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The Society publishes a wide range of books and booklets on historic OS map series and its journal, *Sheetlines*, is recognised internationally for its specialist articles on Ordnance Survey-related topics.

Ordnance Survey covers and titles

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I was pleased to see the new CCS online map covers collection,¹ as mentioned in *Sheetlines* 110. For John Paddy Browne's *Map Cover Art*,² Roger Hellyer devised a numbering system to identify Ordnance Survey cover types. This book, and his *Ordnance Survey Small-scale Maps Indexes 1801-1998*³ give much invaluable information. What seems to be lacking in both, however, is a list of which covers may be found on which maps within series. This is particularly true of some 'sub-series' within standard series and includes alternatives to the adhesive and hinged map such as book-fold and Bender covers.

Based on Roger's numbers, which are also used in the CCS online collection, I have compiled a provisional list of cover titles (not map titles which may differ from cover titles). I am very aware that there remain many gaps to fill. A comprehensive list to go with the online collection would be of great interest and value to CCS members and I would like to suggest that members be invited to contribute information to create such a list. The following details are incomplete and I'd ask anyone able to provide additional information or corrections to please contact the editor.

1.1 Textured red cloth. Title label, book-fold.

Tim Nicholson⁴ provides a full list of the series sheets of the One-inch Revised New Series Map of England and Wales in colour which also includes details of the many sheets in that series that are known in 1.1 covers. However, district maps from the one-inch Revised New Series Map of England and Wales (outline with coloured main roads) are also known in these covers.

Known district maps: Bradford; Leeds, Nottingham, Weymouth.

1.2 Textured red cloth. Gold printing, adhesive. One-inch engraved maps of the Manchester-Liverpool-Wrexham area. 14 Sheets. Source *Sheetlines* 38, 10.

Known sheets (believed complete): 83, 84, 85, 86, 96, 97, 98, 99, 108, 109, 110, 111, 121, 122.

8.1.a.1 "Official" Royal arms. Single lineation on buff. One-inch. Black arms and red. Location map.

Known sheets: The Aldershot Command (G.R. or E.R. arms); Aldershot District (South) – two typefaces known (upper and lower case) for title; Barnsley and District; Birmingham and Wolverhampton; Birmingham, Wolverhampton and District; Bolton, Bury and District; Dorking & Leith Hill; Glasgow District; Hastings, Bexhill and District, Hastings, Bexhill and Eastbourne (cover title on

¹ <https://www.charlesclosesociety.org/coversintro>

² published by Ordnance Survey 1991.

³ published by David Archer, 1999.

⁴ *The Birth of the Modern Ordnance Survey Small-Scale Map. The Revised New Series colour printed one-inch map of England and Wales 1897-1914.* Charles Close Society, 2002.

adhesive label); Hastings, Bexhill and Eastbourne (cover title printed); Hertford and St Albans District; Huddersfield and District; Ilkley District; Ipswich & Felixstowe District, Leeds District; London (North); London (South); Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells; Manchester District; North East Wales; North Staffordshire; Rugby District, Salisbury Plain; Sidmouth, Exmouth and District (two settings of title with 'and' in upper or lower case); Southampton and District; Weston super Mare (covers with and without compass on front cover map); Winchester District; Worcester & Malvern District.

8.1.a.2 "Official" Royal arms. Single lineation on buff. Black arms and red. No location map.

One-inch. Known: Barnsley and District; Bolton, Bury and District; Dorking & Leith Hill.

Half-inch. Known: Birmingham District Special District (Relief) map; Island of Skye. Special District (Relief) map.

All maps known are hinged except Island of Skye which is known in both hinged and Bender covers.

8.3.a Double lineation. Red on white paper. Six-inch (black) town maps, 1931-34. 25 town maps. Source: *Sheetlines* 7, 13; *Sheetlines* 8, 17.

