

How to use “Places Within” function in FamilySearch Catalog

Searching/finding place names within counties in England using the “places within” function.

FamilySearch > Search tab > Catalog > Place search for **England** > Search results:

Notes

[Place Information](#)

SEE: PART OF UNITED KINGDOM SEE: PLACES WITHIN ENGLAND

Results (8,148) TIPS AND RESOURCES PRINT CATALOG PRINT LIST (0) SEARCH

Subject	Search Terms
United Kingdom, England - Almanacs (6)	▼
United Kingdom, England - Archives and libraries (33)	▼
United Kingdom, England - Archives and libraries - Bibliography (2)	▼
United Kingdom, England - Archives and libraries - Directories (40)	▼
United Kingdom, England - Archives and libraries - Handbooks, manuals, etc. (12)	▼
United Kingdom, England - Archives and libraries - History - Sources (1)	▼

Note that in the results there is a button for “SEE PLACES WITHIN ENGLAND”.

If you click on this button it will display a list of the 39 historic counties in England:

Places within England			
BEDFORDSHIRE	DURHAM	LONDON	STAFFORDSHIRE
BERKSHIRE	ESSEX	MIDDLESEX	SUFFOLK
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE	GLOUCESTERSHIRE	NORFOLK	SURREY
CAMBRIDGESHIRE	HAMPSHIRE	NORTHAMPTONSHIRE	SUSSEX
CHESHIRE	HEREFORDSHIRE	NORTHUMBERLAND	WARWICKSHIRE
CORNWALL	HERTFORDSHIRE	NOTTINGHAMSHIRE	WESTMORLAND
CUMBERLAND	KENT	OXFORDSHIRE	WILTSHIRE
DERBYSHIRE	LANCASHIRE	RUTLAND	WORCESTERSHIRE
DEVON	LEICESTERSHIRE	SHROPSHIRE	YORKSHIRE
DORSET	LINCOLNSHIRE	SOMERSET	

You can click on any of the place names in this list and connect to the FamilySearch holdings for that county.

Select KENT and connect to the catalog page for Kent. In the results page for Kent you see there are 1,175 items, which is too many to search efficiently. This list is all the collections that FamilySearch holds for the county level of Kent. But note there is another button on the results page for “SEE PLACES WITHIN ENGLAND, KENT”. > Click on this button and connect to a list of places within Kent, which is a list of all the parishes in Kent. (There are over 400 parishes in Kent, so this image is only the top portion of the full list on the FS webpage.)

Places within England, Kent			
ACOL	EASTRY	LINTON	SHELDWICH
ACRISE	EASTWELL	LITTLE CHART	SHEPPEY
ADDINGTON	ECCLES	LITTLE MONGEHAM	SHIPBORNE
ADISHAM	EDENBRIDGE	LITTLEBOURNE	SHOLDEN
ALDINGTON	EGERTON	LONGFIELD	SHOREHAM
ALKHAM	ELHAM	LOOSE	SHORNE
ALLHALLOWS	ELMLEY	LOWER HALSTOW	SHORTLANDS
ALLINGTON	ELMSTEAD BY BROMLEY	LOWER HARDRES	SIBERSTWOLD
ALOESBRIDGE	ELMSTONE	LUDDENHAM	SISSINGHURST
APPLEDORE	ERITH	LUDDESDOWN	SITTINGBOURNE
ASH	EWELL MANOR	LULLINGSTONE	SMALL HYTHE
ASHFORD	EYNSFORD	LUTON	SMARDEN
ASHURST	EYTHORNE	LYDD	SMEETH

You can click on any of the place names in this list and connect to the FamilySearch holdings for that parish. > Select Addington and connect to the catalog page for that parish.

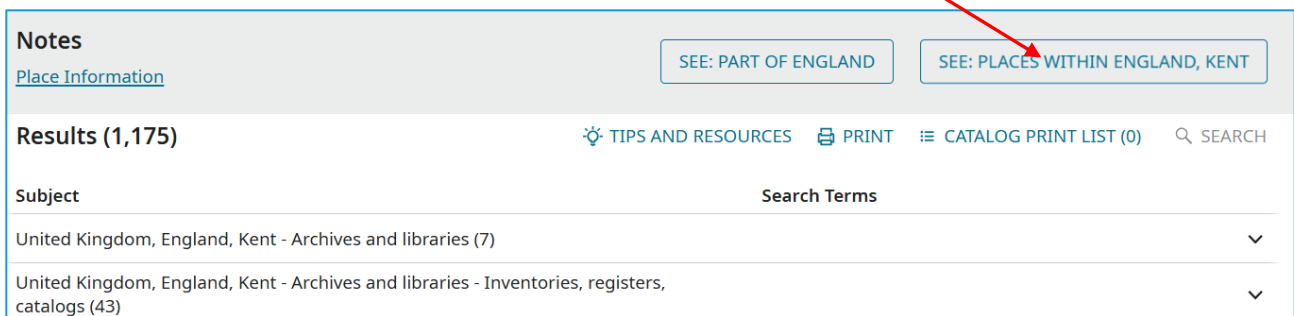
Results (11)
Subject
United Kingdom, England, Kent, Addington - Census (1)
United Kingdom, England, Kent, Addington - Church records (4)
United Kingdom, England, Kent, Addington - Church records - Indexes (1)
United Kingdom, England, Kent, Addington - Manors - Court records (1)
United Kingdom, England, Kent, Addington - Maps (1)
United Kingdom, England, Kent, Addington - Schools (1)
United Kingdom, England, Kent, Addington - Taxation (2)

This is the typical display you are used to seeing in the catalog for the place where you are searching for the records.

You can also do this process in reverse, and drill back up in levels of places within. Do this by clicking on the button in the top right area of the catalog page:

SEE: PART OF ENGLAND, KENT

If you click on that button it will return you to the catalog page for Kent showing holdings at the county level where you will see again the button for places within Kent.



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SEE: PART OF ENGLAND SEE: PLACES WITHIN ENGLAND, KENT

Results (1,175) TIPS AND RESOURCES PRINT CATALOG PRINT LIST (0) SEARCH

Subject Search Terms

United Kingdom, England, Kent - Archives and libraries (7) ▼

United Kingdom, England, Kent - Archives and libraries - Inventories, registers, catalogs (43) ▼

SEE: PART OF ENGLAND

SEE: PLACES WITHIN ENGLAND, KENT

Remember that the **place** search is oriented by jurisdiction. If you click on the “**part of**” button it goes up to the next higher level of jurisdiction; if you click on “**places within**” it goes down to the next lower level of jurisdiction. For example, when viewing the county of Kent, “part of” goes up to England; “places within” goes down to the parishes in that county.

This is a very useful feature of the FamilySearch catalog that allows you to drill down within a geographic or jurisdiction level such as a country, state, province or county to find place names and the holdings in FamilySearch associated with those places. You can use this same process for states within U.S. and provinces or regions in other countries.