



CREWE
TOWN COUNCIL
CREWE



Sarah Maddocks
1845

Monks and Church Coppenhall

Crewe developed out of two ancient towns.

Monks Coppenhall had only 33 families living there at the time of the first UK census in 1841. Most of them were working in farming.

Church Coppenhall had 84 families including farmers, labourers, brickmakers, tailors and blacksmiths.

Prior to the development and arrival of the railway, these two towns had mainly produced cheese as well as growing trees to provide fuel for the nearby Nantwich salt industry. With the opening of the railway in 1837, it changed the area forever.

The Grand Junction Railway Company had an existing trainline that ran through Crewe and so it was decided that it was a suitable location to build a new station.

In 1840, Joseph Locke, the chief engineer of the Grand Junction Railway suggested they move the railway works to Crewe where there was available land to build the workshops on. They opened 3 years later in 1843.

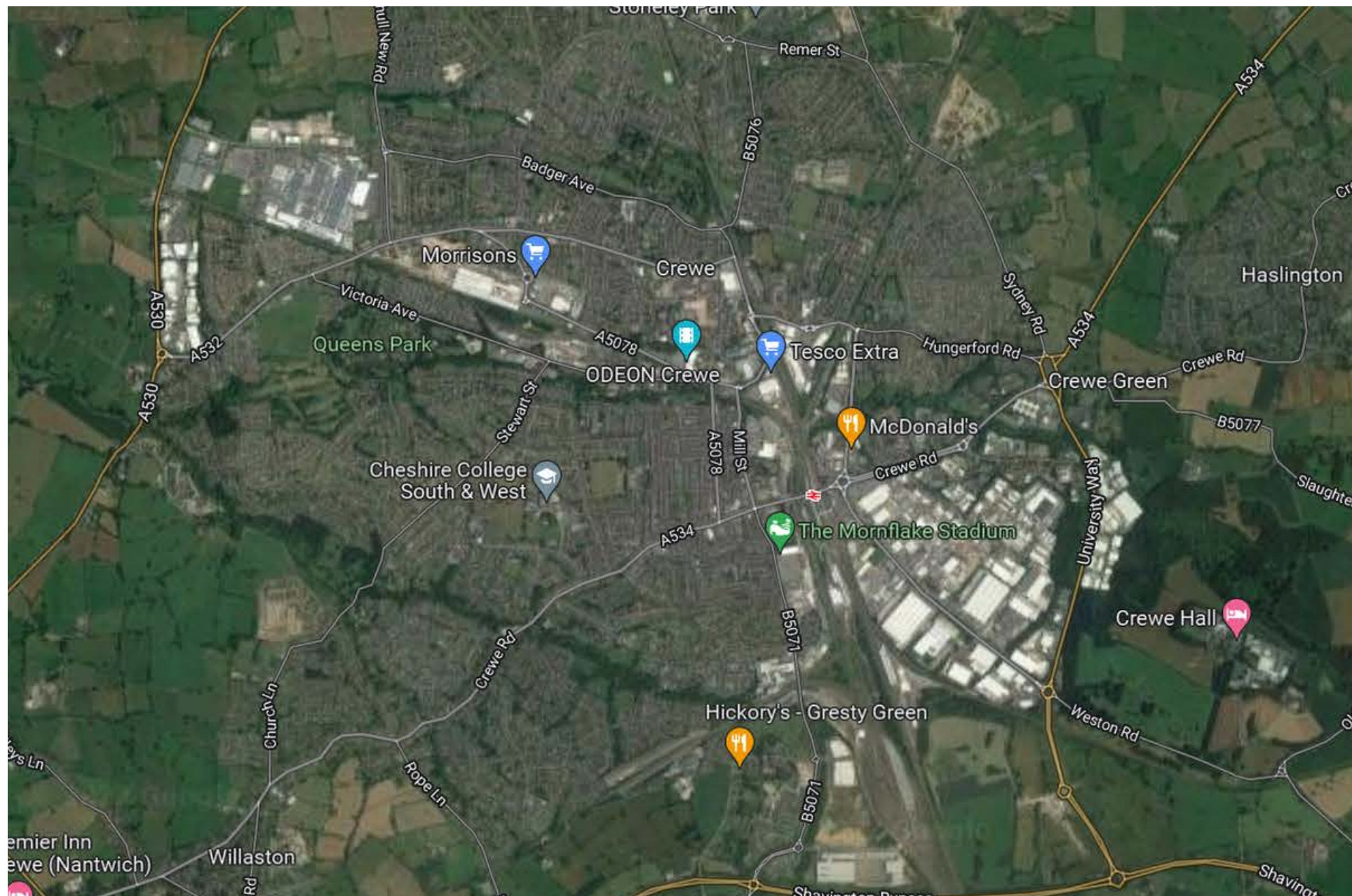
There was not much skilled labour in the area so the railway chiefs also developed a new place for workers to move to with their families to start a new life. They wanted the workers to move with their families too so they set up schools, churches, hospitals and shops to attract them. This became known as Crewe.



- Take a look at the maps below.
- It shows the railway running through Monks Coppenhall and Church Coppenhall in 1838, 1 year after the opening of Crewe Station.
- Can you see the station where Crewe built up around? Compare it to the map below from the present day.



