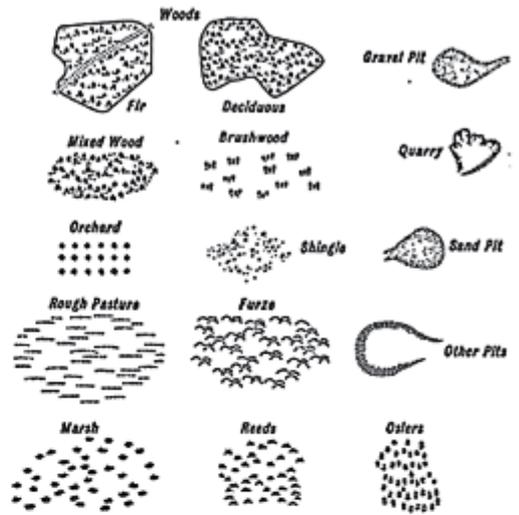
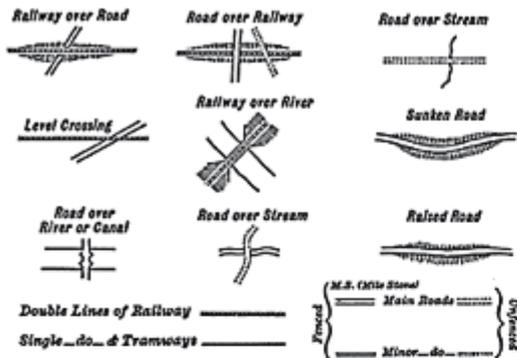


Six Inch to the Mile County Series

The origins of the six inch to the mile (1:10,560) maps date back to 1824 when this scale was adopted for a survey of Ireland. By 1840 it had been decided to extend the project to Great Britain. Work began in Lancashire and Yorkshire in 1841 and in Scotland in 1843 with the first sheet appearing in 1846. It was not until 1890 that maps covering the whole country had been published, a family of maps that later became known as the County Series. By that time revisions to the earlier sheets were underway, a rolling process that continued until the last County Series sheets were superseded by the 1:10,000 National Grid Edition in the 1980s. Each sheet appeared in up to six editions, displaying various evolutions of detail, format and reproduction technology.

Six-inch County Series Surveyed 1852, published 1855



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 County & Civil Ph.
 Administrative County & Civil Parish.....
 (Part of Geographical County)
 County Boroughs (England)..... Co. Boro. Bdy.
 County Burghs (Scotland)..... Co. Burgh Bdy.
 Parliamentary County Divisions..... Parly. Div. Bdy.
 Parliamentary Boroughs..... Parly. Boro. Bdy.
 Municipal Boroughs..... Munl. Boro. Bdy.
 Civil Parishes.....

Parliamentary Boroughs..... P
 Divisions of Parly. Boroughs..... D
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 Police Burghs (Scotland)..... }
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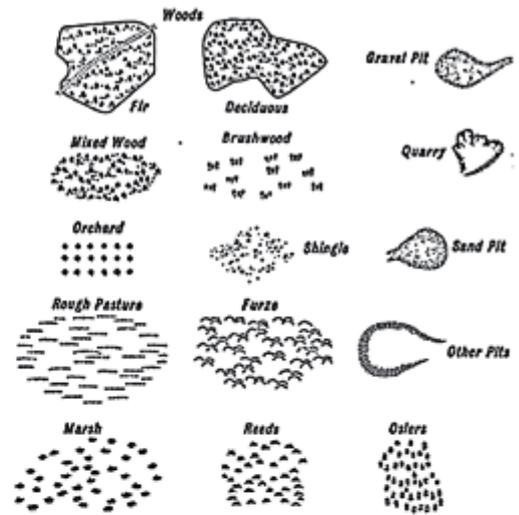
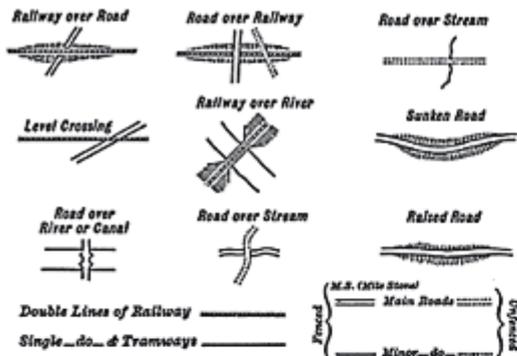
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1:2,500 County Series

The first maps at 1:2,500 (roughly 25 inches to the mile, or roughly one square inch to one acre) were Published in 1855 with coverage of the cultivated parts of Great Britain being completed in 1896. By then, a thorough revision had already started; indeed, the process of updating the information and publishing the results in a variety of formats has continued until the present day.

Almost every man-made feature of any significance is displayed on these maps which thus form a definitive record of the changing landscape of Britain since the middle of the 19th century. They are of considerable importance to historians (although this would have been inconceivable to their creators). The detail zooms in to house-level and offers a wealth of additional information concerning land usage, communications and boundaries. For genealogists they are of particular use and interest. Not only do they offer countless research clues which no other source can match but they also reveal every nuance of the landscape inhabited by past generations, so helping to explain many of the preoccupations and limitations that ruled their lives.

1:2,500 County Series Published 1855-1896



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