Known (believed complete): Blackburn; Blackpool; Bolton, Brighton & Hove; Doncaster; Fleetwood & Cleveleys; Guildford; Halifax; Hastings; Huddersfield; Kingston upon Hull; Leicester; Middlesbrough; Norwich; Portsmouth; Preston; Rochdale; Scarborough; Shrewsbury; Southampton; Southport; Taunton; Wakefield; Weymouth; York.

10.1 Royal arms with mantling. One-inch. Black cover with red sheet name. England & Wales Third Edition, Large Sheet Series sheets/district maps.

Series Sheets. Neither Scotland nor Ireland sheets were issued with this cover. All 152 numbered series sheets of England & Wales are presumed to have been printed with this cover. Hellyer and Oliver ⁵ state that "Only LSS 3, 5, 91 and 125 have yet to be recorded in these black and red covers".

Book-fold covers. Known sheets: 96, 99, 106

On district maps, Messenger 6 (p.28) states that 'only six of these sheets have been found' in these covers, though he actually lists seven. Felixstowe District, Maidenhead District and Sidmouth District may now be added to his records.

Known district maps: Cambridge District; Dorking District; Felixstowe District; Hastings District, London District (North), London District (South); Maidenhead District, Newquay District; Oxford District; Sidmouth District.

⁵ Roger Hellyer and Richard Oliver, *A guide to the Ordnance Survey one-inch Third Edition maps, in colour*. Charles Close Society. 2004, p.81.

⁶ Guy Messenger, *The Ordnance Survey One-inch Map of England and Wales. Third Edition (Large Sheet Series)*. Charles Close Society. 1988, p.28.



Top row: 1.2, 8.1.a.1, 8.1.a.2,
8.3.a.1, 10.1

Second row: 10.2, 11.1.a,
11.1.c, 11.2.a, 11.2.c

Third row: 11.2.d, 12.1.b,
12.1.b, 12.2.a, 12.2.b

Bottom row: 13.1.a, 13.1.b,
14.1

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Top row: 16.2.a, 16.2.b, 16.2.c, 18.2.b, 19.1.b,
 Second row: 23.1.a, 23.2.b, 28, 29
 Bottom row: 27.1, 30, 73
 Images are not to scale.

10.2 Royal arms with mantling. Dark red and brown cover. One-inch. England & Wales Third Edition, Large Sheet Series. Coloured edition. Series sheets/district maps. Scotland Third Edition/Ireland Series sheets/district maps.

It is presumed that all Third Edition (Large Sheet Series) numbered sheets of England & Wales and Third Edition in colour numbered sheets of Scotland were printed with this cover. The question as to which Irish sheets carried this cover remains problematical. A full carto-bibliography is provided by Hellyer and Oliver.

District maps: Guy Messenger (p.28) states that these covers 'are known to have been printed for all 23 LSS District sheets' for England and Wales. This number is made up from 19 sheets 'Derived directly from sheets of the LSS' and (presumably) four out of five 'Experiments in Popular Edition Style' (viz: Dorking and Leith Hill District; Ilkley District; York District; Lake District Tourist Sheet and Snowdon Tourist Sheet). However, he does not record explicitly Lake District, Snowdon and District, Winchester District or York District as known with these covers. Winchester District certainly exists in covers of this form. Hellyer and Oliver (pp 121-22) list 23 district maps that exclude the two tourist maps but include Windsor and Neighbourhood and York.

Known district maps: England: Brighton District; Cambridge District; Dorking District; Exmouth District; Folkestone District; Hastings District; Ilkley District; Ipswich District; Land's End District; London (North); London (South); Maidenhead District; Newquay District; Oxford District; Pwllheli District; Reading District; Rugby District; Sidmouth District; Staffordshire Potteries & District; Weston Super Mare District; Winchester District; Worcester District.

Scotland. Known district maps: Third edition, Coloured edition. Aberdeen District; Glasgow District.

Ireland: Known District maps. No information.

