

LINKS TO PROVINCIAL DIRECTORIES OF PLACES IN WALES AVAILABLE FREE ON THE INTERNET TOGETHER WITH SOME TOWN GUIDES AND TOPOGRAPHICAL AND HISTORICAL WORKS.

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The aim of this list is to provide links to all relevant directories available free on the internet together with links to guides to places and some local topographical and historical works that have been found while searching.

Experience of using Internet links shows that these can easily disappear. Most of those listed however are from organisations who are unlikely to cease to exist, although there is always a risk of a change in storage arrangements resulting in the substitution of links or a change of policy regarding provision of documents.

The description of the items mainly follows that given by the provider and has not been automatically checked, although some errors have been spotted and corrected.

The form in which documents can be viewed varies, with some providers only providing one option and others a choice. Where a text option is supplied, this is usually produced by optical character recognition (OCR) and the quality of the copy produced can be very poor.

If a website has a search facility this usually utilises OCR, so a negative result does not necessarily mean that the term searched does not appear in the item.

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The documents linked to can all be accessed from the United Kingdom. There may be other items available on the internet which only can be accessed from the United States and these are not listed. Google Books and the Hathi Trust have policies that in view of the risk of copyright infringement, they initially refuse access to users outside the United States to items published after a certain date (1877 for Hathi Trust in 2017) although they may be convinced to the contrary.

Scans of the same copy of a book sometimes can be found on different sites with overlap for instance between the Bodleian Library, Google Books, Hathi Trust and the Internet Archive.

Duplicate copies were not specifically looked for, but, if found, links to scans of the same book on different websites and additional copies in Google Books are provided, as faults in one scan may not appear in another and, even where the scans are of the same copy, different formats may be available.

The directories are listed in accordance with the traditional counties and the same directory may appear under different counties.

Comments on some particular sites

Bodleian Library. Items are available as pdf's of whole documents which can be slow to download and with which certain browsers can have problems.

http://solo.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/primo_library/libweb/action/search.do

Historical Directories. "A collection of digitised trade directories, part of the University of Leicester's Special Collections Online, covering England and Wales from the 1760s to the 1910s." The widest selection available. Items are available as pdf's of single pages or as text created by using OCR with resulting defects. It is possible to go directly to any page in the item.

<http://specialcollections.le.ac.uk/cdm/landingpage/collection/p16445coll4>

Google Books. One can view the whole book online and download pdf's. Availability of items may vary according to the location of the user. For some items for which complete copies are not available, a small number of snippets may be disclosed and may provide some desired information.

Hathi Trust. "Hathi Trust is a partnership of academic & research institutions, offering a collection of millions of titles digitized from libraries around the world." The whole of an available item can be viewed online and pdfs of individual pages and in some cases complete documents can be downloaded with wider rights available through "partner institutions". Availability of items may vary according to the location of the user. https://www.hathitrust.org/digital_library

Internet Archive. "Internet Archive is a non-profit library of millions of free books, movies, software, music, websites, and more." Books can be viewed and downloaded as pdf's and other formats. <https://archive.org/index.php>

Norfolk Sources. "Norfolk Sources is a collection of images of archive material supplied by the Norfolk Record Office and the Norfolk Heritage Centre." "including wills from 1800-1857, Broadsides and trade directories" Access is via using the search facility using a suitable term. Subject to OCR limitations this will bring up all occurrences of the search term in all directories with such. Individual pages can then be selected and viewed and copied as jpg's. It does not appear that a particular directory can be accessed direct so if an alternative means of access is available this is likely to be preferable. <http://www.norfolksources.norfolk.gov.uk/DserveNS/>

Paid for Sites

Some directories are available on genealogical sites to which access is obtainable by payment. Access to some sites may be possible through public libraries and other institutions. For instance Findmypast and Ancestry are available to members at Essex and Suffolk Libraries.

Findmypast <http://www.findmypast.co.uk/articles/britain-directories-and-almanacs-publication-list>

Ancestry. [Ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk).

Directories available listed on <http://search.ancestry.co.uk/search/category.aspx?cat=135>

The Genealogist <https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/>

Directories available listed on

<https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/coverage/directories/?type=diamond#includes>

Electronic copies and CD's of some directories may also be available for purchase on the internet.

