

New Record Sets Only On TheGenealogist

TheGenealogist is **launching 3 unique record sets** at *Who Do You Think you Are? Live*

- **The latest release adds over a million new parish records.**
- **New Colour Tithe Maps for Surrey in partnership with Surrey Heritage Center**
- **New Colour Tithe Maps for Westmorland in partnership with The National Archives**

Parish Records

With over 2.5 million Essex Parish Records our latest release makes TheGenealogist the place to go for Essex Research.

The launch of 900,000 new **Essex Parish Records** transcripts brings the total coverage for that county to over 2.5 million individuals. Spanning the period from **1463 to 2005?**

These records with our BMDs and Census allow family historians to research with ease ancestors from this eastern part of England.



Also released are over 158,000 Worcestershire Parish Records, bringing Worcestershire's coverage to over 2 million individuals

Colour Tithe Maps

TheGenealogist.co.uk is excited to be launching at the *Who Do You Think You Are? Live* show in conjunction with the Surrey Heritage Centre, the **Surrey Colour Tithe Maps** and the **Westmorland Colour Tithe Maps** in partnership with The National Archives.

These releases bring the addition of wonderfully detailed colour tithe maps to complement the online collection of tithe schedules and greyscale maps that have already been so well received by family historians researching where their ancestors lived.

This rich store of land occupation and usage records were created in a massive survey of England and Wales from between 1836

and the early 1850s. In these early years of the Victorian period, at a time when people were moving from the countryside to the towns, many of the urban areas that we see today as part of cities and towns can be found mapped out as tithable plots. This includes some parts of London and other big cities where cottages and gardens are plotted in the same way as fields and woods are in the countryside.

The records, made available online by TheGenealogist in a partnership with The National Archives and some County Record Offices, were originally created to bring an end to an outdated tax on agricultural produce. Tithes, originally a tenth of the income from the land, were payable to the Church of England and to some lay people who owned the rights that had previously been due to the dissolved monasteries. In 1866 the majority of England and Wales was still paying what the government recognised was a discredited tax. Before they could legislate, however, they first had to collect details of what people paid - and so all the owners and occupiers of land subject to tithes were recorded and thus this fantastic resource was created.

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