

GUIDE TO THE FORMAT OF THE COLLECTION

The biographical information about individuals is presented in grids. All grids begin with the SURNAME, followed by the 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]. The individuals are listed in chronological order.

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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 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.

HOW TO SEARCH EACH SURNAME DOCUMENT

Within each surname document, individuals are listed chronologically, in many cases from the 17th century onwards. To search for specific forenames, occupations, place names and so on, go to the Edit tab at the top left of your internet browser and select Find from the menu. A search box will appear at the top of the document page towards the right hand side. Simply enter any search term here and the results will be highlighted in a colour throughout the document.

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.

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| 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 Pembrokshire |
| 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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