Credit: Cheshire Archives and Local Studies



Take a look below at this newspaper article from 1846 talking about the new town- Crewe.

municipal matters. They regulate the library, news-room, festivals, &c. They have no criminals. A new church is on the point of completion. It is built with blue or variegated brick, in the style of early Norman, with tower, transept, &c. and is most comfortably fitted up inside. It occupies the centre of an open space, and on the left are the boys' school, the girls' school, and the infants' school. In the boys' school we saw lads under twelve drawing most careful and accurate outlines of locomotives; and in the girls' school we were gratified with the sight of about sixty of the most healthy children we ever saw. There was an air of grace about them, indicative of good-breeding and intelligence; several of them were, indeed, quite beautiful. Their fair teachers exhibited, with considerable pride, proofs of their skill; and they sang with an attention to time which bespoke the care of their instructor. Music is a resource at Crewe, and the community is happy in the presence of Mr Jones, who excels on a dozen different instruments. His wife proudly observed, 'that if he was as big as he was clever, he would be a great man.'

The Railway Cottages

The new cottages had gas lighting in their homes which was a rare feature for homes at the time- they even had it 17 years before the Houses of Parliament!

Most of them also had a running water supply directly to their house or a local water pump, fireplace and a scullery for washing and drying their clothes.

The children of the railway workers could go to specialist built schools paid for by the railway as well as visit shops like pharmacies, grocers and mercers (textile dealers in silks and velvets).

Dorfold Street was built on new land in 1845 and consisted of 70 houses known as the railway cottages.

They were built by a building company called 'Messrs George Branson and Edwin Gwyther'. They promised to build the homes using "the very best materials of every kind."



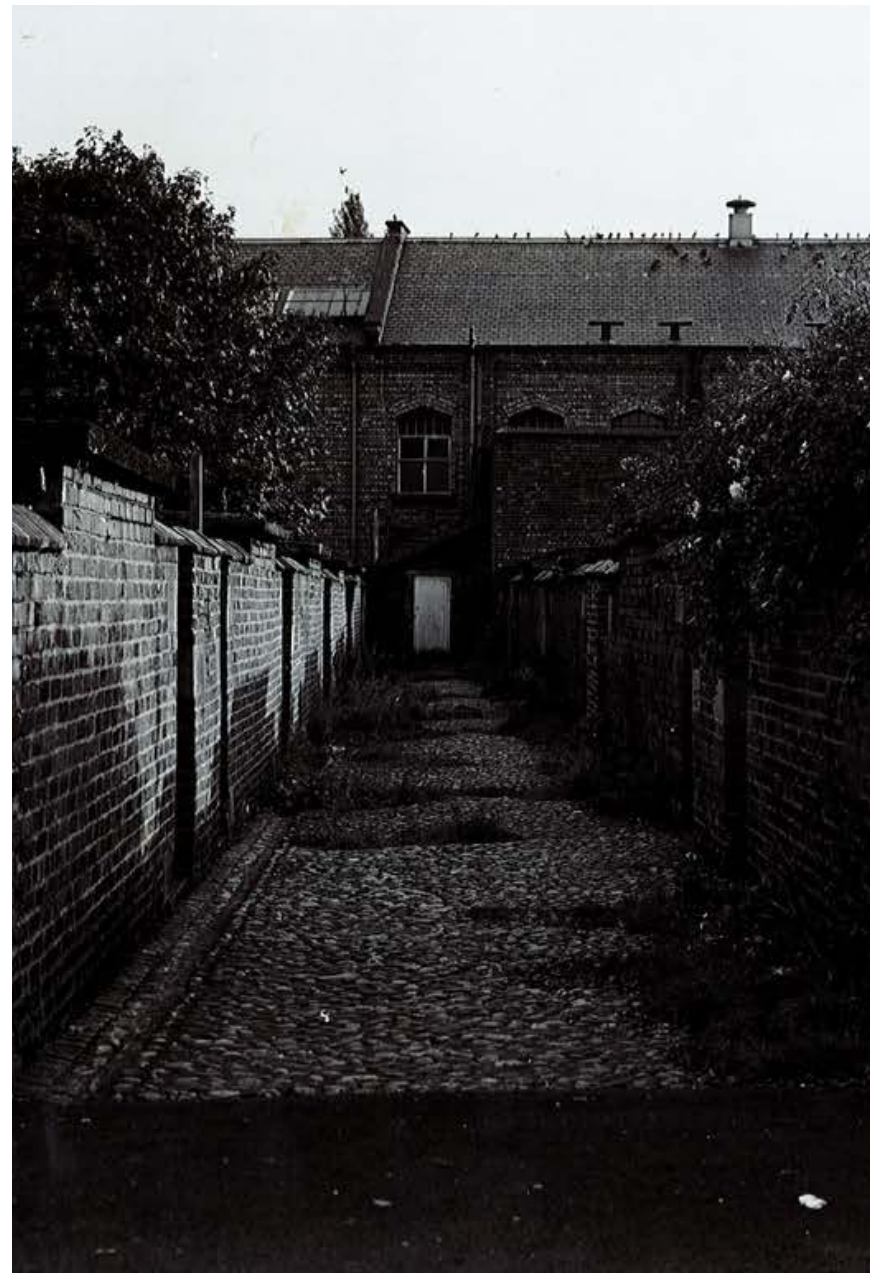
- **Take a look at the images below.**
- **Can you spot Dorfold Street on the maps?**
- **Take a look at the steam engines and factory that John would have worked in as well as a picture of people from his team.**

Take a look below at this newspaper article from 1846 talking about the railway cottages.