11.1.a Popular Edition. One-inch. England & Wales. Black (buff) covers, red sheet name. Source; Yolande Hodson.⁷

Known sheets: 91, 92, 102, 103, 104, 110, 111, 112, 113, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146. It is presumed that all these sheets were issued in adhesive covers.

Book-fold covers. Known sheets: 118, 119, 120, 127, 128, 138, 139, 145.

11.1.c Popular Edition. One-inch. England & Wales. Place's Paper legend. Series sheets on Place's Waterproof Paper. Source; Yolande Hodson.

The following were printed on Place's Waterproof paper; 'they may not all have been issued in the special 'buff' waterproof style covers'. Sheets: 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 19, 22, 23, 24, 26, 28, 29, 32, 33, 35, 36, 37, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 67, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 82, 83, 87, 90, 91, 93, 94, 96, 97, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 124, 125, 126, 127, 129, 130, 133, 134, 136, 137, 138, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146.

⁷ *Popular Maps*. Charles Close Society. 1999. p.381.

Sheetlines 22, 19-21, *Sheetlines* 23, 25-26 and *Sheetlines* 27, 25-6 list the sheet numbers of maps confirmed at that time with the 'buff' waterproof 11.1.c covers as sheets 2, 12, 23, 33, 43, 47, 90, 116, 120, 124, 133, 142. To these may now be added sheets 22, 26, 63, 82, 95, 108, 117 and 136.

11.2.a Popular Edition. One-inch. England & Wales. Dark red and black. Location map. Series sheets except sheet 17 (pictorial cover) and 140 (place-name list). All other 144 numbered series sheets known in this cover.

Known district maps: Aldershot District (North); Aldershot District (South); York District; Salisbury Plain; The Aldershot Command.

Book-fold covers ('wrap round'). Known sheets: 1, 4, 14, 16, 23, 25, 26, 36, 40, 41, 42, 43, 45, 49, 50, 52, 55, 57, 58, 61, 64, 68, 70, 72, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82 (two cover titles. Stratford on Avon and Stratford-on-Avon and District), 85, 87, 88, 91, 92, 93, 94, 98, 99, 100, 101, 104, 105, 111, 113, 116, 118, 120, 122, 123, 126, 127, 131, 133, 134, 135, 136, 139, 141, 142, 143, 145, 146.

11.2.c Popular Edition. One-inch. England & Wales. With Stanford's addresses. Coloured/outline series/district maps. Stanford addresses. Four forms of address shown in Hodson (p.277).

Outline series: a proof of a cover of type 11.1.a is illustrated in Hodson (p.31). Whether copies exist in type 11.2.c (dark red and black) is unknown. An outline series map is also known in covers 8.2.

Known district map: South London.

11.2.d Popular Edition. One-inch. England & Wales. Black sheet name. Series sheets 1939. Covers with sheet names in black may be found on Bender covers or on maps mounted in sections.

Hodson (p.382) gives the following list ('not exhaustive') of 62 sheets known issued in Bender covers: 3, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 16, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31, 37, 41, 43, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 53, 54, 56, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 75, 76, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 85, 89, 90, 92, 93, 98, 99, 101, 109, 116, 117, 126, 133, 134, 135. Her list also indicates the sheets known with a sheet title on the spine.

Sheets mounted in sections with black sheet names. Known sheets: 26, 69.

12.1.a Car passing signpost. Half-inch layered/hill-shaded Editions. Recorded only with book-fold covers. Black, full red title. England & Wales series sheets. 1919.

Known book-fold sheets: 30, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40.

12.1.b Car passing signpost. Half-inch, black, red sheet name. England and Wales series sheets, 1919.

Probably all 40 numbered sheets were printed with this cover.

Known sheets: 1-8; 10-31; 34, 36, 37, 39.

