

# Parsons' Settlement Data

## Key to Parsons' data

	The settlement is on the road. Most of these settlements are explicitly named on the Early Modern maps. A few are unnamed but it is clear that the road must have run through them.
	The settlement is either adjacent to, or close to, the road (within approximately half a mile), or the road can reasonably be said to have passed through the settlement where it is not named on the map. Settlements marked with only yellows, or yellows and reds but no greens, are discussed in more detail below.
	The settlement is not on the road, or the evidence for its placement on a road is too slim.
*	Settlements that cannot be identified with certainty on the Gough Map.

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Gough Map settlements - modern name	Name on Gough Map noted by Parsons	Ogilby's Britannia	Name on Britannia	Moll's 1710 map	Moll's 1724 map	Name on Moll's maps
<b>Bedfordshire</b>						
Bedford	bedford					
Dunstable	dunstaple					
Shefford	sheford					
Turvey	tortey					
Woburn	wobornchapel					
<b>Berkshire</b>						
Abingdon	abyngton		Abington			
Faringdon	faryngdon					
Hungerford	hongreford					
Lambourn	lamborn					
Maidenhead	maydehed					
Newbury	neube					Newb
Reading	redyng					Reding
Wallingford	walynford					
Windsor	wynsor					
<b>Buckinghamshire</b>						
Aylesbury	alesbury		Alesbury			Alesbury
Buckingham	bokyngham					
Colnbrook	colbrok		Colbrook			
High Wycombe	wycombe		High Wickham			G. Wicomb
Stony Stratford*	stratford					Stony Stretford
<b>Cambridgeshire</b>						
Babraham	babreham		Badburnham			
Cambridge	Cantebrege		Cambridg			Cambridg
Caxton	caxton					
Ely	Elye					
<b>Cheshire</b>						
Chester	chestre		West Chester			

Macclesfield	maxfeld					Macklesfield
Nantwich	wych		Namptwich			Namptwich
Northwich	northw...					
Cornwall						
Bodmin	m					
Boscastle	boscast					
Camelford	camelford		Cambleford			
Fowey	fowy		Foy			Fowy
Launceston*			Launcesto			
Liskeard	lisk		Liscard			Leskard
Looe	looe					W. Low and E. Low
Lostwithiel	lw		Listithiell			Lestwithiel
Padstow	padstow					
Penzance	pens		Pensance			Pensance
Redruth	ruth					
St Buryan	seint b		St Burion			
St Colomb	sncmb		St Colombe			
St Germans	man					
St Ives	lwes					
St Michael's Mount	mons mich		St Michaels Mount			M. St Michael
Stratton*						
Tintagel*						Bossiney <sup>1</sup>
Tregony	ony		Tregoney			
Truro	ew		Truroe			
Cumberland						
Alston	aldeston in Mora					Alstonmore
Bowness	bownes					
Brampton	brampton					
Burgh-by-Sands	burgh juxta sablones					
Carlisle	karlil					Carlile
Cockermouth	cokermouth					
Greystoke	Greystok					
Holme Abbey	holme coltram					
Keswick	keswike					
Kirkbride	kirkebee					
Naworth	naward					
Penrith	penrith					Penreth
Ravenglass	renglas					Ravenglas
Whitehaven	withaven					White Haven
Workington	Workyngton					
Derbyshire						
Ashbourne	asshbone					
Bakewell	Bankwell					

<sup>1</sup> Bossiney was also known as Tintagel. Eveline Cruickshanks and Stuart Handley, 'Bossiney', in *The History of Parliament: British Political, Social & Local History* <<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1690-1715/constituencies/bossiney>> [accessed 18 June 2018].