The rooms are all capacious: the ground-floors are tiled, and, as the back and front are open, ventilation is perfect. Each house is supplied with gas; the water is always on at present in the street, but is to be immediately introduced into the houses. The engineers, &c. pay 3s. 6d. a week, the labourers 2s. For water there is no charge, but for gas they pay in winter twopence per week for each burner. The fittings cost them nothing. There are baths, playground, news-room, library, schools, and assembly-room. They pay one penny each for a bath when they use it, subscribe for papers and books, and pay twopence a week for each child's schooling. The company provide clergymen—one of the church of England, one of the church of Scotland—and pay L.50 a year to the surgeon, Mr Edwards, who contracts with the community at threepence a week for each family, medicine included; and the wisdom of the arrangement is implied in the fact, that, since his appointment, there has not been a single death in the town—previously there were several.



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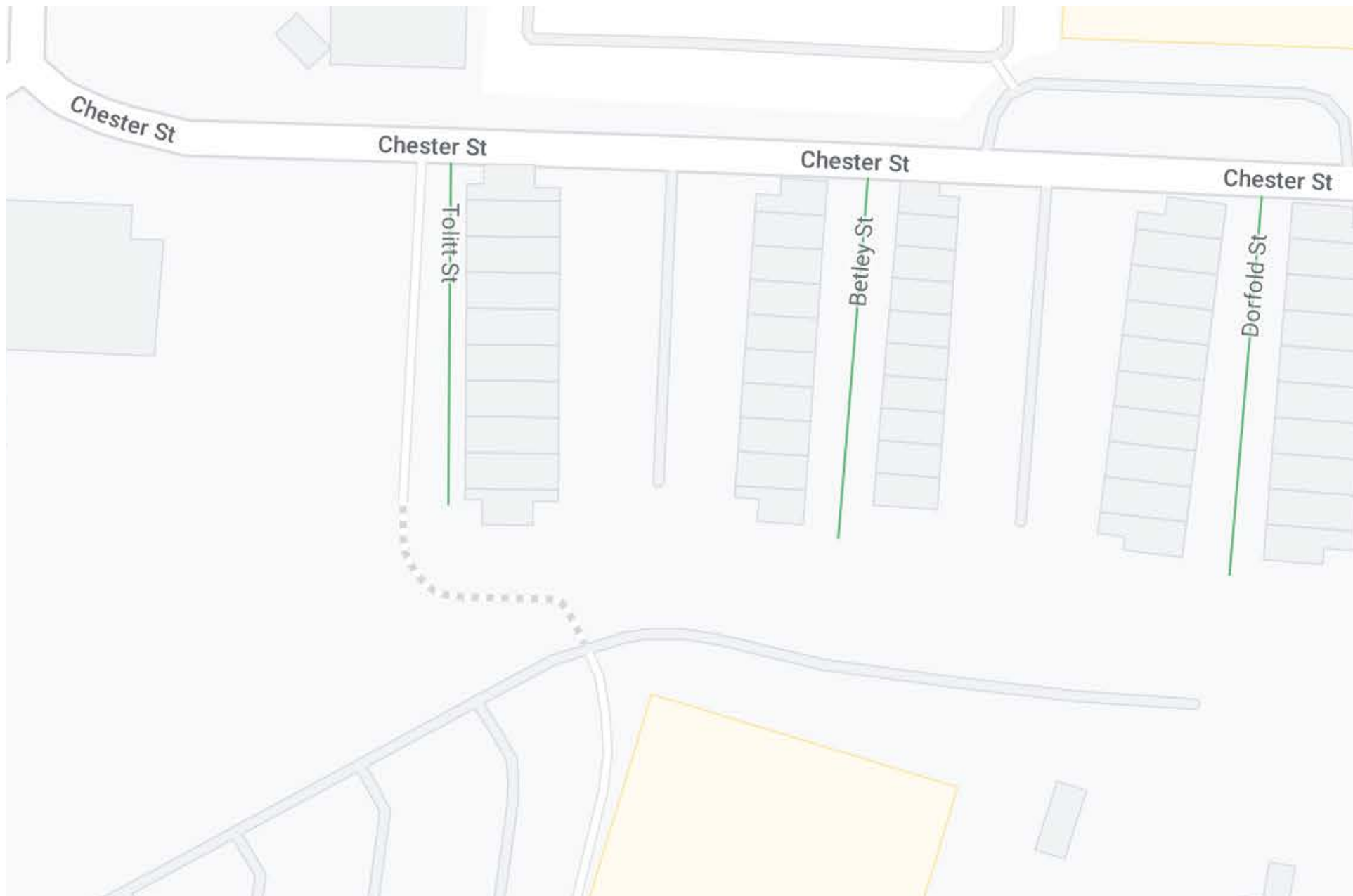
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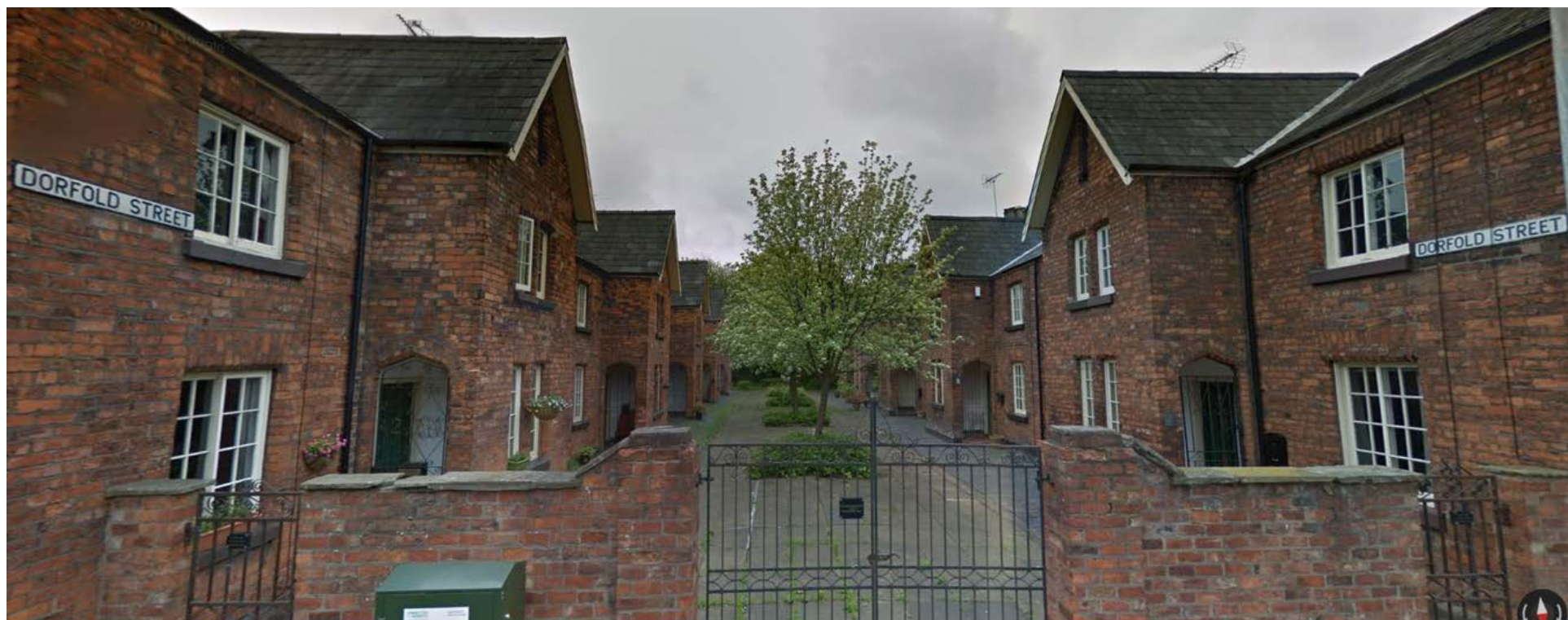
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Take a look at this map from 1975 showing the plans for Crewe. Can you spot Dorfold Street?