12.2.a Car passing signpost. Half-inch, green and brown. England & Wales (40 numbered sheets)/Scotland (34 numbered sheets)/Ireland (25 numbered sheets) series sheets. G.R. arms. All numbered series sheets are known for each country with these arms. Covers with E.R. arms are also known to exist for maps of England & Wales.

Known sheets E.R. arms: 15, 21, 24, 28, 30, 31, 33, 36 (renamed South Devon), 37, 40.

Book-fold covers for England and Wales. G.R. arms. Known sheets: 27, 32.

Book-fold covers for England and Wales. E.R. arms. Known: Sheet: 40.

No information on Scotland covers with E.R. arms.

District maps: Reported as existing but no sheets in these covers known.

12.2.b Car passing signpost. Half-inch, green and brown. England & Wales/Scotland series sheets. Brown sheet name.

England. Known sheets: 9, 12, 13, 22, 23, 28, 31, 32, 35, 36, 39, 40.

Scotland. Known sheets: Scotland. 5, 10.

13.1.a Motor cyclist at signpost. Quarter-inch, blue sheet name. Third edition/Third Edition (New Series). England & Wales/Scotland series sheets. 1919.

All England & Wales (12 sheets) and Scotland (10 sheets) known. Some sheets thought to have been issued in book-fold covers but no sheets known.

13.1.b Motor cyclist at signpost. Quarter-inch, black sheet name. Third Edition (New Series). England and Wales (12 sheets)/Scotland (10 sheets) series sheets. c1932. It is presumed that all covers were printed with black sheet names.

Book-fold. England & Wales. Known sheet: 2A.

14.1 A31 signpost. Black on orange paper. Half-inch England and Wales/Scotland series sheets. Ministry of Transport road map. All sheets England & Wales (39 sheets) and Scotland (34 sheets) known printed with G.R. arms.

A later printing of a number of sheets bearing E.R. arms is known. Known sheets with E.R. arms: 19; 22.

16.2.a Scottish lion rampant. One-inch. Scotland Popular Edition. Long format series c1928.

Known sheets: 49, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64.

16.2.b Scottish lion rampant. Standard format. One-inch. Scotland Popular Edition. Maps on Place's waterproof paper with 'Printed on Place's Waterproof Paper' at foot of cover.

Known sheets: 12, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 49, 54, 55, 56, 58, 62, 67, 72, 89/5.

One-inch Scotland Popular Edition. Standard format (not waterproof). Red sheet name.

Book-fold covers. Known sheet: 19.

16.2.c Scottish lion rampant. One-inch. Scotland Popular Edition. Black sheet name. 1939.

Known hinged sheets: 2, 7, 9, 10, 16, 18, 24, 32, 33, 39, 42, 61, 62, 64, 69, 71, 74, 81, 92.

Bender covers. 1939-40. Known sheets: 41, 72, 73, 74.

18.2.b Quarter-inch Aviation maps. Civil Air Edition. Scotland. No location maps.

Known sheets: 3, 4, 5, 7, 10.

19.1.b Long format Great Britain Civil Air Edition, 1934. Three sheets. G.R. arms or E.R. arms. All sheets known with both arms.

23.1.a One-inch England & Wales Fifth (Relief) Edition. Place's Waterproof legend. No location map. Series sheets/Special District (Relief) maps. Source: Richard Oliver.⁸

Known series sheets: 113, 114, 115, 118, 119, 123, 124, 127, 128, 136, 138, 143, 144, 145.

Special District (Relief) Map. Known: Aldershot North, Hindhead and District (Aldershot, South);

23.2.a One-inch England & Wales Fifth Edition. Blue and black covers. Blue sheet names. With location map.

Book-fold covers. Known sheets: 94, 96, 102, 107, 115, 119, 123, 125, 128, 129, 130, 136, 138, 144, 145, 146.

Bender covers. Known sheets: 131.

23.2.b One-inch England & Wales Fifth Edition. Blue and black covers. Black sheet name/Special district maps, 1939.