Castleton	Castrum					
Charlesworth	clapworth					
Chesterfield	chesterfeld					
Derby	derbi		Darby			Darby
Melbourne	melbourne					
Devonshire						
Ashburton	aschperton					
Barnstaple	ba...stab		Barstaple			
Bideford	bford		Bediford			Beddiford
Chulmleigh	chim		Chimleigh			Chimligh
Colyford	coliford		Cullyford			
Combe Martin*						Combmartin
Dartmouth	dertemouth					
Exeter	exceter					
Exmouth	exm					
Hartland	h					
Honiton	honyton					
Ilfracombe	combe		Ilfarcomb			Ilfracomb
Lynton*						
Molton*			Southmoulton			S. Moulton
Okehampton	okinton					Okehamton
Plymouth	plymouth		Plimouth			Plimouth
Tavistock	tok		Tavistoke			
Tiverton	teverton		Teverton			
Totnes	totnes					
Dorset						
Blandford*						Blanford
Bridport	bridport					
Corfe	corffe					
Dorchester	dorcest					
Lyme Regis	lyme		Lime			Lime Regis
Poole	pole		Pool			Pool
Shaftesbury	schafisbry		Shaftsbury			Shaftsbury
Sherborne	sherbourn		Sherborn			Shirborn
Weymouth	weymothe					
Wimborne Minster	wimb		Winborn			Winborn
Durham						
Barnard Castle	Castrum barnard					
Bishop Auckland	aukeland					Aukland
Chester-le-Street	chestre		Chester ... Street			Chester Str.
Darlington	derlyngton					
Durham	dunelm					
Easington	esyngton					
Hartlepool	herthepoll					Hartpool
Piercebridge	persbrig					
Staindrop	stadrop					
Stanhope	stanhope					
Wearmouth	Wermouth		Munkwermouth			Were Mouth

Essex						
Braintree	brantr...		Braintry			Braintre
Brentwood	brendwod		Burntwood			
Chelmsford	Chelmesford		Chelmesford			
Coggeshall	coksale					
Colchester	colchestre					
Great Dunmow	donemowe		Dunmow			Dunmow
Hadleigh	hadle					
Harwich	wich					
Maldon	maldon					Malden
Saffron Walden	walden		Walden			Saff. Walden
St Osyth	s . osye					
Tilbury	Tilberi		West Tilbury or East Tilbury			
Waltham	waltham					
Witham	witham					
Gloucestershire						
Bristol	Bristowe		Bristoll			Bristoll
Cheltenham	lteham					
Chipping Camden	camden		Campden			Campde
Cirencester	cicestre					
Gloucester	gloucestre		Glocester			Glocester
Hales	hles		Hales			
Newent	newent					
Newport	newport					
Northleach	norlech					
Tewkesbury	teukesbr		Tewksbury			Tewksbury
Hampshire						
Alresford	alford		Aleresford			Alesford
Alton	alton					
Basingstoke	Basyngstok		Basinstoke			
Beaulieu	bewley					
Bishop's Waltham	waltham					Waltham
Botley	botley					
Christchurch	crist		Ch Church			Christ Church
Fordingbridge	forngbrigg					Fordingbridg
Havant	haventre					Havent
Lymington	limton		Limington			Lemington
Petersfield	petrefeld					
Portchester	porchestre					
Portsmouth	portismouth					
Romsey	rusey		Rumsey			Rumsey
Southampton	hampton					
Whitchurch	witchirch					Whi church
Winchester	wynchestre					
Herefordshire						
Clifford	Clifford					
Hereford	hereford					

Wigmore	Wigmore					
Hertfordshire						
Baldock	Baldok					
Barkway	berkwey					
Barnet	barnet		High Barnet			
Bishop's Stortford	stortford					Stortford
Hertford	hertford					
Royston	Royston					
St Albans	S. albon		St Allbans			
Ware	ware					
Watford	boreford					
Huntingdonshire						
Huntingdon	huntyngton					
Ogerston	ogerston					
Ramsey	Ramsey					
St Neots	seint nede		St Neotts			
Stilton	Stelton					
Kent						
Appledore	appeldre					
Ashford	ashford					
Canterbury	Cantuar					
Charing	cheryng					
Dartford	dertford					
Dover	dovor					
Faversham	fevarsham		Feversham			Feversham
Gravesend	graveshend					
Hythe	heth		Hith			Hyth
Maidstone	maideston					Maidston
Ospringe	ospring					
Otford	otford					
Rochester	Rowchestr					
Romney	Rumy					Romney
Sandwich	sandwych					
Sittingbourne	sithingborn		Sittingborn			Sittingborn
Tonbridge	tunbryg		Tunbridge			Tunbridg
Yalding	yawhour					
Lancashire						
Burscough*						
Cartmel	kartmell					
Clitheroe	clederhowe					Clithero
Cockersand Abbey	cokersand					
Furness	fournes					
Knowsley	kow					
Lancaster	lancastre					
Liverpool	leverpole					Liverpool
Manchester	manches					
Prescot	prescot					
Preston	preston					