Credit: Cheshire Archives and Local Studies





Credit: Crewe Library



Credit: The National Railway Museum



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The Superior Officers

The Grand Junction Railway owned the houses and rented them out to their workers.

Superior officers lived close by in large manor houses in Chester street.

At the border of Chester Street and Lawrence Street, stood Chester Place, a manor house built for the Chief Mechanical Engineer at the time.

It's residents included the Chief Mechanical Officer, Francis Webb and John Ramsbottom.

Regular, on the ground workers living at the railway cottages of Dorfold Street would have lived very different lifestyles. The residents at Chester Place would have had 4 servants also living with them.

It has been said that were you to walk down the street and find you are on the same side of the road as a superior to you in the works; that it was common courtesy to cross the street to show your respect.



- **Take a look at Chester Place in the images below.**
- **How is it different to the houses in Dorfold Street?**



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Dorfold Street

One of these cottages, was number 3 Dorfold Street.

It's first residents were John and Sarah Maddocks in 1845.

We know that the Grand Junction Railway wanted to bring in a skilled workforce from the surrounding countryside into Crewe and encouraged them to do so with better wages, modern homes and provisions for their whole family in the form of schools, hospitals and churches.

Life working for the Grand Junction Railway would have been a rewarding but exhausting job.

John would have had to start at 6am and begin his 12 hour work day. He would have had to clock into work by hanging up his work token.

If he was ever late and his token missing, he would be penalised.

At the same time the homes were being built, they were just starting their new life together as newlyweds.

Let's take a closer look at their life in this period following their journey to Crewe using census and archive material.

By 1846, the Grand Junction Railway merged with other railway companies to form the London and North Western Railway, who John would have worked for.

Suggested activities

- Read through the information about Crewe's beginnings and the start of the Grand Junction Railway.
- Pupils to get into groups of 3.
- Each group should be assigned one of the 10 resources available below.
- Each group should have 15 minutes to study their resource and think about the questions on their resource question sheet.
- Once they have had research time with their resource, each group will spend up to 5 minutes preparing to present what they have discovered.
- Each group to present in order as this is also year order.
- Each group to present to the rest of the class.
- Once all groups have presented, discuss as a class the following questions.

Conclusion questions:

- Who can summarise John and Sarah's life?
- What do you think happened to Sarah?
- Why do you think that the trade directory showed the provisions business belonging to Sarah but John's will showed him leaving the business to her?

