CATALOGUE OF BRITISH TOWN MAPS TO 1900 (CBTM)

GUIDE FOR USERS

SCOPE OF THE CATALOGUE

CBTM IS one of the principal outcomes of a British Academy Research Project adopted by the Academy's Council in 1998 and directed by Professor Roger Kain FBA. The database underpinning the Catalogue is mostly comprised of records created as part of a project based at the University of Exeter and funded by the Arts & Humanities Research Council, the fieldwork for which was conducted by Dr Richard Oliver. CBTM also contains some records relating to British towns created by two earlier works by Roger Kain and Richard Oliver on (a) the tithe maps of England and Wales and (b) enclosure and related maps of England and Wales (see section 'Fieldwork' below). CBTM includes only those maps (with some very few exceptions) that are accessible to the public and has a terminal date of 1900 by which time the first Ordnance Survey large-scale mapping of British towns was complete, was subject to periodic revision, and thus provided a base for almost all twentieth century and later large-scale town maps.

DEFINITION OF 'TOWN'

CBTM contains records of maps of places that appear in one or more of the following:

1 - Alan Everitt, 'The market towns', in J. Thirsk (ed), *The agrarian history of England and Wales*, IV, Cambridge University Press, 1967, 467-506 [reprinted in Peter Clark (ed), *The early modern town: a reader*, London: Longman, 1976, 168-78]. This work lists markets known to be, or believed to be, active at some time between 1500 and 1640.

2 - Christopher Saxton's *Map of England & Wales*, surveyed c.1570-76

3 - John Adams, *Index Villaris*, 1680

4 - Samuel Lewis, *Topographical Dictionary*, 1833

5 - Ordnance Survey, one-inch Old Series, surveyed 1784-1840

6 - Ordnance Survey, one-inch New Series of England and Wales, and one-inch first edition of Scotland, surveyed 1841-95

7 - Ordnance Survey, one-inch revised mapping of Great Britain, surveyed 1893-8

8 - Ordnance Survey, one-inch Third Edition mapping of Great Britain, surveyed 1903-13

On Saxton's maps, 'towns' are taken to be those represented by emphasised lettering; on Ordnance Survey maps they are those indicated by upper-case lettering.

DEFINITION OF A 'TOWN MAP'

A town map is defined by a scale of about 1:25,344 – 2.5 inches to 1 mile – or larger which covers one of the following:

   (a) the whole of a built-up area;

   (b) the central core of a town;

   (c) the whole of a constituent parish or other formal administrative division within a town;

   (d) a discrete suburb or other district.

The following are normally excluded:

Estate maps that show part only of a town and cannot be reconciled with (c) or (d).

Maps of utilities (water, gas, sewers etc).

Maps that are substantially intended to show 'projected works', and cannot be relied on to show what is actually present on the ground.
Deposited plans for utilities, transport and other 'public works'.

DIMENSIONS OF MAPS

These are expressed in centimetres as width followed by height.

FIELDWORK AND RECORD CREATION DATES

The fieldwork for this project was carried out as follows:

(1) for an investigation of tithe maps, funded by the Leverhulme Trust, between 1987 and 1991: these records have CBTM numbers in the range 00001-11830.

(2) for an investigation of enclosure, rating, sanitary and other unpublished 'parish' and 'public' mapping, funded by the Economic & Social Research Council, mainly undertaken between 1993 and 1997: these records have CBTM numbers in the range 11831-18216.

(3) for an investigation of British urban mapping before 1900 funded by the Arts & Humanities   Research Council, mainly undertaken between 1999 and 2006: these records have CBTM numbers in the range 18217-23525.

The records created in groups (1) and (2) that were complementary to the mapping investigated in group (3) were re-edited in 2006-7 and assimilated and added to the database created for group (3).

The database in its present form reflects its state in April 2008 when it was first made publicly available.

In the online web resource hosted by the IHR there are 144 entries, largely from Scotland, for which there are no extant 'town maps' references although there are references to Ordnance Survey maps for these entries. These entries have limited information listing only the town, county, year, and scale of the relevant OS map(s). The CBTM for these entries range from 200003 to 200146.

It is important to note that the 'repository' field reflects the location of maps at the time of the original fieldwork and that locations and titles of collections are liable to change over time (and see 'Explanation of Repositories...' below).

Maps referred to in secondary or other works but which archivists / librarians were unable to produce, have been excluded.

LOCATION OF COPIES

In principle, all maps listed in the database should be accessible to bona fide researchers in public or quasi-public institutions. The main exception is that a few maps in private collections are included in CBTM. These are only included where either (a) they contain an exemplar that is also represented elsewhere in a publically-accessible collection, or (b) where the database entry was originally prepared from a publically-available facsimile copy.

