



CREWE
TOWN COUNCIL
CREWE



Sarah Maddocks
1845

Meet Sarah Maddocks

Hi, my name is Sarah and I'm a provisions dealer living at Number 3 Dorfold Street.

This means I sell vegetables, fruits and meat.

I was born in 1815 in Cheshire.

It's a really interesting job and I get to meet a lot of people.

My customers are mainly the other people living on Dorfold Steet as well as Tolitt Street and Betley Street but sometimes I even get customers living in Chester Street across the road.

Chester Street is where the important bosses from the Grand Junction Railway live.

They have their servants visit me to buy fresh vegetables for their dinner.

A lot of people that live in Crewe work for the company and some of the workers get to live in Dorfold Street which was especially built for us.

Crewe before it was Crewe

Crewe developed out of two ancient towns called Monks Coppenhall and Church Coppenhall.

Most people living there were farmers.

When it was decided that this was going to be the area to build the new station and make the best trains in, it changed the area forever into the place we now know as Crewe.

The railway company encouraged people from the surrounding countryside in Cheshire to move to Crewe with their families and settle down to start a new life working for the trains.

To make people want to move to Crewe, they promised to pay them good money as well as provide shops, hospitals, churches and good homes for their family.

One of these families, was mine.



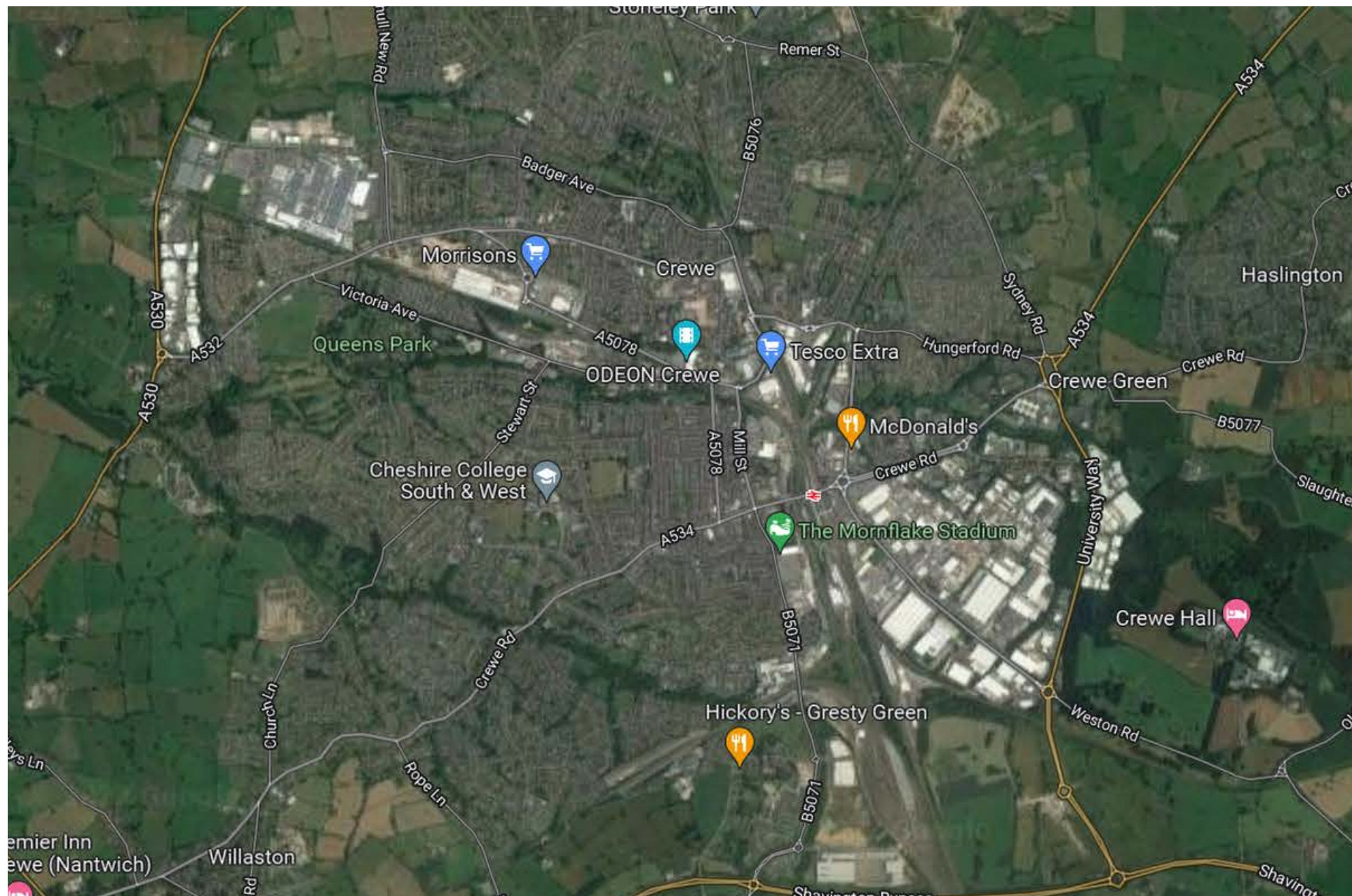
- **Take a look at the maps below.**
- **It shows the railway running through Monks Coppenhall and Church Coppenhall in 1838, 1 year after the opening of Crewe Station.**
- **Can you see the station where Crewe built up around? Compare it to the map below from the present day.**