Warrington	wington		Warrington			Warrington
Wigan	ig					Wigan
Winwick	Wynwyke					
Leicestershire						
Ashby de la Zouch	aschby		Ashby			Ashby d' l' Zouch
Belvoir	bevoir					
Leicester	leycestre					
Loughborough	lohb					
Market Harborough	harborowe		Haverborough			Harboroug
Melton Mowbray	melton		Milton Mowbray			Melton
Lincolnshire						
Ancaster	ancastre					
Bardney	bardne					
Barton-Upon-Humber	barton		Barton			Barton
Bitchfield	bilesfeld					
Bolingbroke	bolingbrok					
Boston	Boston					
Bourne	brune		Born			Borne
Brigg	glanfordbrig		Glamford Bridges			Glanford Briggs
Burton-on-Stather	burton-stather					Burton
Caistor	cast					Castor
Crowland	Croweland					
Fosdyke	fosdyke					
Grantham	grantham					
Grimsby	gremby					
Horncastle	horncastell					Horn Castle
Kirton	kirkton					Kirton in Lindsey
Lincoln	lincoln		Lincolne			
Louth	louth					
Pinchbeck	pinchebek					
Saltfleet	flete					
Sleaford	sleford		Sleford or Sleeford			Sleford
Somerton Castle	Somerton					
Spalding	spaldynge					
Spital-in-the-Street	spitall		Spittle			
Stamford	Stamford					
Stow	Stowe					
Torksey	torkesey					
Wainfleet	Waynflet					
Wragby	Wragby					
Middlesex						
Brentford	braynford		New Brantford or Old Brantford			
London	london					
Uxbridge	Waxsbrigg		Uxbridg			Uxbridg

Norfolk						
Attleborough	atylborow					Atleburg
Aylsham	aylesham		Alesham			Alesham
Blakeney	blakeney					
Broomholm	Brumholm					
Burnham	burndon					
Cawston	causton					
Cromer	crowmere					
East Dereham	derham					Derham
Great Yarmouth	yernemouth		Yarmouth			G. Yarmouth
Hingham	hengham					
King's Lynn	lenne		Kings Lyn			Lyn Regis
Norwich	Norwich					
Pickenham	pykyngham					
Thetford	tetford					
Walpole	walpole					
Walsingham	walsyngham					
Wymondham	wyndham		Windham			Windha
Northamptonshire						
Brackley	bracle					
Catesby	katby					
Daventry	dauentre		Daventre			
Higham Ferrers	hegham		Higham-ferries			Highamferris
Northampton	Northamton					
Peterborough	petreburgh		Peterborow			
Rockingham	Rokyngham		Rokingham			
Towcester	towcestre					
Wansford	Walmesford					
Northumberland						
Alnwick	Alnewik					Alnewick
Bamburgh	bamburgh					
Berwick-upon-Tweed	Berwike		Barwick			Berwick Uppon Tweed
Bolton	bolton					
Corbridge	corbryg		Corebridg or Cerbridg			
Felton	felton					
Haggerston	h...ston					
Haltwhistle	hautwisel		Haltwesel			Haltwesell
Harbottle	hbotell					
Haydon Bridge	haidon		Hadon			
Hexham	hexham					
Langley-on-Tyne	langley					
Morpeth	morpeth					
Newbiggin-by-the-Sea	Newebiggyn					
Newbrough	newbrough					
Newcastle upon Tyne	novum castrum		Newcastle			Newcastle