Further information:

- In the end, your pupils should be able to conclude that John and Sarah moved to Crewe for a better life. They should be able to track their progress throughout their life.
- You can also point out that we know John and Sarah were well educated and literate as they were able to sign their names on their marriage certificate. You can compare this to the mark by the couple above them.
- They moved from Cheshire to Crewe for a better life promised to them by the Grand Junction Railway company. They had a good home with running water and gas lighting which was very modern for the time.
- The cottages were intended for the workers of the railway and when John died we can conclude that Sarah had to leave her cottage at number 3 Dorfold Street. In 1871 she was a widower and by 1881, she was living next door at number 5 Dorfold Street. She would have moved there as we can now see that her son is a 'Mechanical Engineer' with the London North Western Railway (LNWR); allowing them to both live here.
- We know that her son then moves away abroad in 1889 and by the 1891 census, she is no longer living there.
- You might want to hear from your pupils about what they think happened to Sarah.
- You might also want to explore what a census is with your pupils. You can find out more about this in the short video on our website.
- You might also want to explore what it was to be a 'Provisions Dealer' and selling groceries out of her house.
- You might also want to point out the 1851 census where we can see 22 Chester Street with Francis Trevithick living with 3 servants. He was the the Locomotive Superintendent and would have lived opposite Dorfold Street. You can compare and contrast how different these Victorian homes would have been. It has been said that were you to walk down the street and find you are on the same side of the road as a superior to you in the works; that it was common courtesy to cross the street to show your respect which John would probably have had to do.

Resource 1

Take a look at John and Sarah's wedding certificate. They got married 3 years before they moved to Crewe in 1845.

Read the document to answer the questions below.

1. What date did they get married?
2. Where did they get married?
3. Take a look at John and Sarah's wedding certificate next to "This Marriage was solemnized between us,". They have been able to sign their names. Then take a look at the wedding certificate of the couple above them. The mark there symbolises the couple's signature as they were not able to write. What does this tell us about John and Sarah?
4. What were both of their father's jobs?
5. Why do you think it asks about their father's jobs and not their mothers?
6. What are John and Sarah's job?
7. What do you think these jobs involved?
8. How old are John and Sarah?
9. When would they both have been born?

1842. Marriage solemnized by Banns in the Parish of Northor in the County of Cheshire

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
187	Dec ^r 13. 1842	Thomas Hallett	full age	Bachelor	Labourer	Brinkley	Samuel Hallett	Labourer
		Mary Bowker	full age	Spinster	—	Northor	Thomas Bowker	Labourer

Married in the Parish of Northor according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England by me, Wm. Bowker, Rector

This Marriage was solemnized between us, { Thomas Hallett & Mary Bowker } in the Presence of us, { Thomas Groom & John Davis }

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188	Dec ^r 18 th	John Maddocks	22	Bachelor	Blacksmith	Beckerton	Joseph Maddocks	Farmer
		Sarah Thomas	27	Spinster	—	Beckerton	William Thomas	Farmer

Married in the Parish of Northor according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England by me, Wm. Bowker, Rector

This Marriage was solemnized between us, { John Maddocks & Sarah Thomas } in the Presence of us, { John Hurlbath & John Griffiths }

Resource 1: John and Sarah's wedding certificate, 1842

Resource 2

Take a look at the 1851 Census.

- What is a census?
- Can you spot John and Sarah Maddocks?
- Where are they living?
- Number 3 Dorfold Street was a 2 bedroom house. Who was living in the house at this time?
- What was John's job?
- What do you think this job involves?
- Who else can you see on the census?
- Can you find Francis Trevithick also?
- Who else was living with Francis Trevithick and what were there roles?
- Francis Trevithick was the Locomotive Superintendent and despite living just down the road at number 22 Chester Street, would have lived a strikingly different life to John and his family.
- Take a look at the rest of the street. Was anyone born in Crewe? Why do you think this is?
- Who is the 'Head' of the house? Why do you think they were called the Head?

Parish or Township of		Ecclesiastical District of		City or Borough of		Town of		Village of	
Workshoppenhale						Lewes			
No. of Inhabitants	Name of Street, Place, or Road, and Name or No. of House	Name and Surname of each Person who abode in the house, on the Night of the 30th March, 1851	Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age of		Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born	Whether Blind, or Deaf, and Dumb
					Males	Females			
38	Chester St 22	Francis Trivett	Head	Mar	38		Engineer (Mar)	Cornwall	4
		Mary Do	Wife	Mar	29			Newcastle on Tyne	4
		Richard Do	Son		15			Charlton Green	
		Jane Do	Daughter		4			Do Do	
		Robert Do	Son		2			Do Do	
		Francis Do	"		9			Do Do	
		Mary Webb	Servant	Un	21		House Servant	Liverpool	4
		Anne Adams	Do	Un	23		Do	Charlton	
		Elizabeth Griffiths	Do	Un	25		Do	Liverpool	4
39	Orfield St 1	William Brown	Head	Mar	36		Plumber	Wymondham	4
		Elizabeth Do	Wife	Mar	34			Charlton Green	4
40	Orfield St 2	Thomas Wilkins	Head	Mar	27		Labourer - Railway	Bristol	4
		Matilda Do	Wife	Mar	24			Do Do	4
41	Orfield St 3	John Madhock	Head	Mar	30		Whitesmith	Do Weymouth	
		Sarah Do	Wife	Mar	24			Do Bickerton	
		Sarah Ann Do	Daughter		4		Schooler	Stint Bickerton	4
		Mary Ellen Do	"		2			Charlton Green	
		Elizabeth Jane Do	"		1			Do Do	
		Thomas Whisker	Servant	Mar	46		Coch Painter	Newcastle on Tyne	4

Resource 2: 1851 Census

Resource 3

Take a look at the 1861 census.

- What is a census?
- Can you spot the Maddock family?
- Where are they living?
- Who lives in their home?
- What are their jobs?

