

PRINTED MAPS

OF

KENT

1575 - 1900

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PART I COUNTY MAPS 1575 - 1900

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Preface

Preparing a Carto-Bibliography of County Maps is a pleasure, or was until the advent of computer catalogue ordering when for me it became a chore, I find most of these systems distinctly unfriendly, restricting/curtailing my continued searches in the major public collections and diverting to the smaller public or private collections. However, without the unstinting help of Librarians/ Curators and their staffs of both National and Local Libraries, and the owners of the Private collections, together with the Dealers who frequently unearth new map states it could never be achieved, however incomplete.

I spent many years collecting and researching and in the process accumulating information on Kent Maps, this information was never intended for other than my own use, it was always a absorbing hobby and I only reluctantly contemplated compiling Kent in Carto-Bibliographic form. The decision to cover the period after 1850 must be questionable as there is much that is rightly considered 'dross', nevertheless, there are still occasional gems that commit you to identifying and recording both the good and the bad. Not being a scholar has been tiresome and restricting on many occasions, and will no doubt show itself in unlocated errors, inconsistencies etc.

Locating and researching maps has proven to be almost as satisfying as obtaining copies for my own collection, mainly because of the assistance of my [late] close friend Eugene Burden, whose company on our regular outings together over many years visiting Libraries and Private collections across the U.K. has added much enjoyment to both my hobby and my life.

I have chosen to attempt this record as a web publication so the accumulated information is not lost when I cease to be active, this method will also allow me to continue to update as new locations occur and correct errors as they are reported. This can only be achieved with the computer expertise of Tony Nicholls for I myself have non, and it remains to be seen if the idea was a wise one.

I dedicate this incomplete end product to the friends and acquaintances I have made whilst engaged in this quest for books, maps, plans and knowledge.

Should any reader discover new states of Kent maps not listed here, or errors that are, I would appreciate notification.

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GUIDE TO USE.

Definition

Because of the position and historical significance of the county, Kent appears both on many regional maps, and frequently as a specialist map e.g. Roman, Beacons, Diocesan, Hop Maps, etc., and for this reason there are many more maps of Kent than is usual for other counties. For the purpose of this carto-bibliography, a county map of Kent normally means any map showing the whole county of Kent and up to one other whole county, but there are exceptions due to normal practice in other county carto-bibliographies, for example the maps of Saxton and Van den Keere, these early maps brought in a major part of the South East of England, the Perrot maps of 1823, the 1885 Bognard/Tuck Maps which appear with two, three or more county groupings. Any exceptions make it very difficult to make rules to operate by, so the purist will inevitably find contradictions. I have included entries mainly on the basis that if it was likely that a map would appear for sale / or appear as part of a county collection then that was reason enough to include it in this carto-bibliography, but in the end inclusion is idiosyncratic. In some cases we know of a particular publication only through a secondary source generally accepted as reliable, this source will be quoted where the compiler has been unable to find or view the original e.g. Skelton, Hodson et al.

FORM OF ENTRIES

Order

The maps are listed in chronological order of first production, insofar as this is known.

Map Heading

Maps are listed under the name normally used in the map world, or otherwise one or more of the names if known of the Surveyor, Drawer, Engraver or Publisher in that order.

Dating

The given date is that appearing on the map itself, if it is undated, then the first date of the publication in which it appeared. When the date is unknown then an estimate preceded by c for circa, enclosed brackets [] believed to be the date.

Map Measurements

Given both in Inches and Centimetres, Vertical by Horizontal between the actual borders, the border measurements follow within brackets. If the map has no border then a measurement of the printed surface is given, where a map breaks through the border, measurement of this is ignored. Some sizes may vary due to the map being both folded and dissected creating gaps between sections.

Editions

The main entry gives a description of the map which is hopefully sufficient to identify it to someone unfamiliar with it, thereafter each state will be identified by its additions / deletions or other amendments and actual or estimated date of issue. Intaglio states will be listed by prime catalogue number followed by lowercase Roman numerals i.e. 1/i, Lithographic states by prime number followed by uppercase letter i.e. 1/A.