Wales including Monmouthshire

1818 The Commercial Directory for 1818-19-20 containing the names, trades and situations of the merchants manufacturers tradesmen etc in Ashton-under-Lyne, Barnsley, Beverley, Bilston &c, Birmingham, Blackburn, Bolton, Bradford, Burnley, Bury, Chester, Chesterfield, Chorley, Colne, Congleton, Coventry, Derby, Dewsbury, Doncaster, Dudley, Halifax, Heckmondwike, Huddersfield, Hull, Kidderminster, Lancaster, Leeds, Leek, Leicester, Liverpool, Macclesfield, Manchester, Newcastle-under-Lyme and the whole of the Potteries, Nottingham, Oldham, Prescot and St. Helens, Preston, Rochdale, Rotherham, Saddleworth, Selby, Sheffield, Stockport, Stourbridge, Tadcaster, Wakefield, Walsall, Warrington, Wigan, Wolverhampton, **Wrexham**, York. - Pigot & Co.

<https://books.google.co.uk/books?id=4lIGAAAAYAAJ>

[Full view](#) (original from Columbia University) via Hathi Trust

1822-3 Pigot and Co.'s commercial directory for London and (website p364 on) 280 cities towns and seaports in Cheshire; Derbyshire; Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Lancashire; Leicestershire; Lincolnshire; Monmouthshire, Norfolk, Nottinghamshire, Rutlandshire, Shropshire, Somersetshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire, Wiltshire, Worcestershire, Yorkshire, and **North & South Wales**
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Accessible via <http://www.norfolksources.norfolk.gov.uk/DserveNS/> in which called Piggot Norfolk

1828 Pigot and Co.'s national commercial directory for 1828-9, comprising a directory of the merchants, bankers, professional gentleman [&c.] in the counties of Cheshire; Cumberland; Derbyshire; Durham; Lancashire; Leicestershire; Lincolnshire; Northumberland. Nottinghamshire, Rutlandshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire, Westmoreland, Worcestershire, Yorkshire, and **North Wales**.

<https://books.google.co.uk/books?id=hdMHAAAQAQAJ> to p11 - Bodleian Library 80 plus appendices

<http://dbooks.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/books/PDFs/590788361.pdf>

[Pigot & Co.'s Directory of Ches, Cumb ..., 1828-29. \[Part 2: Notts - Yorks & N Wales\]](#) - Historical Directories p625 on

1830 - Pigot and Co.'s national commercial directory Bedfordshire, Berkshire; Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire, Cornwall; Devon; Dorset; Gloucestershire, Hampshire, Herefordshire, Huntingdonshire, Monmouthshire, Norfolk, Northamptonshire, Oxfordshire, Somersetshire, Suffolk, Wiltshire, South Wales

Accessible via <http://www.norfolksources.norfolk.gov.uk/DserveNS/>

1835 Pigot and Co's National Commercial Directory, comprising a classification of the merchants, bankers, professional gentlemen, manufacturers and traders... in the counties of Derby, Hereford, Leicester, Lincoln, Monmouth, Nottingham, Rutland, Salop, Stafford, Warwick and Worcester; and also... Wales.

[Pigot & Co.'s Directory of Derbys, Herefs ..., 1835](#) - Historical Directories

1844 Pigot and Co.'s Royal National and Commercial Directory and Topography of the counties of Hampshire, Herefordshire, Monmouthshire, Oxfordshire, Somersetshire, Wiltshire, and **North and South Wales**. - I Slater

[Pigot & Co.'s Directory of Berks, Bucks ..., 1844. \[Part 2: Hants to Wilts. & Wales\]](#) - Historical Directories

3.1849 Hunt & Co's Directory and Topography for the cities of Gloucester & Bristol, and the towns of Berkeley, Cirencester, Coleford... with Abaravon, Aberdare, Bridgend...

[Hunt & Co's Directory of Gloucester & Bristol, 1849](#) - Historical Directories

6.1849 Hunt & Co.'s Directory & Topography for the cities of Gloucester & Bristol, and the towns of Aberayron, Abergavenny, Aberystwith, Brecon, Brynmawr, Crickhowell, Lampeter, Llandilo, Llandovery, Monmouth, Pontypool, Ragland, Tredegar, and Usk...

