

'List of Candidate Towns and Markets of England and Wales 1563-1911 Documentation' by Dan Bogart

Filename: alltownsdict.xlsx

This database lists all English and Welsh settlements that at some point between c. 1500 to c. 1900 either have been considered to be a town by historians, or, might be deemed urban on one or other of the urban definitions used by historians. It is based on 25 primary and secondary sources that list towns, markets, or population size between 1563 and 1911. The full records of these data are in a separate access data base.<sup>1</sup> The database allows users to apply their preferred definition of a town to select records from the full list of candidate towns.

The data is summarized in a file alltownsdict.xlsx. Settlement names are listed as rows. The name of each column is an abbreviated title of a primary or secondary source. The appendix lists the full titles of the primary and secondary sources. Every time a candidate town occurs in a source it is indicated by "yes" in the appropriate field in the matrix column for each text.

The broad ranging nature of the database means that the candidate towns range from large cities like London, Norwich and Manchester (in the nineteenth century) to a substantial number of very marginal seventeenth century market centres. The creation of this dataset was generously funded by grants from the NSF Modelling the Transport Revolution and the Industrial Revolution in England (SES-1260699) and the Leverhulme Trust Transport and Urbanization c.1670-1911 (RPG2013-093).

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<sup>1</sup> Shaw-Taylor, L., G. Newton, M. Satchell, A.D., Terki-Mignot, D. Bogart, A. McKenzie, 'Database of Candidate Towns and Markets of England and Wales 1563-1911'.

The following codebook describes the variables identifying a place and its identification in a source considering towns or fairs.

Variable	description
alltownsdictID	<u>Unique Id for town</u>
county	County name. Note this refers to the pre-1974 ancient counties.
town	Settlement name exactly or approximately as it appears in source
NEWSTANDARD	Settlement town name.countyname, can be shared by multiple entries in town
cl15631851	If "true" is in this field, the candidate town is mentioned in Clark, P. and Hoskins, J. (1993) Population estimates of English towns 1550-1851, revised edition, Working Paper No. 5, Centre for Urban History, University of Leicester; "false" otherwise.
langtonC17toC19	If "true" is in this field, the candidate town is mentioned in langton.tab, 17th century, 1801, 1841 in Bennett, R. J. (2012). Urban Population Database, 1801-1911. [data collection]. Robson, B., University of Manchester, Department of Geography. SN 7154, <a href="http://doi.org/10.5255/UKDA-SN-7154-1">http://doi.org/10.5255/UKDA-SN-7154-1</a> ); "false" otherwise.
newblome1673	If "true" is in this field, the candidate town is described as a town in Blome, R., Britannia, or a Geographical Description of the Kingdom of England, Scotland and Ireland (1673) ); "false" otherwise.
lawrobson18xx	If "true" is in this field, the candidate town is mentioned in combined data from law_robson.tab and langton.tab, 1801-1911 in Bennett, R. J. (2012). Urban Population Database, 1801-1911. [data collection]. Robson, B., University of Manchester, Department of Geography. SN 7154; <a href="http://doi.org/10.5255/UKDA-SN-7154-1">http://doi.org/10.5255/UKDA-SN-7154-1</a> ; "false" otherwise
parlboroughs<1832	If "true" is in this field, the candidate town is mentioned as a pre-reform Parliamentary borough in the Cambridge Urban History (2000); "false" otherwise
countytowns<1889	If "true" is in this field, the candidate town is mentioned as a county town on Wikipedia; "false" otherwise.

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If "true" is in this field, the candidate town is mentioned in the following sources for markets at least once; "false" otherwise.

Speed, J., *The theatre of the empire of Great Britaine presenting an exact geography of the kingdomes of England, Scotland, Ireland* (1612)

Everitt, A., *The marketing of agricultural produce, 1500-1640 in The Agrarian History of England and Wales The Agrarian History of England and Wales: 1500-1640 Volume 4* (1990)

Ogilby, J., *Mr. Ogilby's Tables of his measur'd roads So digested, that any great road or branch may readily be found; with the general and particular, computed & measur'd distance, and the distinction of market and post-towns. With other remarks. To which is added, A true account of the markets and fairs, &c. collected in his survey* (1676)

Adams, J., *Index Villaris* (1677)

Leybourn, W., *Panarithmologia, being a Mirror Breviate Treasure Mate for Merchants, Bankers, Tradesmen, Mechanicks* (1693)

Leybourn, W., *Panarithmologia, being a Mirror Breviate Treasure Mate for Merchants, Bankers, Tradesmen, Mechanicks, table of roads* (1693)

Adams, J., *Index villaris* (1699)

H.S., *The Traders Dictionary Being an Histori-Geographical Description of All the Cities, Towns, and Most Noted Villages in Great-Britain: With an Exact List of All the Inns Where the Stage-Coaches and Carriers Put Up, in London* (1720) stow1722

Great Britain's *Vade Mecum* (1720)

Stow, W., *Remarks on London: Being an Exact Survey of the Cities of London and Westminster* (1722)

*An account of the several cities and market-towns in England and Wales* (1750)

Owen, W., *Owen's new book of fairs* (1762)

Owen, W., *Owen's new book of fairs* (1792)

Owen, W., *Owen's new book of fairs* (1813)

Pigot's directories across various years 1822-1866

Owen, W., *Owen's new book of fairs* (1827)

Owen, W., *Owen's new book of fairs* (1834)

Owen, W., *Owen's new book of fairs* (1856)

Owen, W., *Owen's new book of fairs* (1888) reproduced in *First report of the royal commission on market rights and tolls. Minutes of evidence*, BPP (1890-1), XXXVIII, Cd. 6268, Appendix XXI, pp. 135-222;

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