

Press Release

New Release: 1871 UK Census households now plotted on Map

Explorer™

The **1871 Census for England, Scotland and Wales** has, for the first time, been georeferenced on <u>TheGenealogist</u>. This is the process of linking a record to a geographical spot and means you can now see where a household stood with links to detailed maps on the powerful **Map Explorer™**. This is set to make investigating the places where ancestors lived in this year even more interesting for family and house historians.

Viewing a household record from the 1871 census on TheGenealogist will now show a map pinpointing its location. Clicking through from this preview map opens the powerful Map Explorer™ with its georeferenced modern and historical maps. This then enables subscribers to explore their ancestors' area in much greater detail than on other census sites.



1871 census household pinpointed on Map Explorer™

Joining the earlier census releases, which saw the 1911, 1901, 1891 and 1881 census linked up to the powerful mapping tool, researchers can now easily identify with just the click of a button where their forebears had once lived and get a sense of the routes their ancestors used.

Using these linked maps allows researchers to trace the thoroughfares that ancestors may have walked down as they went shopping, or popped into their local pubs for a drink. Researchers can likewise, work out the routes that their forebears may have taken to get to their nearby churches, or find the shortest way to their places of work and the direction they needed to go in order to reach their nearby park for relaxation. Historical maps can also reveal where the nearest railway station was to their home, important for understanding how our ancestors could have travelled to other parts of the country to see relatives or to visit their hometown.

With this powerful resource, Starter, Gold and Diamond subscribers of TheGenealogist can look into their ancestors' neighbourhood from home on their computer screens, or even

access the census and the relevant maps on their mobile phone as they walk down the modern streets.

The Greater London Area, Buckinghamshire and Berkshire along with most towns and cities can be viewed down to the property level, while other parts of the country will identify down to the parish, road or street.



Albert Mansions and Albert Hall

In this particular census year, Queen Victoria opened the Royal Albert Hall, Gilbert and Sullivan premiered the first of their light opera collaborations at the Gaiety Theatre in London and a technologically advanced lighthouse was switched on near Tyne and Wear.

Read our article "Putting 1871 on the map" to discover more as Nick Thorne takes a look at events in 1871 and brings context to the census records.

https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/featuredarticles/2023/putting-1871-on-the-map-1673/

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<u>The Genealogist's</u> innovative SmartSearch technology links records together to help you find your ancestors more easily. <u>The Genealogist</u> is one of the leading providers of online family history records. Along with the standard Birth, Marriage, Death and Census records, they also have significant collections of Parish and Nonconformist records, PCC Will Records, Irish Records, Military records, Occupations, Newspaper record collections amongst many others.

<u>TheGenealogist</u> uses the latest technology to help you bring your family history to life. Use <u>TheGenealogist</u> to find your ancestors today!

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