[Hunt & Co.'s Directory for Gloucester, Bristol & Welsh towns, 1849](#) - Historical Directories

1850 Hunt & Co.'s Directory of Bristol and South Wales, pr. for E. Hunt & co. by Gardiner

[Hunt & Co.'s Directory of Bristol and South Wales, 1850](#) - Historical Directories

1852 Scammell & Co.'s City of Bristol and South Wales Directory - W. Scammell & Co
[Scammell & Co.'s City of Bristol and South Wales Directory, 1852](#) - Historical Directories

1852-53 Slater's Directory of Berkshire; Cornwall; Devon; Dorset; Gloucestershire; Hampshire; Somerset; Wiltshire; Wales
[Slater's Directory of Berks, Corn, Devon ..., 1852-53](#) - Historical Directories

1859 Slater's (Late Pigot & Co.) Royal, National and Commercial Directory and Topography of the counties of Gloucester, Hereford, Monmouth, Shropshire and North and South Wales, and a classified directory of the town of Liverpool
[Slater's Directory of Glos, Herefs, Mon, Shrops, & Wales, 1859](#) - Historical Directories

1865 Webster & Co.'s Postal and Commercial Directory of the City of Bristol, and County of Glamorgan.
[Webster & Co.'s Directory of Bristol & Glamorganshire, 1865](#) - Historical Directories

1866 Harrod & Co.'s Post Office Directory of Glamorganshire,
[Harrod & Co.'s Post Office Directory of Glamorganshire, 1866](#) - Historical Directories

1868 Slater's (Late Pigot & Co.) Royal National Commercial Directory and Topography of the Counties of Gloucester, Hereford, Monmouth, Shropshire, and North and South Wales, and the City of Chester
[Slater's Directory of Glos, Herefs, Mon, Shrops & Wales, 1868](#) - Historical Directories

1871 Post Office Directory of Monmouthshire & South Wales,
[Post Office Directory of Monmouthshire & South Wales, 1871](#) - Historical Directories

1875 Worrall's Directory of South Wales,
[Worrall's Directory of South Wales, 1875](#) - Historical Directories

1876 Mercer & Crocker's General, Topographical, and Historical Directory for the Counties of Monmouthshire, [Herefordshire, Gloucestershire,] and the Principal Towns and Places in Glamorganshire [and Radnorshire]... Monmouthshire & Glamorganshire only
[Mercer & Crocker's Directory for Mon, Herefs ..., 1876. \[Monmouthshire & Glamorganshire only\]](#) - Historical Directories

1878 Wales Register & Guide, - Eyre Bros
[Wales Register & Guide, 1878](#) - Historical Directories

1880. Slater's Directory of N & S Wales etc., [Part 1: N & S Wales]
[Slater's Directory of N & S Wales etc., 1880. \[Part 1: N & S Wales\]](#) - Historical Directories

1885 Wilson's Trades Directory of Wales, William Wilson & Sons
[Wilson's Trades Directory of Wales, 1885](#) - Historical Directories

1895 Slater's Directory of North & Mid Wales,
[Slater's Directory of North & Mid Wales, 1895](#) - Historical Directories

1895 Kelly's Directory of Monmouthshire & S Wales,
[Kelly's Directory of Monmouthshire & S Wales, 1895. \[Part 1: Monmouthshire Directory & South Wales Localities\]](#) - Historical Directories
[Kelly's Directory of Monmouthshire & S Wales, 1895. \[Part 2: South Wales Court & Trade Directories\]](#) - Historical Directories

1900 Bennett's Business Directory – South Wales
[Bennett's Business Directory, 1900](#) - Historical Directories

1901 Trades Directory of Wales - Trades' Directories, Ltd
[Trades Directory of Wales, 1901](#) - Historical Directories

1903 Trades' Directory of Wales,
[Trades' Directory of Wales, 1903](#) - Historical Directories

1907 South Wales & Monmouthshire Directory, - Cope
[South Wales & Monmouthshire Directory, 1907](#) - - Historical Directories

1912 Wales (North and South) Trades' Directory, accompanied with a gazetteer of England - Trades'
Directories, Ltd
[Wales Trades Directory, 1912](#) - Historical Directories

1918 Trades' Directory of Wales (North and South)
[Trades' Directory of Wales \(North and South\), 1918](#) - Historical Directories

Cardiff

1796 Directory & Guide to Cardiff - J. Bird

[Directory & Guide to Cardiff, 1796](#) - Historical Directories

1813 Directory & Guide to Cardiff, Caerphilly & Llandaff, - Thomas Ridd

[Directory & Guide to Cardiff, Caerphilly & Llandaff, 1813](#) - Historical Directories

