Resource List

Step One

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MAGIC (2025) *MAGIC: Multi-agency geographic information for the countryside* [Online]. Defra, Natural England, Landmark Information. Available at: https://magic.defra.gov.uk/home.htm [Accessed April 2025]

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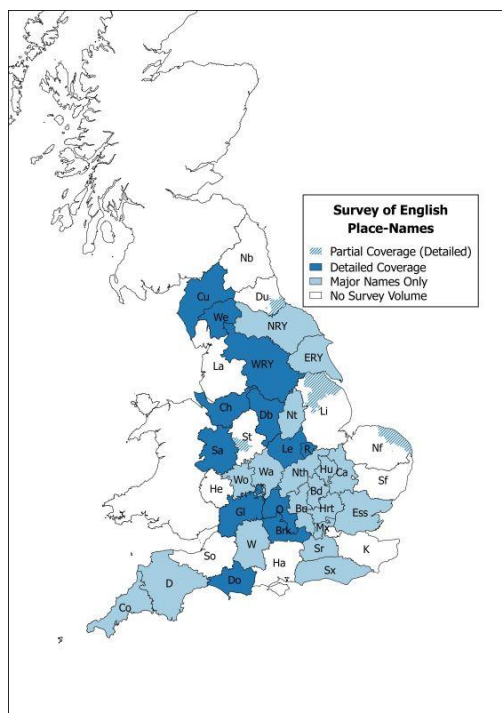
Printed

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Steps Two and Three

Survey of English Place-Names

EPNS (1923-ongoing), *County-by-County Survey of English Place-Names.* List of publications available at: https://epns.nottingham.ac.uk/about [Accessed April 2025]

KEPN (2025), Key to English Place-Names [Online]. Available at: http://kepn.nottingham.ac.uk/ [Accessed June 2025]

Other

VCH (1899-ongoing), *The Victoria County History.* List of publications available at https://www.history.ac.uk/research/victoria-county-history/county-histories-progress [accessed April 2025]

Many of these volumes are available online:

BHO (2024), *British History Online* [Online] (University of London). Available at: https://www.british-history.ac.uk/ [Accessed April 2025]

TNA (2025), *The National Archives: Discovery Online Catalogue* [Online]. Available at: https://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ [Accessed April 2025]

Tithe maps

Consult the County Record Office for digitisation and availability online.

Examples of digitised tithe maps and awards [accessed April 2025]: https://map.devon.gov.uk/portal/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=71fe583c7004410ca8cdc62e0e9b2577

https://maps.cheshireeast.gov.uk/tithemaps/

Many record offices have a subscription to *The Genealogist,* https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/ [accessed April 2025]. This digital resource has a map interface and has digitised all tithe maps for the country. As with all these maps, clicking on individual plots generates a pop-up giving details of the name. It is also possible to download copies of the maps and corresponding awards.

Some record offices have transcribed tithe awards into spreadsheets, which are easier to search and sort. They have also made available shapefiles, giving the polygons for the tithe plots, for use in a GIS programme.

For example: https://archaeologydataservice.ac.uk/archives/view/1005859/downloads.cfm?archive=Spreadsheet [accessed April 2025]

Ordnance Survey historical mapping

NLS (2025), *Historic Maps* [Online]. Available at: https://maps.nls.uk/ [accessed April 2025], various interfaces including side-by-side viewer.

Other historical mapping

Many have been digitised by the County Record Office or the National Library of Scotland, as well as being available on other websites.

Specific examples:

Bryant, Andrew (1831), *Map of the county palatine of Chester from an actual survey made in the years 1829, 1830 & 1831* [Online] (London: Bryant). Available at: https://maps.nls.uk/joins/10417.html [Accessed April 2025]

Old Maps Online (2025), *Old Maps Online* [Online] (Klokan Technologies GmbH, The Great Britain Historical GIS Project, University of Portsmouth). Available at: https://www.oldmapsonline.org/en [Accessed April 2025]

Vision of Britain (above) has a section on historical maps for each place, which includes the Ordnance Survey First Series, from the early 19th century.