Known small sheet series: 95, 106, 107, 108, 114, 115, 118, 119, 125, 127, 128, 136, 137, 138, 143, 144, 145, 146.

Known large sheet series: 93, 94, St Albans ('new' sheet 95), 102, 111, 112, 113, London ('new' sheet 114), 129, 130, 131, 132, 139, 140, 141, 142.

27.1 A51 signpost. Quarter-inch Fourth Edition. Series sheets. 1934.

It is thought that all numbered sheets (England & Wales 11 sheets numbered 1-4, 6-12; Scotland 8 sheets in 7 numbered 2-7 and sheets 8 & 9 combined) were printed with both G.R. arms and E.R. arms (apart from possibly E.R. arms for the combined sheet for Scotland).

28 Three in a Tourer. England & Wales/Scotland tourist maps.

Known (believed complete): Deeside; Dunoon & Firth of Clyde; Dunoon and The Clyde; Isle of Wight; Lake District; Lower Strath Spey; New Forest; Oban; Rothesay and Firth of Clyde; The Trossachs and Loch Lomond.

29 Black Car in Profile. England and Wales Popular Edition district/tourist maps. England & Wales/Scotland Third Edition district maps.

Known: Aberdeen; Aldershot (South); Brighton; Cambridge; Dorking; Dorking & Leith Hill; Folkestone; Glasgow; Hastings & Bexhill; Hertford; Hertford & St Albans; Ilkley; Ipswich; Ipswich & Felixstowe; Lake District; London (North); London (South); Maidstone; Manchester; Newquay; Rugby; St Albans; Salisbury Plain; Sidmouth; Staffordshire Potteries; Weston super Mare; Winchester; Worcester; Worcester & Malvern; Wye Valley; York.

30 Hiker at Stile. England & Wales Third/Popular Edition district maps; England & Wales/Scotland Popular Edition tourist maps.

⁸ *A Guide to the Ordnance Survey one-inch Fifth Edition*. Charles Close Society, 2000.

Known: Bexhill and Eastbourne; Birmingham and Wolverhampton; Blackpool District; Bolton, Bury and District; Derby District; Dorking & Leith Hill; Forest of Bowland; Hastings; Hastings, Bexhill and Eastbourne; Hertford & St Albans; Huddersfield District; Invergordon to Loch Ness (Tourist Map); Ipswich & Felixstowe; Leeds District; Leicester District; London (South); Maidstone & Tunbridge Wells; Manchester District; Norfolk Broads (mounted on Ipswich and Felixstowe). North East Wales; North Staffordshire; Rugby District; Sidmouth, Budleigh Salterton and Exmouth District; Southampton and District; Weston super Mare and District; Winchester; Winchester District; Worcester & Malvern District.

Messenger (1988) reports the cover entitled Winchester for this type of cover.

Bender covers. Known: Derby District; Forest of Bowland (also known with label Blackpool & District); Leicester District; Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells.

73 Six-inch Town maps, 1920-24. 21 town maps. Source: *Sheetlines* 6,13 and *Sheetlines* 7,13.

Known (believed complete): Cambridge; Canterbury; Cheltenham; Colchester; Dundee; Gloucester; Ipswich; Keighley; Kingston upon Hull; Leeds; Leicester; Lincoln; Northampton; Nottingham; Oxford; Plymouth; Portsmouth; Southampton; Southend-on-Sea; South Shields; Wolverhampton.

Known with spine title: Cambridge; Cheltenham; Colchester; Gloucester; Keighley; Kingston upon Hull; Leeds; Leicester; Northampton; Nottingham; Oxford; Portsmouth; Plymouth; Southend-on-Sea; South Shields; Southampton; Wolverhampton.

Known without spine title: Canterbury; Ipswich; Lincoln; South Shields; Wolverhampton.

Spine title unknown: Dundee.

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An extended version of this article identifying map cover titles will be posted on the website to accompany the images.

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