1855 Wakeford's Cardiff Directory

[Wakeford's Cardiff Directory, 1855](#) - Historical Directories

1863 Wakeford's Cardiff Directory - Charles Wakeford

[Wakeford's Cardiff Directory, 1863](#) - Historical Directories

1880-81 Butcher's Cardiff Directory

[Butcher's Cardiff Directory, 1880-81](#) - Historical Directories

1887 Owen & Co.'s Cardiff Directory

[Owen & Co.'s Cardiff Directory, 1887](#) - Historical Directories

1891 Owen & Co.'s Cardiff Directory

[Owen & Co.'s Cardiff Directory, 1891](#) - Historical Directories

1895 Owen & Co.'s Cardiff Directory

[Owen & Co.'s Cardiff Directory, 1895](#) - Historical Directories

1899 Cardiff & District Trades Directory - Town & County Directories Ltd

[Cardiff & District Trades Directory, 1899](#) - Historical Directories

1901 Cardiff Directory - Western Mail Limited

[Cardiff Directory, 1901](#) - Historical Directories

1909 Cardiff Directory - Western Mail Limited

[Cardiff Directory, 1909](#) - Historical Directories

1911 Cardiff Directory - Western Mail Limited

[Cardiff Directory, 1911](#) - Historical Directories

1914 Cardiff Directory - Western Mail Limited

[Cardiff Directory, 1914](#) - Historical Directories

1914 Cardiff, Newport & District Trades Directory

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Accessible via <http://www.norfolksources.norfolk.gov.uk/DserveNS/>

1842 Pigot and Co's Royal National and Commercial Directory and Topography of the Counties of Derbyshire, Dorsetshire, Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Monmouthshire, Oxfordshire, Shropshire, Somersetshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire, Wiltshire, Worcestershire
[Pigot & Co.'s Directory of Derbys, Dorset ..., 1842](#) - Historical Directories

1844 Pigot and Co.'s Royal National and Commercial Directory and Topography of the counties of Hampshire, Herefordshire, Monmouthshire, Oxfordshire, Somersetshire, Wiltshire, and North and South Wales. - I Slater
[Pigot & Co.'s Directory of Berks, Bucks ... , 1844. \[Part 2: Hants to Wilts, & Wales\]](#) – Historical Directories

1859 Slater's (Late Pigot & Co.) Royal, National and Commercial Directory and Topography of the counties of Gloucester, Hereford, Monmouth, Shropshire and North and South Wales, and a classified directory of the town of Liverpool
[Slater's Directory of Glos, Herefs, Mon, Shrops, & Wales, 1859](#) - Historical Directories

1868 Slater's (Late Pigot & Co.) Royal National Commercial Directory and Topography of the Counties of Gloucester, Hereford, Monmouth, Shropshire, and North and South Wales, and the City of Chester
[Slater's Directory of Glos, Herefs, Mon, Shrops & Wales, 1868](#) - Historical Directories

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[Post Office Directory of Monmouthshire & South Wales, 1871](#) - Historical Directories

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[Mercer & Crocker's Directory for Mon, Herefs ..., 1876. \[Monmouthshire & Glamorganshire only\]](#) - Historical Directories

1880 Slater's Royal National Commercial Directory of [North & South Wales,] Monmouthshire, Shropshire, and the Cities of Bristol and Chester,
[Slater's Directory of N & S Wales etc., 1880. \[Part 2: Shrops, Mon, Bristol & Chester\]](#) - Historical Directories

1895 Kelly's Directory of Monmouthshire & S Wales,
[Kelly's Directory of Monmouthshire & S Wales, 1895. \[Part 1: Monmouthshire Directory & South Wales Localities\]](#) - Historical Directories

1907 South Wales & Monmouthshire Directory - Cope
[South Wales & Monmouthshire Directory, 1907](#) - Historical Directories

Kelly's Directory of Monmouthshire, 1914
[Kelly's Directory of Monmouthshire, 1914](#) - Historical Directories

1920 Kelly's directory of Monmouthshire and South Wales,
<https://archive.org/details/kellysdirectoryo141920lond> - Internet Archive

Topographical, historical etc. works

1802 Topography of Great Britain: or, British traveller's directory.-. Herefordshire & Monmouthshire - George Alexander Cooke

Includes distances between towns and roads in the counties with a general account

<https://books.google.co.uk/books?id=MZUIAAAQAAJ>

1802 Topography of Great Britain: or, British traveller's directory.-. Monmouthshire & South Wales- George Alexander Cooke

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<https://archive.org/details/topographyofgrea14cook> - Internet Archive

Swansea

1802 The Swansea Guide: Containing Such Information as was Deemed Useful to the Traveller, Through the Counties of Glamorgan & Monmouth: from the Exemplifications of Ancient and Modern Authors

<https://books.google.co.uk/books?id=erONa52iAmoC>
<https://books.google.co.uk/books?id=haNbAAAAQAAJ>