Credit: Cheshire Archives and Local Studies



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The Railway Cottages

The new cottages were built especially for railway workers like my husband in 1845.

They are big and clean and very modern. They even have running water and gas lighting- very rare for houses in 1842!

We were the first people to live at Number 3, Dorfold Street.

Life working for the Railway is an exciting but tiring job. John, my husband, has to start at 6am and begin his 12 hour work day. He has to clock into work by hanging up his work token. If he was ever late and his token missing, he would be punished!

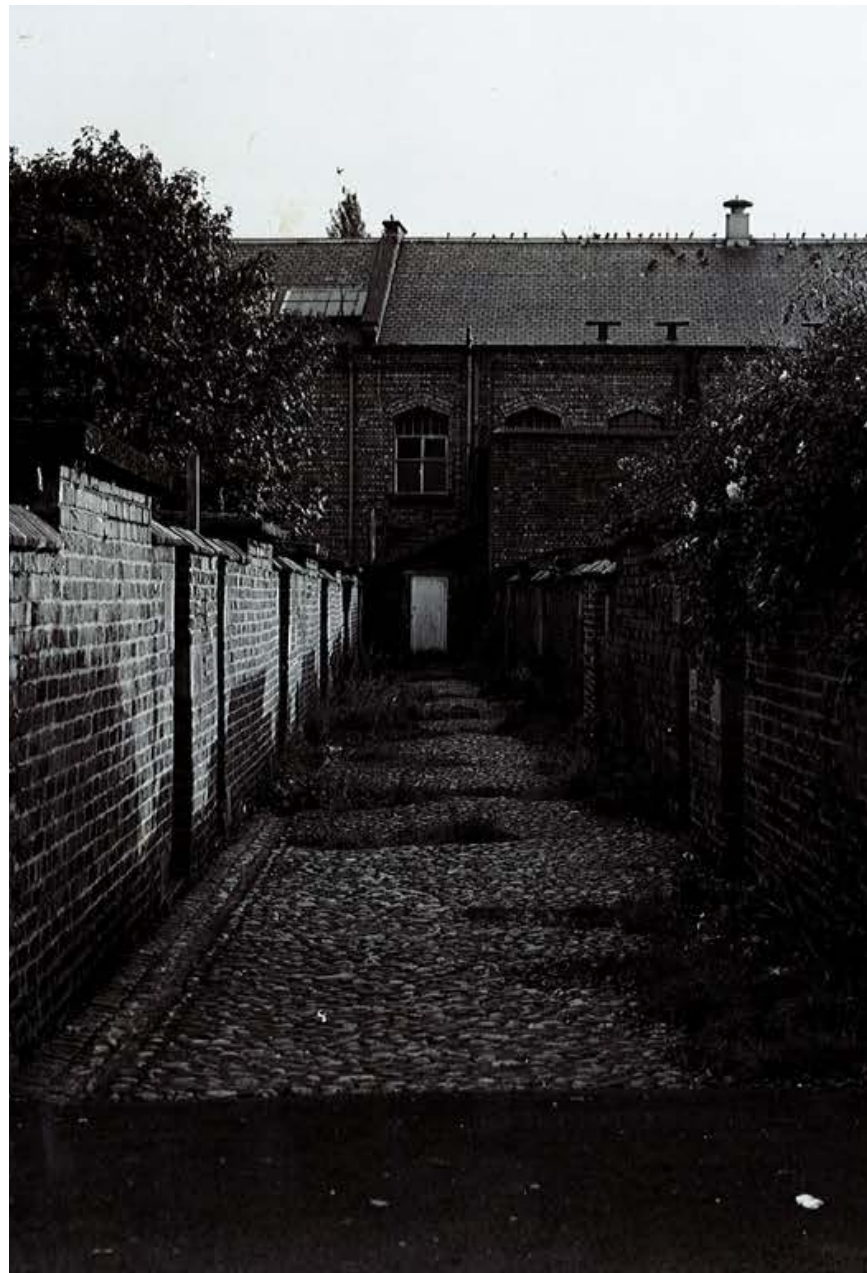
We got married 3 years ago but have just started our life in Crewe- let's take a closer look at my family.