Norham	norham					
Prudhoe	prodhowe		Prudo Cast			
Rothbury	rothbury					
Thirlwall Castle	thirlewall		Thirlwal Cast			
Tynemouth	tynmouth		Tinmouth			Tinmouth C.
Wark	werk		Wark Castle			
Warkworth	warkworth					
Wooler	Wollere					Wuller
Nottinghamshire						
Blyth	blith		Blythe			
Mansfield	maunsfeld					
Mattersey	mattersey					
Newark-on-Trent	Newerk		Newark			Newark Uppon Trent
Nottingham	Notyngham					
Southwell	suthwell					
Tuxford	tuxford					
Oxfordshire						
Banbury	banbery					
Burford	burford					
Chipping Norton	norton					
Middleton Stoney	midelton					
Oxford	oxonia					
Tetsworth	tetsworth					
Thame	tame					Tame
Witney	whitney					
Woodstock	Wodstok					
Rutland						
Oakham	okham		Oakham or Oakeham			Okeham
Shropshire						
Bridgnorth	briggenorth		Bridgenorth			
Clun	clun		Clunn			Clunn
Ellesmere	ellesmere					Ellismere
Lilleshall	lilhill					
Ludlow	llowe					
Oswestry	oswestre					
Shrewsbury	Salopia					
Somerset						
Axbridge	axbrig					Axbridg
Bridgwater	brgw		Bridgewater or Bridgewatr			
Bruton*						
Chard	chard					
Cleeve Abbey*						
Crewkerne*			Crokehorn or Crookhorn			Crokehorn
Dunster*						

Frome*						
Glastonbury	gl					
Ilchester*						
Taunton	ton					Tauton
Uphill	uphill					
Wells*						
Staffordshire						
Burton upon Trent	burton					Burton
Lichfield	lichefeld					
Newcastle under Lyme	Novum castrum sub lyne		Newcastle under Lime			Newcastle
Stafford	Stafford					
Stone	stone					
Tutbury	tutburi					
Suffolk						
Brandon	brandofery		Brandon-Ferrey			
Bungay	bongay					
Bury St Edmunds	bery		St Edmons Bury or Bury			Bury
Cattawade	catiwad					
Clare	clare					
Debenham	debeham					
Dunwich	donwych					
Felixstowe	xtow					
Ipswich	yepeswych					
Mildenhall	myldenhal					
Newmarket	nywmarkt					
Orford	orford					
Stratford St Andrew	Stratford		Stratford or Stretford			Stradford
Surrey						
Bagshot	bagschot					
Chiddingfold	chedyngfold		Chidingfold			Chidingfold
Cobham	cobham					Cobha
Croydon	croidon					
Dorking	dorkyng		Darking			Darking
Farnham	farnham					
Guildford	Gilford		Guilford			Guilford
Kingston upon Thames	kyngston		Kingstone sup Thame			Kingston
Reigate	Reigate					Rygate
Sussex						
Arundel	arundell					
Battle	bale					Battel
Boreham Street	borham					
Bramber	brymbre					
Chichester	cicestre					
East Grinstead	grenested		East Greensted			E. Grinsted

Hastings	hastynges					
Horsham	horsham					
Lewes	lewes and Lewis					
Mayfield	malsted					
Midhurst	mydhest					
Petworth	petwuth					
Pevensy	peuns					
Robertsbridge	pons robt.					
Rye	Rye					
Shoreham	Shoreham		New Shoram			N. Shorham
Stopham	Stopham					
Winchelsea	Wynchelsea					
Warwickshire						
Alcester	altre					Aulcester
Birmingham	bermyngham					Birmigha
Coleshill	colshill		Coleshall			Coleshall
Combe Abbey	combe					
Coventry	coventr		Coventrey			
Solihull	solly...					
Stratford-upon-Avon	tford		Stratford			Stratford on Avon
Warwick	Warwick					
Westmoreland						
Appleby	appelbee					Applebye
Beetham	bethum					
Brough	burgh c					
Brougham	burgham		Broome castle			Broome C.
Kendal	kirkebie kendale					Kirkby Kendal
Kirkby Lonsdale	kirkebie lonesdale					
Pendragon Castle	pendragon					
Shap	Shap		Shop			
Wiltshire						
Amesbury	ames...					
Calne	calne		Caln			
Chippenham	cheppenham		Chipenham or Chipham			
Collingbourne	colligborn		Collingborn			
Cricklade	krykelaith					
Malmesbury	malmesbury		Malmsbury			Malmsbury
Marlborough	merleb...					
Salisbury	salesbery					
Upavon	...haven					
Warminster	warm...		Warmister			
Worcestershire						
Bromsgrove*						
Droitwich	wych					
Evesham	evesham		Evesholme			Evesholm
Kidderminster	kmini		Kederminster or			

