

Counties in England

County/Shire



County - from Old French
conté or *cunté* – count or viscount

Saxons - shires

Anglo-Saxon: “earl” or “earldom”
equivalent to “count” and “county”

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Jurisdictions at local/county level

- County
- Division (e.g. Yorkshire ridings)
- Civil registration district
- Poor law union
- Hundred/wapentake
- Province
- Diocese
- Rural Deanery
- Parish/chapelry

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England Jurisdictions – FamilySearch

https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/England_Jurisdictions

Reference Articles

- English Counties by Caroline Gurney (British Connections Oct-Dec 2019)
- Where Did England's Counties Get Their Names? by John Elledge and Andrea Mavroudis
- Counties and Countries in Britain and Ireland by Mike Spathaky (BIFHS-USA Journal-Summer 2000)
- Chapman County Codes for the British Isles

England County book call numbers (Dewey Decimal classifications)

ENGLAND 942

Bedford	942.565
Berkshire	942.29
Buckingham	942.575
Cambridge	942.59
Channel Islands	942.34
Cheshire	942.71
Cornwall	942.37
Cumberland	942.85
Derby	942.51
Devon	942.35
Dorset	942.33
Durham	942.81
Essex	942.67
Gloucester	942.41
Hampshire	942.27
Hereford	942.44
Hertford	942.58
Huntingdon	942.56
Isle of Man	942.89
Isle of Wight (see Hampshire)	
Kent	942.23

Lancashire	942.72
Leicester	942.54
Lincoln	942.53
London	942.1
Middlesex (see London)	
Monmouth	942.43
Norfolk	942.61
Northampton	942.55
Northumberland	942.82
Nottingham	942.52
Oxford	942.57
Rutland	942.545
Shropshire (Salop)	942.45
Somerset	942.38
Stafford	942.46
Suffolk	942.64
Surrey	942.21
Sussex	942.25
Warwick	942.48
Westmorland	942.88
Wiltshire	942.31
Worcester	942.47
York	942.74

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England Gazetteers – FamilySearch

[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/England Gazetteers](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/England_Gazetteers)

... Further Study

- FamilySearch England Jurisdictions page:
[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/England Jurisdictions](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/England_Jurisdictions)
- Wikipedia - “Historic Counties of England”:
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Historic counties of England](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Historic_counties_of_England)
- Video course: FamilySearch video class by Dan Poffenberger –
“England Jurisdictions” (from St. George’s Day seminar Apr. 2, 2021)
recorded on Facebook – 26 mins.
<https://www.facebook.com/familyhistorylibrary/videos/157220252993703>

Gray’s Book of Roads 1824 – George Carrington Gray – Public Domain – Google digital book:

https://books.googleusercontent.com/books/content?req=AKW5QafBPY0J-vKkKC6i0HCiWjHGPftCCCIJDcBHHmACdTIMsVQTR_PYq0n_TR2JXb8UOnw-iXpVVDmSunFIUCNW-C3XEHvSnD5CHZ0-MgmYFNviFKGT9gaEZfYJYIpzPVgZSDuKFuHvGG4YyzqktneW5nJP5jar5wVKgYdBdSEurcpGhRRQmKML0cLtIHN-AExtLkNSI-bEIRtJgRwo6A-mKLotIKc2EPu8e6XogkRSCoz_4BtFYLDJgS4sBX7mXp_NqSRW5Zky7T5vfWp00EuMGmalm4dr53Tx2VWUOhk0n_QeLsAbg0QgY

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