- **Take a look at the images below.**
- **Do you recognise the streets?**
- **Have you walked past them in Crewe before?**
- **Does it look the same to Crewe in the present?**
- **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.**



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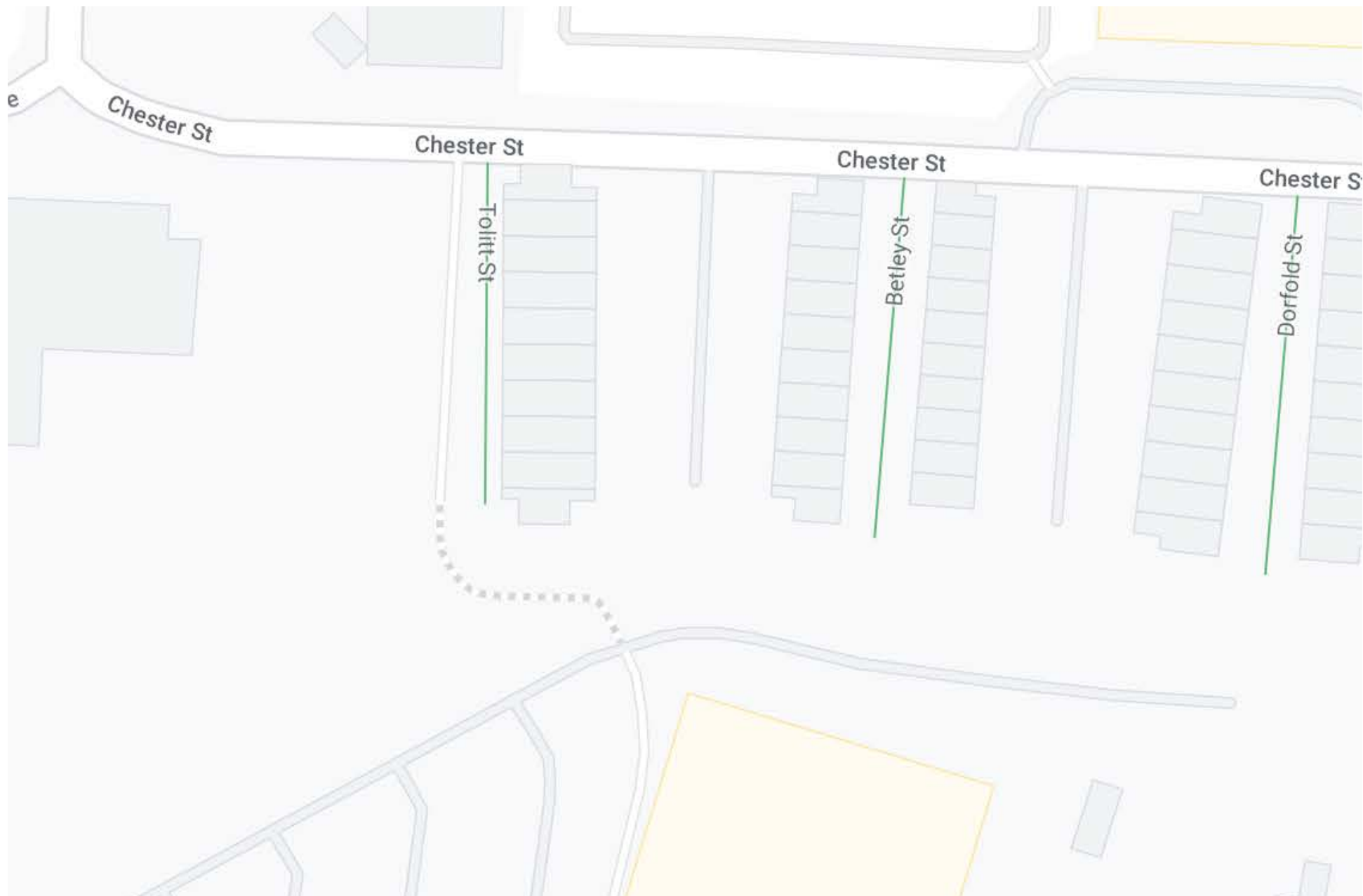
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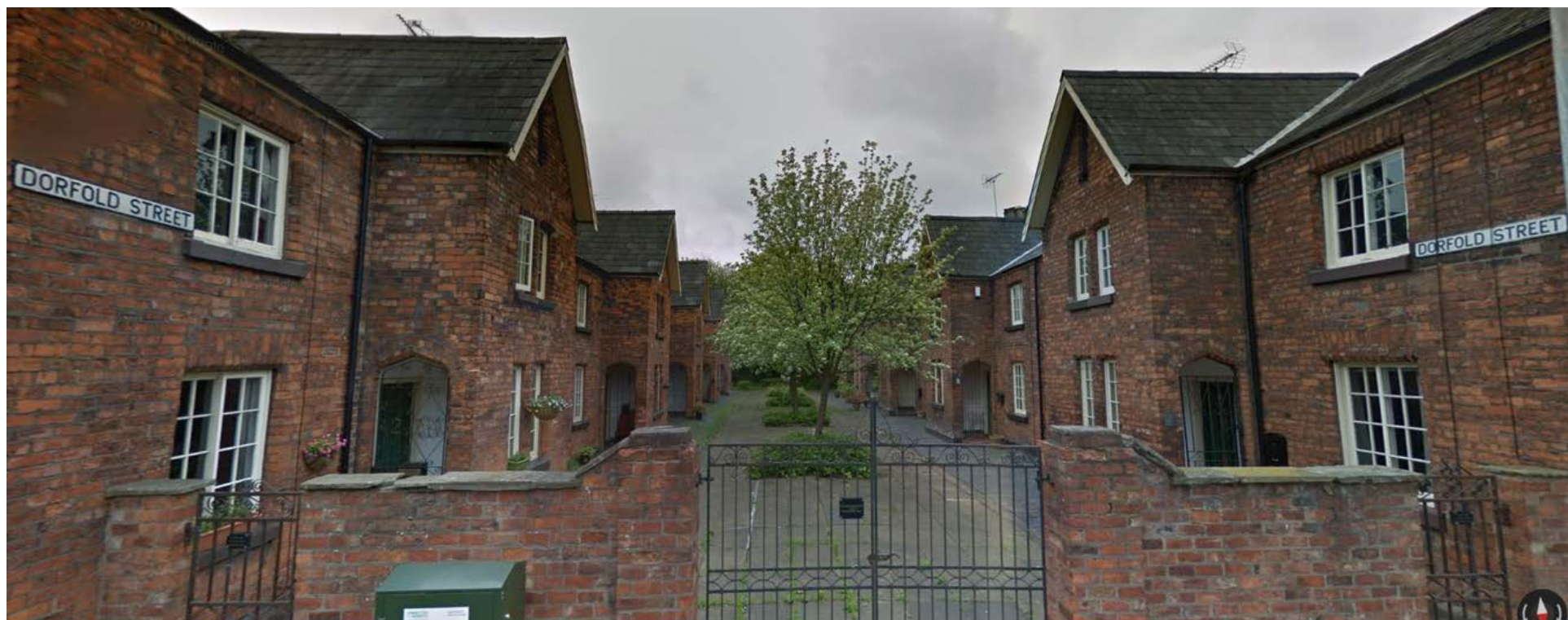


Credit: Railway Cottages Residents Association



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Credit: Crewe Library



Credit: The National Railway Museum



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Group census activity

- Read through the beginning information together and look at the images to compare and contrast to Crewe then and now.
- Go through the resources below altogether as a class.
- You might want to have the resource on the whiteboard and print out the resources for each pair.
- Your pupils can then spend 5 minutes in their pairs using the question card below to look at different resources.
- Following this, you can then bring the class together to discuss what each table has seen.

Further information:

- Sarah and John were well educated and literate. We know this because they were able to sign their names on their marriage certificate.
- 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 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.

QUESTION CARD

Can you spot Sarah Maddocks name?

What does it say about her?

What do you think this means?