			Kedermister			
Worcester	wircestre					
Yorkshire						
Bawtry	bawtri		Bauttey			Bawtery
Bentham	bentham					
Beverley	beverley					
Boroughbridge	burghbrig		Burrowbriggs			Boroughbridg
Bowes	bowes					
Bradford	bradford					Bradforth
Bridlington	brydlington					
Castle Bolton	bolton					
Croft-on-Tees	Croft brig					
Doncaster	doncastre					Doncastor
Gilling	gyllyng					
Guisborough	gesbogh		Gisbrough			Gisborough
Hawes	morehouse					
Hedon	hedon					Heydon
Helmsley	helme					Helmesly
Helperby	helperby					
Hessle	hesell					
Hornsea	hornsee					Hornsey
Howden	hawden					Houden
Hull	hull					Kingston uppon Hull
Knaresborough	knaresburgh		Knasbrough			Knaresborou
Langton	langton					
Leeds	ledes					
Leeming	lyming		Lemyng			Leming
Malton	malton		New Malton			N. Malton
Market Weighton	Wighton					
Northallerton	Allert...					North Allerton
Patrington	patryngton					
Pickering	pickeringe					Pichering
Pocklington	poklington					
Pontefract	pontfret					
Richmond	richemond					
Ripon	repon		Rippon			Rippon
Roche Abbey*	ch					
Rotherham	roerham		Rotherum			
Scarborough	scarbough					
Seamer	semere					
Sedbergh	sebergh					
Settle	Setell					
Sheffield	sheffeld					
Skipton	skipton					
Tadcaster	tadcastre					Tadcastor
Thirsk	thresk					
Tickhill	tikhull					

Wakefield	Wakefeld					
Warter	Watre					
Watton	Watton		Wotton			
Wetherby	Wederbie					
Whitby	Whitbi					Whiteby
Yarm	yarm					
York	Eboriens					

Table 1. Parsons' settlement data.

### Debatable Settlements

For the vast majority of the settlements it is straightforward to establish whether or not they were on an Early Modern road. Ogilby's topography around the roads is detailed, and he clearly marks where a road passed through a settlement, or the settlement is immediately adjacent to the road. In addition, he provides side turnings indicating nearby towns and villages which demonstrates that they were not on a given road. Moll's settlements are marked along his roads, with distances between them given in miles. The settlement is named and has a small circle on or adjacent to the road, or a symbol indicating a post town. However, a small number of settlements are open to interpretation. This is either because they are not named but there is a strong possibility that a road passes through them, or they are close to a road. As a rule of thumb, settlements within approximately half a mile of the road have been accepted as 'on the road' on the grounds that this was close enough for travellers to seek shelter or a change of horse on their journey. This is probably a conservative estimate of the distance travellers might go from the road in search of hospitality. In 1398, the canons of Lilleshall Abbey complained that the hospitality they were required to offer to travellers on Watling Street was a serious financial burden.<sup>2</sup> Watling Street (the modern A5 at this point) is 2.1 miles from the Abbey.

The following two tables explain why those settlements open to interpretation have been accepted or rejected as settlements along a road.