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Parish (or Township) of		Municipal Borough of		Municipal Ward of		Parliamentary Borough of		Town of		Hamlet or Tything, &c., of		Ecclesiastical District of	
North Luffenham								Chesham				Chesham	
No. of Schedule	Road, Street, &c., and No. or Name of House	HOUSES		Name and Surname of each Person	Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age of		Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born	Whether Blind, or Deaf and Dumb		
		In- habited	Un- inhabited (U.S. or Building (S.))				Males	Females					
144	27 Bedford St			Ann Herbert	Relative	Mar	31			Cheshire Wilton			
	28 S. S.	1		William Whitehead	Head	Mar	33		Labourer, L.S.R.W.C.	Cheshire Astor			
				Louisa S.	Wife		28			Devonshire			
				William S.	Son		11			Ireland			
				Mary S.	Son		9			Ireland			
145	1 Dorset St	1		William Brown	Head	Mar	46		Machinist	Montgomeryshire Llanonog			
				Elizabeth B.	Wife	Mar	46		" Wife	Galop Llanbury			
				Richard Gough	Son	Mar	13			Unknown			
146	2 S. S.	1		Thomas Whitham	Head	Mar	39		Brick maker	Bristol			
				Margaret S.	Wife		32		" Wife	Ireland			
				Oliver P. S.	Son		8		School	Cheshire Town of Crewe			
				Mary J. S.	Son		5			S. S. S.			
147	3 S. S.	1		John Maddock	Head	Mar	40		Locom. Engine Mechanic	Cheshire Macclesfield			
				Sarah S.	Wife	Mar	46			Cheshire Malpas			
				John S.	Son		14		Scholar	Flintshire Overton			
				Mary E. S.	Son		12			Cheshire Lymm			
				Elizabeth S.	Son		10			S. S.			
				John S.	Son		8			S. S.			
				Joseph S.	Son		15			S. S.			
				Bonnie S.	Wife	Mar	26		" Wife	Suffolk Greatbrook			
				Maria S.	Son		1			Cheshire Sandbach			
				Maria Rose, Ltd	Wife		99			Suffolk Framdon			
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Resource 3: 1861 Census

Resource 4

Take a look at the wedding certificate of John and Sarah's eldest daughter, Sarah- Ann.

- Who does Sarah- Ann marry?
- What year did they get married in?
- Where did they get married?
- What else do you see on the certificate?
- What was the job of her father (John) on the certificate?

18 69. Marriage solemnized at the Church in the Parish of Leppenhew in the County of Cheshire

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
29	<u>Feb 28</u> <u>18 69</u>	<u>Charles Foster</u> <u>Sarah Ann</u> <u>Maddocks</u>	<u>20</u> <u>22</u>	<u>Bachelor</u> <u>Spinster</u>	<u>Labourer</u> <u>-</u>	<u>Monks Oppenham</u> <u>Monks Oppenham</u>	<u>Charles Foster</u> <u>John Maddocks</u>	<u>Whulwyr</u> <u>Blacksmith</u>

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by James of after John by me,

This Marriage was solemnized between us, { Charles Foster } in the Presence of us, { Thomas Cook Pinder
Sarah Ann Maddocks } { Elizabeth Jane Maddocks }

Resource 4: 1869 marriage certificate of Sarah Maddocks (daughter)

Resource 5

Take a look at the 1871 census.

- What is a census?
- Can you spot anyone from the Maddocks family?
- What else can you read?
- Where is John?
- What is Sarah's job?
- What do you think this means?
- A provision dealer is someone who sold food, mainly groceries including fruits, vegetables and sometimes meat.
- There was no fridge at 3 Dorfold Street. How do you think Sarah ran her business without a fridge?

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Resource 6

Take a look at the will of John Maddocks from 1870.

- It is a very difficult document to read.
- In his will, he hands the business onto Sarah as a provisions dealer if she feels fit to run it. It might be possible that John no longer works for the London and North Western Railway (LNWR) anymore and is self employed as a provisions dealer, then passing it onto Sarah.
- We know that he would have worked 12 hours a day in his role on locomotives at the Railway Works so he would not have been able to continue his job and run a provision business.
- We know that his will was written in 1870 and the 1871 census shows us that Sarah is a widow. What do you think this tells us?
- Can you read any words below?

This is the last will and Testament of me John Maddocks of Crave
in the Township of Market Cresshall in the County of Chester Provision dealer I
hereby appoint my Wife Sarah Maddocks and John Thomas, Lower Btrington
Birkenhead to be trustees of this my Will that I direct the payment of all my just
debts funeral and testamentary expenses out of my estate as soon as may be
convenient after my decease I authorize my said Wife Sarah Maddocks to
carry on my business of a provision dealer if she think fit in the premises I
may use at my decease or in any others she may think convenient and to
employ in the said business such portion of my personal estate she may
think fit I empower my said Wife to manage my personal estate generally
in such a manner as shall appear to her to be most advantageous to my
family investing the proceeds in her name and varying the investment
or investments when and as she shall deem best the real property that
may be so purchased to be convertible into and treated as personally for
all the purposes of my Will I give my said Wife all my household goods
and furniture plate linen cloths jewellery money and Securities for money

Resource 6: John Maddocks' Will

Resource 7

Take a look at this Trade Directory in Crewe from 1874.

- What can you see?
- What do you think 'Provision dealer' means?
- A provision dealer is someone who sold food, mainly groceries including fruits, vegetables and sometimes meat.
- There was no fridge at 3 Dorfold Street. How do you think Sarah ran her business without a fridge?