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.
188	Dec. 18 th 42	John Maddocks Sarah Thomas	22 27	Bachelor Spinster	Blacksmith —	Bickerton Bickerton	Joseph Maddocks William Thomas	Farmer Farmer

Married in the Christ Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England by me,

This Marriage was solemnized between us, { John Maddocks } in the Presence of us, { John Hurlbath X the Clerk }
{ Sarah Thomas } { Amos Griffies } Presiding Minister

No	When married.	Name and surname	Age	Condition	Rank or profession	Residence at time of Marriage	Father's name and surname	Rank or profession of father
188	Dec 18th	John Maddocks	22	Bachelor	Blacksmith	Bickerton	Joseph Maddocks	Farmer
		Sarah Thomas	27	Spinster	/	Bickerton	William Thomas	Farmer

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

Parish or Township of		Ecclesiastical District of		City or Borough of		Town of		Village of	
Workshoppenhale						Lewise			
No. of Householder's schedule	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
					Male	Female			
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 Cross	
		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	Warrington	4
		Elizabeth Do	Wife	Mar	34			Charlton Cross	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 Warrington	
		Sarah Do	Wife	Mar	24			Do Bickerton	
		Sarah Ann Do	Daughter		4		Schooler	Warrington	4
		Mary Ellen Do	"		2			Charlton Cross	
		Elizabeth Jane Do	"		1			Do Do	
		Thomas Madhock	Son	Mar	4		Coch Painter	Newcastle on Tyne	4

Resource 2: 1851 Census

Name and Number of Street	Name and surname of each person who abode in the house on the night of the 30 th March 1851	Relation to Head of family	Age	Rank, profession or occupation
Dorfold Street 3	John Maddocks Sarah Maddocks Sarah Maddocks Mary Maddocks Elizabeth Maddocks Thomas	Head Wife Daughter Daughter Daughter Lodger	30 34 4 2 1 month 40	Whitesmith Scholar Coach Painter

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The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the

No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES Inhabited (U.S. or Building (11.))	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON-DITION	AGE of	Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN	Whether 1. Deaf-and-Dumb 2. Blind 3. Imbecile or Idiot 4. Lunatic
						Male	Female		
186	25 Betting Street		Jessamah Haralfuld	Wife	Mar	23		Liverpool	
187	26 do	1	William do	Son	Mar	1		Crews Cheshire	
			Alfred Morgan	Head	Mar	33		Boiler Maker	St James, Bristol
			Margaret do	Wife	do	33			Wigan Lancashire
			Emma Ann do	Daughter	Mar	3			Crews Cheshire
			John E. do	do	do	1		do do	do do
188	27 do	1	Charles Gadsdeck	Head	Widow	27		Liverpool	
			Sarah J. Gadsdeck	Daughter	Mar	20		Dress Maker	Letchford do
			Alice do	do	do	19		do	do Cheshire
			Anna do	do	do	16		do	do do
			Mar Grett do	do	do	13		Scholar	do do
189	28 do	1	Thomas Shore	Head	Mar	28		Boiler Maker	Abold Flintstone
	do		Ann Shore	Wife	Mar	26		do	do do
	do		John Penson	Son	Mar	52		Boiler Maker	Northwich Cheshire
190	1 Liffeld Street	1	Margaret Heild	Head	Widow	37		Grocer	Liverpool
			Robert A. do	Son	Mar	14		do	Crews
			Mary E. do	Daughter	do	11		do	do
			Margaret Adine	Mother	Widow	72		do	Liverpool
			Jenny do	Sister	Mar	28		do	do
191	2 do	1	James Pearson	Son	do	44		Turner in works	do
			Joseph Kendrick	Head	Mar	26		Engine Fitter	Widnesbury Staffs
192	3 do	1	Sarah Maddecks	Head	Widow	54		Provision Dealer	Mallpas Cheshire
			Elizabeth do	Daughter	Mar	28		Scholar	Crews do
			Alice do	do	do	18		do	Crews do

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Name and Number of Street	Name and surname of each person who abode in the house on the night of the 30 th March 1851	Relation to Head of family	Age	Rank, profession or occupation
Dorfold Street 3	Sarah Maddocks Elizabeth Maddocks Alice Maddocks	Head/ Widow Daughter Daughter	54 20 18	Provision Dealer Scholar Scholar

CREWE AND MORTON

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,
Victoria street
Maddocks Mrs. Sarah, provision dealer, 3
Dorfold street