KYP (2025), *Know Your Place - West of England* [Online]. Available at: https://www.kypwest.org.uk/ [Accessed April 2025]

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Cavill, Paul (2018), *A New Dictionary of English Field-Names* (Nottingham: EPNS)

Field, John (1972), *English Field-Names: a dictionary* (Newton Abbot: David & Charles)

Gelling, Margaret and Ann Cole (2014 [2000]), *The Landscape of Place-Names* (Donington: Shaun Tyas)

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Smith, Albert (1956), *English Place-Name Elements* (Cambridge: CUP)

Online

British Geological Survey (2025), *Geology of Britain Viewer* [Online]. Available at: https://geologyviewer.bgs.ac.uk/ [Accessed April 2025]

EDD (2011-2025), *English Dialect Dictionary Online 4.0* [Online] (Leopold-Franzens-Universität Innsbruck). Available at: https://eddonline4-proj.uibk.ac.at/edd/ [Accessed April 2025]

Hanks, Patrick, Richard Coates and Peter McClure (2016), *The Oxford Dictionary of Family Names in Britain and Ireland* [Online] (Oxford: OUP). Available at: https://www.oxfordreference.com/display/10.1093/acref/9780199677764.001.0001/acref-9780199677764 [Accessed April 2025] (Many local libraries and record offices have a subscription).

HER (2025), *Heritage Gateway* [Online] (Historic England, IHBC, ALGAO). Available at: https://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/gateway/ [Accessed April 2025]

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Historical Thesaurus (2025), *Oxford English Dictionary: Historical Thesaurus* [Online] (OUP). Available at: https://www.oed.com/thesaurus/ [Accessed April 2025]

MEC (2025), *Middle English Compendium* [Online] (University of Michigan). Available at: https://quod.lib.umich.edu/m/middle-english-dictionary/dictionary [Accessed April 2025]

NHLE (2025), *National Heritage List for England* [Online] (Swindon: Historic England). Available at: https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/ [Accessed April 2025]

OED (2025), *Oxford English Dictionary* [Online] (Oxford: OUP). Available at: https://www.oed.com/ [Accessed April 2025] (Many local libraries and record offices have a subscription).

PASE (2025), *Prosopography of Anglo-Saxon England* [Online] (King's College London). Available at: http://pase.ac.uk/index.html [Accessed April 2025]

Further assistance

Institute for Name-Studies and the English Place-Name Society. Further information and contact details available at:

https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/research/groups/ins/#:~:text=The%20Institute%20for%20Name%E2%80%91Studies,are%20housed%20in%20the%20Institute

https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/research/groups/epns/index.aspx

Primary Material (Extra)

In addition to the online resources listed above for Steps Two and Three:

British Record Society (2025), List of Publications [Online]. Available at: https://www.britishrecordsociety.org/publications/ [Accessed June 2025]

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Johnson, Charles and Hilary Jenkinson (1915), English Court Hand, A.D. 1066 to 1500: illustrated chiefly from the public records (Oxford: Clarendon Press). Available at: https://archive.org/details/englishcourthand01john/page/n5/mode/2up

KCL Mapping the Medieval Countryside [Online]. Available at: https://inquisitionspostmortem.ac.uk/ [Accessed June 2025]

Phillips, Chris (2025), Medieval Genealogy [Online]. Available at: https://www.medievalgenealogy.org.uk/ [Accessed June 2025]

Royal Historical Society (2025), Regional Record Societies [Online]. Available at: https://royalhistsoc.org/publications/national-regional-history/english-regional-history-and-record-societies/ [Accessed June 2025]

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TNA (2025), Palaeography Resources [Online]. Available at: https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/reading-old-documents/ [Accessed June 2025]

University of Nottingham (2025), Finding medieval landscape names [Online]. Available at: https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/research/groups/ins/resources/finding-medieval-landscape-names/finding-medieval-landscape-names.aspx [Accessed June 2025]

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