MAPS OF LONDON

These are any map covering at least either (a) the whole built-up area at the time of making the map, or (b) the central core of London, roughly defined by from Park Lane in the west to Mile End in the east and from Pimlico in the south to Euston Road in the north. Appended names of boroughs or parishes give a more precise indication of coverage.

SCALES

These are expressed as representative fractions. Where scales are absent on a particular map, they are supplied by comparative measurement, and indicated with an asterisk (*). Such scales when provided for 'early' mapping, before about 1700, should be regarded as indicative only.

EXPLANATION OF REPOSITORIES AND CITED CARTOBIBLIOGRAPHIES

NB:

(1)   In all cases where a town or city library is listed, it is the 'central' library unless otherwise specified.

(2)   Common changes to names since the date of fieldwork include substitution of 'archives' for 'record office', and sometimes adoption of radically different titles from previously such as 'Centre for X-shire Studies' or 'X-shire Heritage Centre'.

Aberdeen City Archives

Accrington Library Local Studies

Anglesey RO = Anglesey Archives, Llangefni

Ashmolean Museum

Ayrshire Archives

Bath City RO = Bath City Archives

Bath Library

Bedford Central Library Local Studies

Bedfordshire Archives

Bedfordshire RO = Bedfordshire Archives

Berks RO = Berkshire Record Office

Berwick upon Tweed RO = Berwick upon Tweed Archives

Birkenhead Library

Birmingham Archives = Birmingham Central Library, Archives

Birmingham Central Library, Archives

Birmingham Central Library, Local Studies

Bishopsgate Institute, London Collection

BL = British Library

BLML = British Library Map Library

BN = map number in Kenneth J. Bonser and Harold Nichols, *Printed maps & plans of Leeds, 1711-1900*, Thoresby Society, 1960 [in Publications of the Thoresby Society, Vol 47, no.106, 1958]

Bodleian Library

BOL = Bodleian Library, Oxford

Bolton Archives = at Central Library, Bolton

Bolton Archives & Local Studies = at Central Library, Bolton

Borthwick = Borthwick Institute, York

Bournemouth Library, Local Studies Section

Bradford Central Library, Local Studies

Brigend Library

Brighton History Centre

Bristol City Archives

Bristol Record Office = Bristol City Archives

British Library

Buckinghamshire RO

Bury Archives

Cambridge City Library, Cambridgeshire Collection

Cambridgeshire RO

Camden Local Studies

Canterbury Cathedral Archives

Canterbury City Library, Local Studies

Cardiff City Library, Local Studies Section

Carlisle Public Library, Local Studies

Carmarthen RO

Carnarvon RO

Centre for Kentish Studies

Cheltenham Library

Ches RO = Cheshire RO

Cheshire RO

Chesterfield Library, Local Studies

CL [Central Library]

CLRO [City of London Record Office]

Colchester Library, Local Studies

Colne Library

Cornish Centre (Redruth)

Cornwall RO

Coventry City Archives

Coventry City RO = Coventry City Archives

Crosby Library

CUL = Cambridge University Library

Cumberland RO = Cumbria Archives, Carlisle

Darlington Local Studies Library = Darlington Library, Local Studies Library

Denbigh[shire] RO = Clwyd [Denbighshire] Record Office, Denbigh

Derby Local Studies Library = Derby Town Local Studies Library

Derbyshire Local Studies Library = Derbyshire Local Studies Library, Matlock

Derbyshire RO = Derbyshire Archives, Matlock

Devon & Exeter Institution = Devon & Exeter Institution, Exeter [access may be restricted for non-members]

Devon RO = Devon Record Office, Sowton, Exeter

DH = map number in James Howgego, *Printed maps of London circa 1553-1850*, second edition, Folkestone: Dawson, 1978

Doncaster Archives

Doncaster RO = Doncaster Archives

Doncaster Library, Local Studies

DOR RO = Dorset Record Office

Dover Library Local Studies Section

Dudley Archives

Dumfries, Ewart Library

Dundee Central Library, Local History Section

Durham RO = Durham County Record Office, Durham

Durham University Library (Manuscripts)

East Kent Archives = East Kent Archives, Whitfield

East Riding RO = East Yorkshire Archives, Beverley

East Suffolk RO = East Suffolk Record Office, Ipswich East

Sussex RO = East Sussex Record Office, Lewes

Edinburgh Central Library, Edinburgh Room

Edinburgh City Archives

EKF-L = E. Kay Farr, `Handlist of Liverpool street maps in the Liverpool Record Office', Liverpool City Council, 1988: unpublished handlist available in Liverpool Record Office.