Page 22	Civil Parish (or Township) of	City or Municipal Borough of	Municipal Ward of	Parliamentary Borough of	Town or Village or Hamlet of	Urban Sanitary District of	Rural Sanitary District of	District of
	Monks Coppenhall	Crewe	East		Crewe	Crewe		Christ Church
Household	NO. OF HOUSES OR HOUSES	RELATION	CON- DITION	AGE last Birthday	OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN	(1) Deaf and Dumb (2) Blind (3) Lunatic or Idiot	
109	5	Sarah Maddocks	mother	wid	Provision dealer	Cheshire Brownlow		
		Joseph S. do.	Son	unmar	Mechanical Engineer	do Crewe		
					Shi Re.	Widdowest Cheshire		
		Agnes do	wife	do	Scholar	do do		
		Lilian Steele	daughter	do	do	do do		
		William Adams	Son	do	General Laborer	Northwich, Cheshire		
		Robert W. Roddy	Boarder	do	Engineer	Northwich, Cheshire		
		Elizabeth Maddocks	Boarder	do	Engineer	Northwich, Cheshire		
111	7	Samuel Taylor	Head	mar	Engineer	Cheshire		
		Annie do	wife	do	do	do		
		Florence do	daughter	do	do	do		
		Sarah Rickard	Boarder	do	do	do		
112	8	John Brinson	Head	mar	Engineer	Cheshire		
		Annie do	wife	do	do	do		
		George H. do	Son	unmar	Scholar	do		
		John J. do	do	do	do	do		
		Frederic W. do	do	do	do	do		
		Alfred do	do	do	do	do		
113	9	Robert Hyde	Head	mar	Engineer	Cheshire		
		Margaret do	wife	do	do	do		
		Francis S. do	Son	unmar	do	do		
		Arthur do	Son	do	do	do		
		Ada L. do	daughter	do	do	do		
114	10	James Shaw	Head	mar	Engineer	Cheshire		
		Eliza do	wife	do	do	do		
Total of Houses...		6	Total of Males and Females...		13	12		

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Resource 5: 1881 Census

Name and Number of Street	Name and surname of each person who abode in the house on the night of the 30 th March 1851	Relation to Head of family	Age	Rank, profession or occupation
Dorfold Street 5	Sarah Maddocks Joseph Maddocks	Mother/ Widow Son	66 25	Provision Dealer Mechanical Engineer

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 Street, &c. 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 BOSTON COFFEE TAVERN, two DWELLING-HOUSES, numbered 129 and 131, in Mill-street, Crewe. Sale at 7 p.m.

Resource 6: The Crewe Chronicle, 25th May 1889

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Resource 10: 1891 Census

The Victorians

We are living in Crewe at the time of the Victorian period.

This is when Queen Victoria ruled our country between 1837-1901.

Life was different to your life, especially in our home.

We don't have any technology and electricity is only just beginning to be used for lighting the streets of Crewe.



- Take a look at the picture of Queen Victoria below.
- What can you see?



Credit: The National Portrait Gallery

A Victorian family

When Crewe Works opened in 1843, they needed strong people to work in the factories.

They wanted these people to move to Crewe but needed to build schools, churches, hospitals and shops too so that their families could join them.

That's how Crewe became a town!



- Look at the image below of one of the Chief Mechanical Engineers, Francis Webb and his family.
- He did this job from 1870 to 1903.
- This picture was taken in the early 1970's when he had just started this job.
- What are they wearing?
- How are these clothes different to the clothes you wear?



Credit: The Crewe Heritage Centre

Victorian Homes

The railway cottages, like the ones we have explored in Dorfold Street were built to be good homes for the people working hard.

They were made from bricks that had been made with local clay.

The house where I live at Number 3, has running water and a fireplace in the living room.

This is a lot better than some of the other houses in Crewe that do not have any running water and instead have to collect the water from a local well.



- Take a look at the images below of Victorian homes.
- 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 we first moved into our cottage, we didn't have a flushing toilet like you do now.

We had something called a privy.

A privy is a hut in our garden.

Inside our hut is a wooden shelf with a hole in it which covers a bucket- if we have to go to the toilet at night then we have to go outside into our privy in the garden!

By the morning, it is emptied by the Night Soil Men- not a very nice job!

They collect the buckets from all of the cottages in Dorfold Street in the middle of the night so that by the time I wake up, my privy is clean again!



Additional resources



- Watch the short video about the railway cottages.