1816 Swansea Directory - William Matthews
[Swansea Directory, 1816](#) - Historical Directories

1823 The New Swansea Guide; Containing a Particular Description of the Town and Its Vicinity: Together with a Short History of the County ... A New Edition
<https://books.google.co.uk/books?id=YrBYAAAAcAAJ>

1851 The Swansea Guide
PO p34
<https://books.google.co.uk/books?id=hrhYAAAAcAAJ>

1854 Pearse's Commercial Directory to Swansea,
[Pearse's Commercial Directory to Swansea, 1854](#) - Historical Directories

1856 Pearse's Swansea Directory
[Pearse's Swansea Directory, 1856](#) - Historical Directories

1869 Pearse & Brown's Swansea Directory
[Pearse & Brown's Swansea Directory, 1869](#) - Historical Directories

1873-74 Percy, Butcher & Co.'s Swansea & Neath Directory
[Percy, Butcher & Co.'s Swansea & Neath Directory for 1873-74](#) - Historical Directories

1875-76 Butcher & Co.'s Directory of Swansea, Neath ...,
[Butcher & Co.'s Directory of Swansea, Neath ..., 1875-76](#) - Historical Directories

1881-82 Butcher's Swansea Commercial Directory
[Butcher's Swansea Commercial Directory, 1881-82](#) - Historical Directories

1881-82 Butcher's Swansea District Directory,
[Butcher's Swansea District Directory, 1881-82](#) - Historical Directories

1887 Swansea & District Directory pr. by Cambria Daily Leader
[Swansea & District Directory, 1887](#) - Historical Directories

1899 Wright's Swansea Directory,
[Wright's Swansea Directory, 1899](#) - Historical Directories

1908-09 Swansea Directory, - Arthur Purrier & Co
[Swansea Directory, 1908-09](#) - Historical Directories

Caernarvonshire

The tourist's guide through the county of Caernarvon: containing a short sketch of its history, antiquities, &c By Peter Bayly Williams

<https://books.google.co.uk/books?id=P7QHAAAAQAAJ>

Topographical, historical etc. works

Observations on several parts of the counties of Cambridge, Norfolk, Suffolk, and Essex. also on several parts of North Wales; William Gilpin – 1809 tours in 1769 & 1773

<https://books.google.co.uk/books?id=G8kvAAAAYAAJ>

<https://books.google.co.uk/books?id=yMAvAAAAAYAAJ>
<https://books.google.com/books?id=R1jdZCzgR9QC>
<https://archive.org/details/cu31924104096080> - Internet Archive

1802 Topography of Great Britain: or, British traveller's directory.-. Monmouthshire & South Wales-
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Alexander Cooke

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<https://archive.org/details/topographyofgrea15cook> - Internet Archive

1811 A topographical dictionary of the Dominion of Wales - Nicholas Carlisle

<https://books.google.co.uk/books?id=ATITAAAAQAAJ>

1833 A Topographical Dictionary of Wales - by Samuel Lewis, volume I

Some have an 1834 date on title page

1833 https://books.google.co.uk/books?id=IsU_AAAAcAAJ

1834 <https://archive.org/details/topographicaldic11lewi>

1833 A Topographical Dictionary of Wales - by Samuel Lewis, volume II Laleston -

1833 https://books.google.co.uk/books?id=JsU_AAAAcAAJ

1834 <https://archive.org/details/topographicaldic12lewi>

1842 A Topographical Dictionary of Wales - by Samuel Lewis, volume I – 2nd edition

<https://books.google.co.uk/books?id=oNIOAAAAAYAAJ>

1840 A Topographical Dictionary of Wales - by Samuel Lewis, volume II – 2nd edition Laleston -

<https://books.google.co.uk/books?id=Gp9BAQAAMAAJ>

[In preface to 3rd edition stated to be published in 1837]

1844 A Topographical Dictionary of Wales - by Samuel Lewis, volume I - 3rd edition

<https://books.google.co.uk/books?id=JeQ0AQAAMAAJ>

1845 A Topographical Dictionary of Wales - by Samuel Lewis, volume II - 3rd edition Llanedarn-

<https://books.google.co.uk/books?id=6XwOAAAAQAAJ>

<https://books.google.co.uk/books?id=7QQVAAAAQAAJ>

1849 A Topographical Dictionary of Wales - by Samuel Lewis, volumes I & II – 4th edition -
transcription

<http://www.british-history.ac.uk/topographical-dict/wales>