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Lilyan William, shopkeeper, 114, Earle st
Linnell Mrs. Thomas, straw bonnet maker,
45, West street
Llewellyn Henry, hairdresser and perfumer,
25, Earle street
Lord John, M.D., surgeon, Havelock house
Lord Richard, M.D., surgeon, Gatefield
house
Lovett John, builder, 18, Victoria street
Lowe Thomas, tailor, Edleston road
Lynch The Misses Esther and Mary,
milliners and dressmakers, Market street
McBlain Robert, day school, 48, Mill street
McEwen James, beer retailer, 174, Mill st
McKay James, draper, 91, Wistaston road
McNeil James Norton, chemist, 77, Vic-
toria street
McNeill William, tailor and draper, 106,
Nantwich road; h. 116, Nantwich road
Maddocks Mrs. Sarah, provision dealer, 3,
Dorfold street
Mallay Charles, clerk, 27, Nantwich road

Resource 8

Take a look at the 1881 Census.

- What is a census?
- Can you spot anyone from the Maddocks family?
- What is their relation to each other?
- Where are they living?
- What are their jobs?
- Can you find the 'Head' of the family?

Civil Parish [or Township] of		Municipal Borough of																			
Nonke Coppinell Crewe		East		Crewe		Crewe		Christ Church													
No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES		NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON- DITION as to Marriage	AGE last Birthday of		Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN		II (1) Deaf and Dumb (2) Blind (3) Imbecile or Idiot (4) Lame									
		In- habited (A)	Un- inhabited (B)				Males	Females													
109	5 Bedford St	1		Sarah Maddocks	Mother	Wid	66		Provision dealer	Chester Brownlow											
				Joseph S. do.	Son	Unm	25		Mechanical Engineer	do Crewe											
									City Ship Re.	Widderworth Cheshire											
				Agnes do	Wife	do	20		Scholar	do do											
				Lillian Steele	Daughter	do	7			do do											
				William Adams	Son	do	12			do do											
				Robert W. Roddy	Boarder	do	35		General Laborer	Northwich, Cheshire											
				Elizabeth Maddocks	Boarder	do	70		Textile Cutter	Chester Warrington											
111	7 do	1		Samuel Taylor	Head	Mar	26		Engine Fitter	Salisbury Wiltshire											
				Annie do	Wife	do	23			Chester Crewe											
				Florence do	Daughter	do	5			do do											
				Sarah Rickard	Boarder	do	31		Tailoress	Warrington Cheshire											
112	8 do	1		John Brinson	Head	Mar	35		Engine Fitter	Lancaster Liverpool											
				Annie do	Wife	do	35			Chester do											
				George H. do	Son	Unm	7		Scholar	do do											
				John J. do	do	do	6			do do											
				Frederic W. do	do	do	2			do do											
				Alfred do	do	do	5			do do											
113	9 do	1		Robert Hyde	Head	Mar	57		Fullwright	York Malton											
				Margaret do	Wife	do	52			do do											
				Francis S. do	Daughter	do	20		Machineist	Warrington Cheshire											
				Arthur do	Son	do	20		Apprentice Fullwright	do do											
				Agnes L. do	Daughter	do	7		Dressmaker	do do											
114	10 do	1		James Shaw	Head	Mar	60		Railway Laborer	Warrington do											
				Eliza do	Wife	do	46			do do											
Total of Houses...		6		Total of Males and Females...			13	12													

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Resource 8: 1881 Census

Resource 9

Take a look at the Crewe Chronicle from the 25th May 1889.

- What can you read?
- Can you spot anyone from the Maddocks family?

FORTHCOMING SALES BY AUCTION at Crewe, by MR. TAYLOR:—
FRIDAY, May 24th, at his AUCTION MART, HEATH STREET, Annual Sale of PAPER HANGINGS, PAINT, and Wire Nails. Sale at 2 and 6 30.
SATURDAY, May 25th, at his MART, a neat collection of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., removed from the country. Sale at 2.30.
MONDAY, May 27th, at his MART, valuable Trichord PIANO and a neat collection of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, belonging to Mrs. Bullock, Garfield House, who is leaving Crewe. Sale at 2 o'clock.
SATURDAY, June 1st, at 5, DORFOLD STREET, the FURNITURE and Effects belonging to Mr. J. T. Maddocks, who is going abroad. Sale at 2 o'clock.
WEDNESDAY, June 5th, at the BUSTON COFFEE TAVERN, two DWELLING-HOUSES, numbered 129 and 131, in Mill-street, Crewe. Sale at 7 p.m.

Resource 9: The Crewe Chronicle, 25th May 1889

Resource 10

take a look at the 1891 Census.

- What is a census?
- Can you spot anyone from the Maddocks family?
- What do you think has happened to them?
- Has your answer changed now that you have heard everyone else discuss their resource?