### Gough Map Settlements Accepted as on Early Modern Roads

Gough Map Settlement	County	Description
Babraham	Cambridgeshire	Babraham (Badburnham) is shown on Ogilby's map (Plate 46) near to the road. On a Google map it is approximately 0.5 miles from the projected road and is therefore plausible as a stage along it.
Bentham	Yorkshire	Bentham, although not named on Ogilby's map (Plate 88), is midway on his road across the moor between Wennington (Wellington) and Clapham. The road is straight and would have passed through Bentham. There is only one modern road between Clapham and Bentham, so although Moll's geography of

<sup>2</sup> 'Lilleshall: Communications', *British History Online* <<http://www.british-history.ac.uk/vch/salop/vol11/pp146-147>> [accessed 18 June 2018].

		this area is less precise, the assumption has been made that Bentham also lies on his roads.
Bitchfield	Lincolnshire	Moll's 1710 map shows a thin secondary line running north from Stamford to Ancaster. Although not named, the straightness of the road suggests that it would have run either through, or close to, Bitchfield. On a modern map, the section of road running north between Corby Glen and Boothby Pagnell via Bitchfield is the only north-south section of road in the area.
Boreham Street	Sussex	Again, Moll's 1710 map shows a thin line running west from Battle to Lewes via Hailsham. At this scale, the road alignment is ambiguous but suggests that it could well have passed through Boreham Street. Although there is no similar road marked on his 1724 county map of Sussex, Boreham Street is named and looks on a similar trajectory between Battle and Hailsham. On a modern map, the only east-west road in the area goes through Boreham Street.
Bowes	Yorkshire	On the 1710 map, a secondary road runs west from Greta Bridge (Creta B.) to Brough. Bowes is not marked but it is hard to see how it could have avoided running through the town, given that on a modern map, this is the only east-west road running across the high ground.
Brougham	Westmoreland	This castle is south east of Penrith, close to the Moll 1724 road south to Shap, approximately 0.4 miles from the modern road.
Castle Bolton	Yorkshire	This castle is approximately half a mile north of the Moll's 1724 road running south west from Richmond to Askrigg. There are two modern roads across the high ground which run parallel, about a mile apart, on either side of the River Ure. On Moll's map, Bellerby is on the south side, so the road indicated must be the northern one, running just south of Castle Bolton. It also shows 'Redmire' adjacent to the road, which is the later site of Castle Bolton village.
Hailes	Gloucestershire	Hailes Abbey is 0.7 miles from the Early Modern roads so this is slightly over the approximate 0.5 threshold for distance from the road. However, it has been accepted as close enough because of the traditional duty of abbeys in medieval times to provide shelter for travellers. Other abbeys further from the road, such as Lilleshall, are in the medieval record as having suffered from the burden of accommodating travellers.
Thirlwall	Northumberland	Thirlwall Castle is shown almost adjacent to Ogilby's road between Tynemouth and Carlisle (Plate 86), just west of Haltwhistle (Haltwesell).
Wragby	Lincolnshire	Wragby, although unmarked, appears to sit on Moll's 1710 road

		which runs west from Horncastle to Lincoln. Wragby appeared in the Titchfield Itineraries between Lincoln and Horncastle. <sup>3</sup> On a modern map, Wragby is on the only east-west road in the area.
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Table 2. Gough Map settlements accepted as on Early Modern roads.

### Gough Map Settlements Rejected as on Early Modern Roads

Gough Map Settlement	County	Description
Croft-on-Tees	Yorkshire	Moll's 1724 maps (North Yorkshire and Durham) show a road going north from Northallerton to Darlington between the large southern loop of the River Tees to the east and Croft bridge to the west. This appears to be an error as it seems much more likely that the road would have gone through Croft, because of its major bridge across the river, and its location on the modern A167 road north to Darlington. However, further research is needed to be sure that another bridge further to the east was not in common use in the early eighteenth century.
Prudhoe Castle	Northumberland	Although the castle is marked as very close to the road on Ogilby's map (Plate 86), the River Tyne runs between them. There seems to be no evidence of a medieval bridge, and although a ferry could have been in use, the natural river barrier suggests the castle's usefulness as a stage along the road would be doubtful.

Table 3. Gough Map settlements not accepted as on Early Modern roads.

<sup>3</sup> James Frederick Edwards, 'The Transport System of Medieval England and Wales: A Geographical Synthesis' (unpublished Doctoral thesis, University of Salford, 1987), p. 64.