ESRO = East Sussex Record Office, Lewes

Essex RO = Essex Record Office, Chelmsford

Essex RO [Colchester] = Essex Record Office, Colchester Branch

Essex RO [Southend] = Essex Record Office, Southend on Sea Branch

Falkirk, History Research Centre

Flint[shire] RO = Clwyd [Flint] County Record Office, Hawarden

Furness RO = Cumbria Record Office, Barrow in Furness

Gateshead Library, Local Studies

GHL = Guildhall Library, London

GL = Guildhall Library, London

Glamorgan Record Office = Glamorgan Record Office, Cardiff

Glasgow City Archives

Glasgow, Mitchell Library, Local Studies

Gloucester Library, Local Studies

Gloucestershire RO

Greater Manchester Record Office

Greenwich Local Studies Library = Greenwich Heritage Centre, Woolwich

Greenwich Heritage Centre = Greenwich Heritage Centre, Woolwich

Grimsby Archives = North-East Lincolnshire Archives, Grimsby

Grimsby Central Library

Guildhall Library

Gwent RO = Gwent Record Office, Cwmbran

GwUL = Glasgow University Library [access may be restricted]

H = map number in Ralph Hyde, *Printed maps of Victorian London 1851-1900*, Folkestone: Dawson, 1975

Hackney Archives

Halifax Library, Reference Section

Hamilton Reference Library

Hammersmith and Fulham = Hammersmith & Fulham Archives & Local History Centre

Hammersmith & Fulham Archives & Local History Centre

Hampshire RO

Hants RP = Hampshire RO

Harrogate Library, Local Studies Section

Hastings Public Library, Local Studies Section

Hereford City Library, Reference Section

Hereford RO = Herefordshire Record Office, Hereford

Herefordshire RO = Herefordshire Record Office, Hereford

Hertfordshire RO

Herts RO = Hertfordshire RO

Highland Council Archive [Inverness]

Hod = map number in D. Hodson, *Maps of Portsmouth before 1801* (Portsmouth Record Series [no.4]), City of Portsmouth, 1978

Horsham Museum

Hull City RO = Kingston upon Hull City Archives

Hull Library = Kingston upon Hull City Library, Local Studies

Hull University Library [access may be restricted]

Huntingdonshire RO = Cambridgeshire Record Office, Huntingdon Branch

HW = map number in Ralph Hyde, *Ward Maps of the City of London*, London Topographical Society, 1999.

Isle of Wight Record Office

Islington Central Library, Local Studies and Archives

Keighley Central Library

Kensington Library,Local Studies

Kent RO = Centre for Kentish Studies, Maidstone

Kidderminster Library Local Studies

Kings Lynn Borough Archives

Kirkcaldy Public Library

Knowsley Archives

Lancs RO = Lancashire Record Office, Preston

Lancashire RO

Lancaster Library

Leamington Library

Lee = J. Lee, *Maps and plans of Manchester & Salford 1650 to 1843*, Altrincham: John Sherratt & Son, 1957

Leeds City Library =Leeds Central Library, Local Studies Section

Leeds Central Library, Family History & Local Studies

Leeds Central Library, Family History

Leicester Municipal Library

Lichfield Joint Record Office

Lincoln Library = Lincoln City Library

Lincolnshire Archives

Lincolnshire Archives Office

Lincoln City Hall, Planning Dept [maps were recorded on understanding that they would shortly be publicly deposited, but this has not yet (2012) happened]

Liverpool City RO

Liverpool RO

Liverpool Record Office

LlGC = National Library of Wales

LMA = London Metropolitan Archives

London Metropolitan Archives

London Metropolitan Archives [ex City of London Record Office]

LMA-GLC = London Metropolitan Arches [ex-Greater London Council Collection]

Lord Louis Library, Newport, IOW, Local History Room

Lowestoft Library: Archives

Luton Library

Maidenhead Library, Local Studies

Manchester CL = Manchester Central Library

Manchester Central Library

Manchester Central Library Archives

Margate Library, Heritage Room

Medway Archives

Merionydd Archives

Middleton Library Local Studies

Minet Library = Minet Library, Lambeth

Morley Public Library, Local History Collection

Morpeth Records Centre

MSGlam RO = Glamorgan Record Office, Cardiff

NASc = National Archives of Scotland

National Library of Scotland, Map Room

N.E. Scotland Library Headquarters, Oldmeldrum

Newcastle Central Library, Local Studies

Newport Public Library, Reference Section = Newport (Gwent)

NLS = National Archives of Scotland

Norfolk RO

Northampton Public Library

Northamptonshire RO

North Ayrshire Local History Library, Ardrossan

North Riding Record Office = North Yorkshire Record Office, Northalleron

North Riding Registry of Deeds (at North Riding Record Office) = Records at North Yorkshire Record Office, Northalleron