Civil Parish		Division		District									
of <i>St Andrew's</i>		of <i>St Andrew's</i>		of <i>St Andrew's</i>									
No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES In- habited (a)	Number of rooms in each house (b)	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON- DITION as to Marriage	AGE last Birthday of	PROFESSION or OCCUPATION	12 Employed	13 Employed	14 Male Female	15 WHERE BORN	16 If (1) Deaf and Dumb (2) Blind (3) Lunatic, Imbecile or Idiot
	<i>Chesham Street 60</i>			<i>Emily Gibson</i>	<i>daughter</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>Scholar</i>				<i>St Andrew's</i>	
	<i>do</i>			<i>George R Gibson</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>do do</i>				<i>do do</i>	
	<i>do</i>			<i>Jane E Gibson</i>	<i>daughter</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>do do</i>				<i>do do</i>	
	<i>do</i>			<i>Henry Gibson</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>do do</i>				<i>do do</i>	
<i>32</i>	<i>1 Dorset Street</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>William Lummer</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>Lawyer</i>				<i>Whitchurch Salop</i>	
	<i>do</i>			<i>Agnes A Lummer</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>General Labourer</i>				<i>Whitchurch Salop</i>	
	<i>do</i>			<i>Henry Barrett</i>	<i>Lodger</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>General Labourer</i>				<i>Whitchurch Salop</i>	
<i>33</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Robert Cole</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>Iron Founder</i>		<i>X</i>		<i>St Andrew's</i>	
	<i>do</i>			<i>Agnes Cole</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>36</i>					<i>St Andrew's</i>	
	<i>do</i>			<i>George R Cole</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>12</i>					<i>do do</i>	
	<i>do</i>			<i>Agnes A Cole</i>	<i>daughter</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>11</i>					<i>do do</i>	
	<i>do</i>			<i>Francis E Cole</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>10</i>					<i>St Andrew's</i>	
	<i>do</i>			<i>Robert A J Cole</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>2</i>					<i>do do</i>	
<i>34</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>John F Boulton</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>Railway Fireman R.S.D.</i>		<i>X</i>		<i>do do</i>	
	<i>do</i>			<i>Sarah J Boulton</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>26</i>					<i>do do</i>	
	<i>do</i>			<i>Eva Boulton</i>	<i>daughter</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>10</i>					<i>do do</i>	
<i>35</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Samuel Taylor</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>36</i>			<i>X</i>		<i>Whitchurch Salop</i>	
	<i>do</i>			<i>Anne Taylor</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>33</i>					<i>St Andrew's</i>	
	<i>do</i>			<i>Leonard H Taylor</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>6</i>					<i>do do</i>	
	<i>do</i>			<i>Thomas Tharrock</i>	<i>Inter-visit</i>	<i>Indr</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>Railway Engine Driver retired</i>				<i>Edge Hill Liverpool</i>	
<i>36</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Robert Hyde</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>62</i>	<i>Millwright</i>		<i>X</i>		<i>Yorkshire</i>	
	<i>do</i>			<i>Margaret Hyde</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>53</i>					<i>do do</i>	
	<i>do</i>			<i>Ada L Hyde</i>	<i>daughter</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>Dress maker</i>		<i>X</i>		<i>St Andrew's</i>	
<i>37</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>William Nightingale</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>Blacksmith</i>		<i>X</i>		<i>St Andrew's</i>	
	<i>do</i>			<i>Harry Nightingale</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>36</i>					<i>St Andrew's</i>	
	<i>do</i>			<i>Florence Nightingale</i>	<i>daughter</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>Scholar</i>				<i>St Andrew's</i>	
	<i>do</i>			<i>Arthur Nightingale</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>do</i>				<i>do do</i>	
<i>38</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Edward Luch</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>Plumber</i>		<i>X</i>		<i>do do</i>	
	<i>do</i>			<i>Emma Luch</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>26</i>					<i>St Andrew's</i>	
	<i>do</i>			<i>Edith Luch</i>	<i>daughter</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>4</i>					<i>St Andrew's</i>	
	<i>do</i>			<i>William H Luch</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>2</i>					<i>do do</i>	
<i>7</i>	Total of Houses and of Tenements with less than Five Rooms ...	<i>7</i>	<i>1</i>	Total of Males and Females...				<i>70</i>	<i>25</i>				
								<i>17</i>	<i>14</i>				

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The Victorians

Sarah Maddocks and her family were living in Crewe at the time of the Victorian period.

This was during the reign of Queen Victoria between 1837-1901.

Life during the Victorian period was very different to what we know now.

Our homes would have been very different too. The way we power our machines, what our homes look like and even how we go to the toilet have all changed!

A Victorian family

The first families in Crewe first settled here because of Crewe Works.

When Crewe Works first moved to Crewe in 1843, they needed people who were strong with special engineering skills to move to Crewe to work in the factories building the locomotives.

To encourage people to do this, they also invited their families to join them too.

Crewe Works built schools, churches, hospitals and shops to attract families to come here.

That's how Crewe became a town!



- Explore the image below of Francis Webb and his family.
- He was the Chief Mechanical Engineer of Crewe Works from 1870 to 1903.
- He was well known for managing Crewe Works well and using innovative new technology and power to grow the capacity of the Works.
- This picture was taken in the early 1970's when he had just started this job.
- Explore the clothes they are wearing and compare them to the clothes we wear now.



Credit: The Crewe Heritage Centre

Victorian Homes

These Victorian railway cottages in Dorfold Street were built to provide good homes for the Grand Junction Railway workers and their families.

They would have been made from bricks and local stone from Crewe as well as other materials like glass brought in from the local area via train.

Number 3 Dorfold Street where Sarah Maddocks lived with John had gas lighting, running water and a privy in the garden. It also had a fireplace in the living room.

Take a look at the images below of a Victorian home.



- Take a look at the images below.
- What do you notice about the rooms?
- Can you see any electricity or technology?
- How does it compare to the technology in your home?



Credit: The Museum of the Home



Credit: The Charles Dickens Museum

A Victorian toilet

When, Sarah and John first moved in, they wouldn't have had a flushing toilet like we do now.

They would have had a privy.

Their privy might have been a hut in the garden. Inside the hut would have been a wooden shelf with a hole in it. The hole would have covered a bucket or a pot.

The privy would have been emptied by someone called the Night Soil Men. This job involved collecting the buckets in the middle of the night so that by the time people woke up in the morning, their privy was clean again!



Additional resources



- Watch the short video about the railway cottages.