

GUIDE TO THE FORMAT OF THE COLLECTION

All grids begin with the SURNAME, followed by forename(s) of the Romany/Traveller being chronicled. Aliases and nickname(s) are added if known. All of these are in **red**.

The grids are divided into six compartments, each one hosting a different dataset, where known, or left blank as appropriate. These are defined below.

Where grid entries are given in **blue** this signifies uncertainty, where the data given appear to fit the profile, but by no means with absolute certainty.

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c1764			birth	son of Righteous & Anna Perella	Reginald Hine, Hitchin Worthies (London: George Allen & Unwin, 1932), 349

The YEAR of occurrence. Where this is non-specific the date is preceded by c [= circa, or approximation]

1743/

1744 = the period between 1 January and 24 March which, until the adoption of the Julian calendar in 1752, was reckoned as the final three months of the year proper.

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The specific or approximate date of occurrence, given as DAY/MONTH.

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The location of occurrence, in the form of community, COUNTY (e.g. Greenwich, KNT).

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The nature and form of occurrence. Typical examples might be a family experience (birth, baptism, marriage, death), an appearance in magistrates court, or playing for dancing. This compartment is also used for additional material found in the source. In particular, 1911 census entries will often document the duration of marriage, number of children born alive, and number of children still living.

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Specific details from the original source, offering an insight into an incident in the life of the individual documented. This may take the form of a newspaper report, details from a convict ident, a census return entry, details from a parish register, or any number of others.

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Details of the original source, sufficient for any reader to locate it again. This might be a document in a library or record office, a newspaper item, a published volume, or a resource available online. The invaluable series of biographical monographs published by the Romany and Traveller Family History Society: the Famous Romany Families Series. Where cited, these take the form of (for example) 'Trudgill/Lock, 18' - i.e. 'author/specific volume/page number'. The full titles of these books are listed below.

In instances where the transcription of a record contains more than one surname, for example a census return, the transcription is duplicated under the surname of each individual so that every biography is complete.

COMMONLY USED TERMS

- Original register/Original BT [Bishop's transcript] = personal transcription of the original entry, seen either in the original document or as a microfiche or image on the web. In these instances any mistranscriptions are my own.
- Original register transcript = another researcher's transcript, with potential for being flawed.
- Original BT transcript [Bishop's Transcript] = another researcher's transcript of the copy of parish register entries made and sent to the diocese periodically by the clergyman *in situ*.
- FamilySearch/FreeBMD/NBI [National Burial Index] = freely available resources on the web.
- GRO Index = the General Register Office for England and Wales - an index of the civil registrations of births, marriages and deaths, beginning in 1837, freely available on the web. The early index is manuscript. In later years it is typescript.

Census entries are transcribed as closely as humanly possible, but never identically to the original form, it being impossible to accurately reproduce a hand-written document in typeface. When the completed enumeration books were returned to a central location in London, tallies were made in a number of fields. As a result, a further comment appears frequently, invariably in a different hand, and written by someone with no immediate contact with the respondent. These are, then, both for that reason and the fact that this additional text can distort the evidence, ignored here.

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COUNTY CODES FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

County names are presented in abbreviated form throughout the Collection.

BDF Bedfordshire	ESS Essex	NTH Northamptonshire	WAR Warwickshire	FLN Flintshire
BRK Berkshire	GLS Gloucestershire	NBL Northumberland	WES Westmorland	GLA Glamorganshire
BKM Buckinghamshire	HAM Hampshire	NTT Nottinghamshire	WIL Wiltshire	MER Merionethshire
CAM Cambridgeshire	HEF Herefordshire	OXF Oxfordshire	WOR Worcestershire	MON Monmouthshire
CHS Cheshire	HRT Hertfordshire	RUT Rutland	YKS Yorkshire	MGY Montgomeryshire
CRN Cornwall	KNT Kent	SAL Shropshire	AGY Anglesey	PEM Pembrokeshire
CUL Cumberland	LAN Lancashire	SOM Somerset	BRE Brecknockshire	RAD Radnorshire
DBY Derbyshire	LEI Leicestershire	STS Staffordshire	CAR Carnarvonshire	IOM Isle of Man
DEV Devonshire	LIN Lincolnshire	SFK Suffolk	CGN Cardiganshire	IOW Isle of Wight
DOR Dorset	MDX Middlesex	SRY Surrey	CMN Carmarthenshire	
DUR Durham	NFK Norfolk	SSX Sussex	DEN Denbighshire	

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