Northumberland RO = Northumberland Record Office, Gosforth

North Yorkshire RO = North Yorkshire Record Office, Northalleron

Norwich Library Local Studies = Norwich Library, Norfolk Heritage Centre

Norwich Library, Norfolk Heritage Centre

Nottingham Central Library, Local Studies

Nottinghamshire Archives

Oldham Archives

Oxford Library, Oxfordshire Studies

Oxfordshire RO = Oxfordshire Archives

Oxon RO = Oxfordshire Archives

Oxfordshire Archives

Perth & Kinross Archives

Perth, A.K. Bell Library, Local Studies

Peterborough Central Library

Plymouth Archives = West Devon Record Office, Plymouth

Plymouth Central Library, Local Studies

Poole Local History Centre

Portsmouth Central Library

Portsmouth City RO

Powis RO = Powis Archives, Llandrindod Wells

Preston, Harris Library

Reading Central Library Local Studies

RGS = Royal Geographical Society with the Institute of British Geographers

RO = Record Office

Rochdale Local Studies = Local Studies Library, Rochdale

Rotherham Library, Archives

Royal Scottish Geographical Society = Royal Scottish Geographical Society, Perth

Rugby Library, local studies section

S = map number in Elisabeth Stuart, *Lost Landscapes of Plymouth: maps, charts and plans to 1800*, Stroud: Alan Sutton, 1991

St Helens Archives

St Helens Library, Archives & Local Studies

St John's College, Cambridge = St John's College, Cambridge, Archives [access may be restricted]

Salford Archives

Salford Museum - Local History Library

Sandwell Archives

Scarborough Library

Shakespeare Birthplace Trust = Shakespeare Birthplace Trust, Stratford upon Avon

Sheffield Archives

Sheffield Library

Shropshire RO = Shropshire Records and History Centre, Shrewsbury

Somerset Record Office

Somerset RO = Somerset Record Office

Southampton City Archives

Southampton Library, Local Studies Section

Southport Library, Reference and Local Studies

South Shields Library, Local Studies

Southwark Library = Southwark Local Studies Library

Southwark Local Studies Library

SRO = National Archives of Scotland

Staffordshire RO

Stockport Archives

Stockport Central Library

Stoke-on-Trent Museum, Archaeology Section

Stornoway Public Library

Suffolk RO [Ipswich] = East Suffolk RO

Sunderland Library Local Studies

Surrey RO = Surrey History Centre, Woking

Sur R.O. = Surrey History Centre, Woking

Swansea City Archives

Swansea Library, Reference Section

Tameside Archives

Teeside Archives

TNA [PRO] = The National Archives [formerly Public Record Office]

TNA [PRO] Library

Tower Hamlets Library, Local Studies Section

Trafford [Local Studies Library] = Trafford Local Studies Library, Sale

Tyne & Wear Archives

University of Exeter Geography Department = University of Exeter Geography Department Map Collection [access may be restricted]

Wakefield Library, Local Studies

Walsall Local History Centre

Waltham Forest Archives = Waltham Forest Archives, Walthamstow

Warrington Library, Archives

Warwickshire RO = Warwickshire Record Office

Warwickshire Record Office

West Country Studies Library = West Country Studies Library, Exeter

West Devon Record Office = West Devon Record Office, Plymouth

West Glamorgan RO

West Lothian Local History Library

Westminster Archives

Westmorland RO = Cumbria Archives, Kendal

West Riding Record Office = West Yorkshire Archives Service, Wakefield office

West Riding Registry of Deeds (at West Riding Record Office) = Records at West Yorkshire Archives Service, Wakefield office

West Suffolk RO = West Suffolk Record Office, Bury St Edmunds

West Sussex RO = West Sussex Record Office, Chichester

West Yorkshire Archives [Bradford] = West Yorkshire Archives Service, Bradford Office

West Yorkshire Archives [Calderdale] = West Yorkshire Archives Service, Halifax Office

West Yorkshire Archives [Kirklees] = West Yorkshire Archives Service, Huddersfield Office

West Yorkshire Archives [Leeds] = West Yorkshire Archives Service, Leeds [Sheescar] Office

West Yorkshire Archives [Leeds-Sheepscar] = West Yorkshire Archives Service, Leeds [Sheescar] Office

West Yorkshire Archives [Wakefield] = West Yorkshire Archives Service, Wakefield Office

Wigan Archives

Wiltshire RO

Wirral Archives

Wirral Archive Service

Wisbech Museum

Wolverhampton Archives

Worcestershire RO = Worcestershire Record Office, Worcester

WYAS Bradford = West Yorkshire Archives Service, Bradford Office

WYAS Wakefield = West Yorkshire Archives Service, Wakefield Office

York Central Library = York City Library

York City Library

York Minster Archives

Yorkshire Archaeological Society = Yorkshire Archaeological Society, Leeds [access may be restricted for non-members]