Position of Map Features

For the sake of simplicity I have chosen to identify position by the use of Upper Left / Upper Right / Lower Right / Lower Left in that order, inserting Upper or Lower Centre on maps if this is called for. These together with many other standard terms will be abbreviated to conserve space within the text.

Inscriptions etc

The spelling of Inscriptions, dedications, etc are as on the map.

Scale Bar

The full wording as shown on the maps is given, together with the actual length in Inches/ Centimetres.

Compass

The word compass is used throughout to describe the presence of a direction indicator from elaborate compass rose to a simple cross.

Railways

The railways in Kent are identified numerically 1-39, those lines which cross the county border are identified by letter A-G. Some lines which neither enter nor leave Kent but which might aid state/date change are identified by location name.

Publications

After the description of each map state, the publication title in which the map appears is given in italics frequently in an abbreviated form.

Locations

The location of each Atlas, book or map examined is given immediately following the the publication name. If for whatever reason the the map state has not been located personally this will be stated and the reason for inclusion given, ie. its existence in other counties, or publication claimed by an earlier author/compiler. The existence in a private collection is given only when I have failed to locate a copy in that state in any public collection or there are very few known copies. In my early days of collecting/ research when I was doing the research for my own satisfaction and use I neglected to differentiate between some map states as loose copies and those contained in books or atlas's and I apologise for this but it would have been difficult to go back later to identify which form exists in which location.

Standard Text Abbreviations/Explanations

Border related areas, actual border lines

- t = thin line
- T = Thick line [combinations of eg. tT outer + inner]
- ob = Outside Border
- ib = Inside Border
- wb = Within Border
- br = Below Right.
- al = Above Left.
- bc = Below Centre. [combinations of eg. obbc]

Imprints

Pi = Publishers imprint
Es = Engravers signature
Ds = Draughtsmans signature

Others

C of A = Coat of Arms
Dd = Dedication
L/L = Longitude/Latitude
EXP = Explanation [if not given in full]
REF = Reference [if not given in full]
sl = Single line
dl = Double line
R.L.C. = Right,Left,Centre
Wmrk = sWatermark

COASTAL FORM LINES. Lines that follow the shape of the coast
COASTAL SHADING LINES. Straight lines out from the coast
RIVER FLOW LINES. Lines that follow the flow/shape of the river
EMBELLISHMENTS. Purely decorative elements

Dating Aid on some Dutch Atlas's

c l c [last c reversed] = M = 1000.
l c [last c reversed] = D = 500.
c = 100.

Primary Sources - Abbreviations

Ash. Ashmolean Museum,Oxford
Bir CL. Central Library preceded by town eg Bir [mingham]
BL British Library,London
BM British Museum,London
Bod Bodleian Library,Oxford.
Brunel Brunel University
Cant Cath Canterbury Cathedral Library
CH Henry H.Huntington Library,San Marino,California,USA.
CUL Cambridge University Library
GHL Guildhall Library,London
H Hall Collection of John Innys 'A Cosmography of Geography or Elements of Astronomy and Geography Illustrated by Maps and Plans at ..'
Kent Volumes LXXVI,LXXVII and pt LXXVIII at Holkham Hall Norfolk
K1 to K38 Kent Libraries/Museums List [identified in Kent Library publications]
Lon UL London University Library
Leeds UL Leeds University Library
Leeds CL Leeds Central Library
Mc PL Public Library preceded by town eg Manchester= Mc
New York = NY
NHL Admiralty Naval History Library

NLS	National Library of Scotland [Map Library],Edinburgh
NLS BPR	Refers to Bartholomew Printing Records
NLW	National Library of Wales,Aberystwyth
NMM	National Maritime Museum,London
OxCL	Oxford County Library
PRO	Public Record Office.London
RGS	Royal Geographical Society
R R Lib	Reading Reference Library
SAS	Sussex Archaeological Society
W	Whittaker Collection Leeds University
W.Salt	William Salt Library,Stafford.
WIN	Winchester Cathedral
WIN Co	Winchester Gentlemen's Library
P	Private Collections

PRIVATE COLLECTIONS

Only initials used to indicate ownership when viewed.

