, Aylestone (Glenn Parva), Bitteswell, Blaby(Countessthorpe), Broughton Astley (Broughton-Astley; Primethorp; Sutton-in-the-Elms), Bruntingthorpe, Castle View Liberty, Catthorpe, Claybrooke (Bittesby; Great Claybrooke; Little Claybrooke; Ullesthorpe; Wigston Parva), Cosby (Wittethorpe), Cotesbach	7,868
Lincolnshire	1841	HO107_635	East Aslaoe	Glentham, (Bridge Bishop), Glentham (Spittal-in-the-Street), Glentworth, Goltho (Bullington), Goulceby, Goxhill, Grainsby, Grainthorpe (Ludney), Grainthorpe (Wragholme), Grasby, Grayingham, Great Grimsby, Greetham, Greetwell, Grimblethorpe, Grimoldby, Gunby St Peter, Little Grimsby	7,832
Lincolnshire	1871	RG10_4729A	Swinefleet	Eastoft, Garthorpe, Luddington	1,386
Merionethshire	1871	RG10_5686	Bala	Llanycil, (Bala)	2,832
Merionethshire	1871	RG10_5687	Bala	Llandderfel, Llanfor	2,347
Merionethshire	1871	RG10_5688	Talyllyn	Llanymawddwy, Mallwyd (Caereinion Fechan), Talyllyn	3,076
Merionethshire	1871	RG10_5689	Talyllyn	Llanegryn, Llanfihangel y Pennant, Llangelynnin, Talyllyn	2,963
Merionethshire	1871	RG10_5694	Llanfihangel y Traethau	Llanbedr, Llandanwg, Llanfair juxta Harlech, Llanfihangel y Traethau	2,162
Norfolk	1891	RG12_1309A	Upwell	Lakes End, Outwell, Three Holes, Upwell	3,024
Nottinghamshire	1851	HO107_2129A	Radford	Lenton, (Hyson Green), Radford (New Radford)	8,906
Nottinghamshire	1851	HO107_2131	Sherwood	St Mary	6,238
Nottinghamshire	1851	HO107_2131A	St Mary	St Mary	7,691
Nottinghamshire	1871	RG10_4723A	Bawtry	Finningley, Misson	1,203
Somerset	1901	RG13_2313	Shepton Mallet	Bowlsh, Charlton, Downside, Field, Shepton Mallet, West Shepton	5,350
Somerset	1911	RG14_14273	North Petherton	North Petherton	810
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Suffolk	1841	HO107_1019	Bosmere and Claydon	Earl Stonham, Helmingham, Hemingstone, Henley, Mickfield, Nettlestead, Offton with Little Bricett, Ringshall, Somersham, Stonham Aspal, Stonham Parva, Swilland, Westerfield, Whitton cum Thurlston, Willisham	
Suffolk	1841	HO107_1025	Hoxne	Athelington, Badingham, Bedfield, Bedingfield, Brundish, Carlton, Denham, Dennington, Fressingfield, Horham, Hoxne, Kelsale, Laxfield	9,190
Suffolk	1841	HO107_1030	Mutford and Lothingland	Herringfleet, Hopton, Kessingland, Kirkley, Lound, Lowestoft, Mutford, Oulton, Pakefield, Rushmere, Somerleyton	8,915
Wiltshire	1841	HO107_952A	Norton Ferris	Maiden Bradley, (Yarnfield), Stourton (Gasper;or Brook)	385
Wiltshire	1871	RG10_1949	Downton	Downton, (Hamptworth; Redlynch), Langley Wood, Nomansland	2,548
Wiltshire	1871	RG10_1951	Britford	Fisherton Anger, The Close of the Canons of the Cathedral Church Salisbury	3,767
Wiltshire	1871	RG10_1955	Salisbury	St Edmund	2,358
Wiltshire	1891	RG12_1585	Swindon	Swindon	7,074
Worcestershire	1861	RG9_2100	Evesham	Evesham, (All Saints;St Peter's Bengeworth), Hampton, Sedgeberrow	3,882
Yorkshire - North Riding	1861	RG9_3543A	Skelton	Haxby, Newton upon Ouse (Benningbrough), Overton (Skelton), Skelton, St Olave Mary Gate (Rawcliffe), Wigginton	1,563
Yorkshire - North Riding	1861	RG9_3544A	Bootham	Huntington, (Earswick; Huntington; Towthorpe), St Olave Mary Gate (Clifton; St Olave Mary Gate)	4,329
Yorkshire - North Riding	1871	RG10_4282A	Whixley	Tollerton, Youlton	591
Yorkshire - North Riding	1871	RG10_4283A	Poppleton	Shipton	442
Yorkshire - West Riding	1861	RG9_3549A	Micklegate	Acaster Malbis, (Acaster Malbis), Acomb (Dringhouses), Askham Bryan, Askham Richard, Bishopthorpe, Long Marston (Hutton-Wandesley)	1,659



Yorkshire - West Riding	1871	RG10_4422A	Ovenden	Ovenden	2,045
Yorkshire - West Riding	1891	RG12_3384A	Gisburn	Bolton by Bowland, Ellenthorpe, Gisburn Forest, Holden, Horton, Middop, Newby, Newsholme, Paythorne, Rimington, Sawley	1,614

### Table Notes

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

### FreeCEN1

The last reported update to our old website at [FreeCEN1](#) took place on July 6th 2021. Further updates to this website have been discontinued, and any new uploads of completed pieces will take place on FreeCEN2 only.

We expect that the old website will be taken off-line at some point.