AB	[since sold and dispersed]
Bart	Compilers collection
RSB	USA
EB	Author /Collector[since sold and dispersed]
GC	Dealer/Collector
RC	Author/Lincoln/Dorset Collector
RE	Collector
RG	Author/Collector
DMG	Dealer/Collector
DH	Author/Collector
PH	Collector
LI	Dealer
DK	Author[since sold and dispersed]
WL	Dealer[since sold]
SL	Collector
JM	Dealer/Collector
TN	Dealer/Collector
AO	Collector
DO	Collector
MR	Collector
DS	Author/Collector
KS	Collector
DW	Collector
AY	Collector
MRY	Collector

NB. With the passage of time inevitably private/dealer copies have been broken up/sold on, regrettably this means that many of these sources referred to are no longer available to view.

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RAILWAYS IN & AROUND KENT

Ref N°. 1-39 = In County line (Stays within Kent).

Ref Letter. A-G = (line crosses border of Surrey/Sussex).

X = Lines proposed/authorised, but unbuilt/uncompleted, sometimes appear on Kent maps.

dx = dating aids only, as frequently too short to show on most maps.

1. 1830. Canterbury/Whitstable. a[uthorised]1825
- A. 1836-38 London/Deptford/Greenwich. a1833
- Ai 1839. London/Croydon. a1835 [London, into Kent, leaves Kent into Surrey]
[London & Croydon Rly merged with London, Brighton & Sth Coast Rly 1846]
- B. 1842. Reigate/Tonbridge, May/Headcorn, August/Ashford December. a1836
[Promoted in 1835 this line was originally the shorter Oxted/Tonbridge route but Parliament favoured the Brighton Co' s line London/Reigate so Oxted was abandoned, the original alignment is shown on a Pigot Map c1838 & Scott/Fullarton map c1840]
2. 1843 . Ashford/Folkestone, June. a1836
3. 1844. Folkestone/Dover, February. a1836
4. 1844. Paddock Wood/Maidstone. a1843
5. 1845. Tonbridge/Tunbridge Wells
6. 1845. Gravesend/Rochester[Strood]
7. 1846. Ashford/Canterbury/Ramsgate/Margate. a1844. Sth Eastern Rly
8. 1847. Minster/Deal SER
9. 1849. New X.(Junc West of Greenwich)/ Gravesend.SER. a1845
10. 1849. Folkestone Harbour branch
- C. 1851. Tunbridge Wells/Robertsbridge/.. [1852 Hastings] a1846
- D. 1851. Hastings/Rye/Ashford. a1845
- E. 1851. N Kent W Junction/Surrey Canal Spur
- dx. 1852. Angerstein Wharf Brch. a1851[
- dx. 1854. Rye Harbour branch. a1846
- dx. 1854 London/Blackwall
- X.a. 1854. a Bromley/Farnborough
[Shown on some Bacon & W.H.Smith/Bartholomew maps]

- 11. 1856. Strood/Maidstone. a1853
- 12. 1857. Lewisham/Beckenham. 1st Jan. a1855
- 13. 1858. Strood/Chatham/Faversham. a 1853
- 14. 1860. Faversham/Canterbury. a1853
- 15. 1860. Bickley(Bromley)/St Marys Cray/Strood. a1858
- 16. 1860. Faversham/Whitstable. a1857
- 17. 1860. Sittingbourne/Sheerness. a 1856
- dx. 1863. Sittingborne Loop
- 18. 1861. Whitstable/Herne Bay
- 19. 1861. Canterbury/Dover. a 1855
- dx. 1861 Branch Dover Harbour/Admiralty Pier. a1855
- 20. 1862. Swanley/Sevenoaks.(Bat & Ball Station). a1859
- 21i. 1863. Herne Bay/Margate. a1859
- 21ii. Margate/Ramsgate (October). a1861
- dx. 1865. Brixton/Peckham/Crystal Palace
- Ei 1865. Beckenham/Croydon. a1862
- 22i. 1865. New X/Chislehurst open 1867. a1862
- F. 1866. East Grinstead/Groombridge/Tunbridge Wells
[Sold to the LB&SCR before it opened 1st October 1866]
- 23. 1866. Dartford Loop/Hither Green. a1862
- 22ii. 1868. Chislehurst/Sevenoaks/Tonbridge.
- 24. 1869. Sevenoaks Spur. (Bat & Ball/Tubs Hill Stations)
- X.b. 1869 or earlier.Igtham/Hadlow
- dx. 1871. Nunhead/Blackheath
- 25. 1874. Hythe Branch

- dx. 1874. Hythe/Sandgate. a1864
- 26. 1874. Otford Junc/Maidstone. a1862
- X.c. 1875-6, proposal Sandgate/Folkestone Harbour
- dx. 1876. Branch to Queenboro Pier
- X.d. Maidstone/Loose, a1877, abandonment a1889
- dx. 1878. Greenwich/Maze Hill (junction made)
- dx. 1878. Grove Park/Bromley. a1874
- X.e. 1880 &1886. a.Lenham/Faversham
- 27. 1881. Dunton Green/Westerham. a1876
- 28. 1881. Buckland Junc/Deal. a1865 &1874
- 29. 1881. Appledore/Lydd. a1881
- dx. 1882. Kearsney Junction on line 28. a1881
- 30. 1882 Gravesend/Shorne/Port Victoria. a1879 & 1880
- 31. 1882. Wickham Street/Hayes.. a1880
- X.f. 1882. Appledore/to join Headcorn line
- 32. 1883. Sheerness Town Branch
[loop Dockyard Sta/Mile Town Sta later beame Sheerness-on-Sea Sta]
- 33. 1883. Lydd/Dungeness. a1881
- 34. 1884. Maidstone/Ashford. a1880
- X.g. 1883. a.Headcorn/Loose
- 35. 1884. Lydd/New Romney. a1882
- X.h. a1884-5.Weald of Kent,Paddock Wood/Cranbrook/Tenterden
- dx. 1885. Croydon/Woodside. a1880
- 36. 1886. Fawkham/Gravesend
- 37i. 1887. Hythe(Shorncliffe)/Barham. a1881

- G. 1888. Oxted/Edenbridge/Groombridge. a1881
- 37ii. 1889. Barham/Canterbury
- 38i. 1892. Paddock Wood/Goudhurst. a1877 & 1882
- 38ii. 1893. Goudhurst/Hawkhurst. a1887 & 1892
- 39. 1895. Blackheath/Bexleyheath/Slades Green. a1883 & 1887

ADDITIONAL DATING NOTES.

NB. The earliest date that a particular line could appear on a map is that following Company Incorporation, Line Proposal or Line Authorised by Parliament, dates preceded by 'a' = authorised date not open date.

Lines authorised, idea floated via a proposal, uncompleted, but sometimes appearing on Kent maps-

- X.a. a1854...Bromley/Farnborough. on early Bacon maps.
- X.b. a1863. Igtham/Hadlow.
- X.c. 1875-6. proposal only, Sandgate/Folkestone Harbour.
- X.d. a1877. Maidstone/Loose/Sutton Valence, abandonment a1889.
- X.e. a1880 & a1886. Lenham/Faversham appears c1886 only on Map 188/C
- X.f. a1882. Appledore/to join X.d.
- X.g. a1883. Headcorn/Loose to join X.f. Loose /Sutton Valence a1885 traces of commencement of the the Headcorn/Loose line in 1886
- X.h. a.1884-5. Weald of Kent-
P/Wood/Cranbrook/Tenterden/Shorncliffe/Hythe.
- X.i. post 1876 Westerham/Oxted/Titsey
[by Titsey branch to the Nth on Cary 1/2" maps and successors]
- X.j. 1874. Rye/Dungeness Railway Incorporated.
- X.k. Deptford Pier Junction Railway 783yds long. a June 21 1836
To transport passengers from Deptford Station to their Thames Steamboat at the Pier, never built it only appears on 'A Travelling County Atlas. London. Chapman & Hall 1847, [1850] (W174 ; W175)
- X.l. Mottingham/Plaistow only seen on Walkers Fox-hunting Map 1882 [Ms 1892]
believe this to be a alignment error for another branch.
- X.m. Branch Whitstable [Balle Street]/Herne Bay shown as sl on J & C Walker maps.