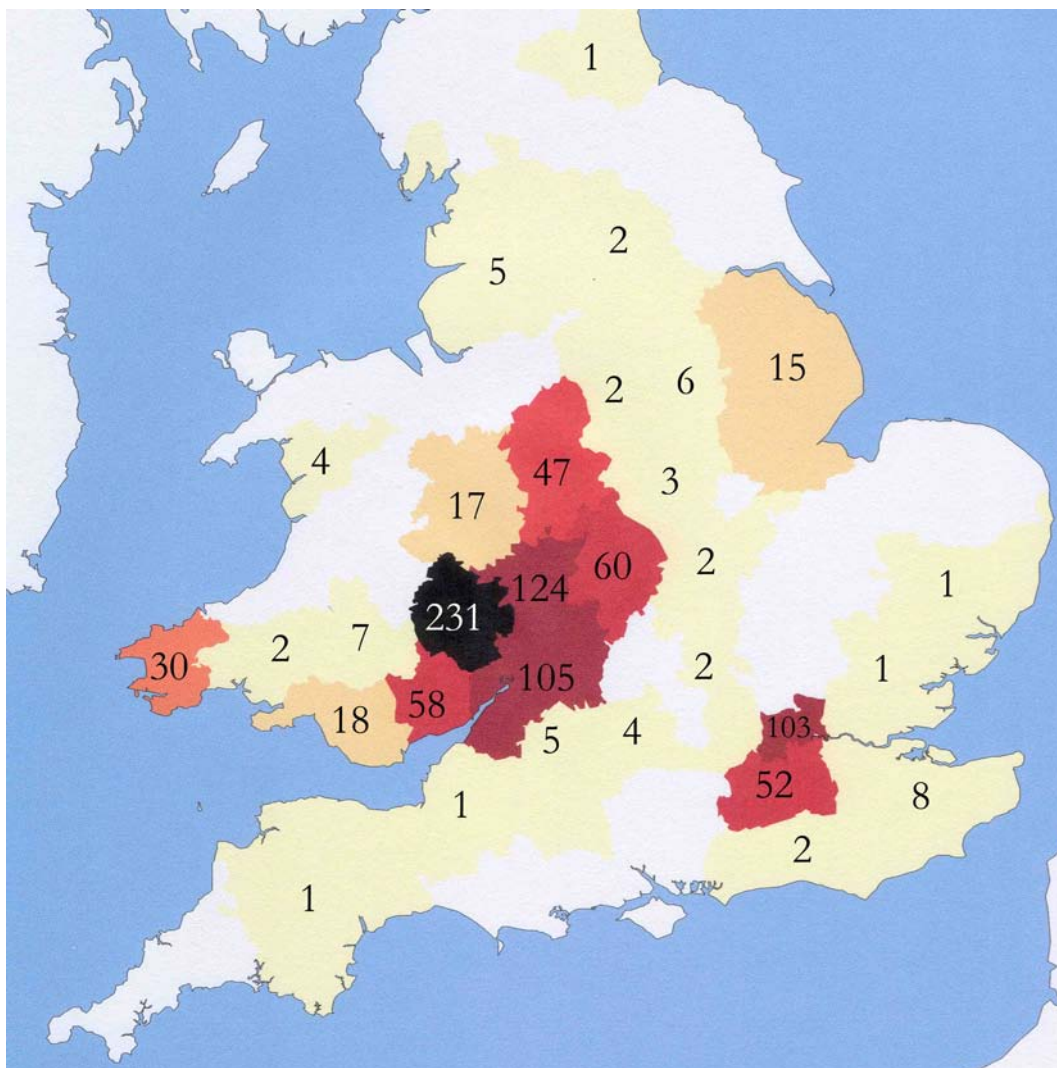
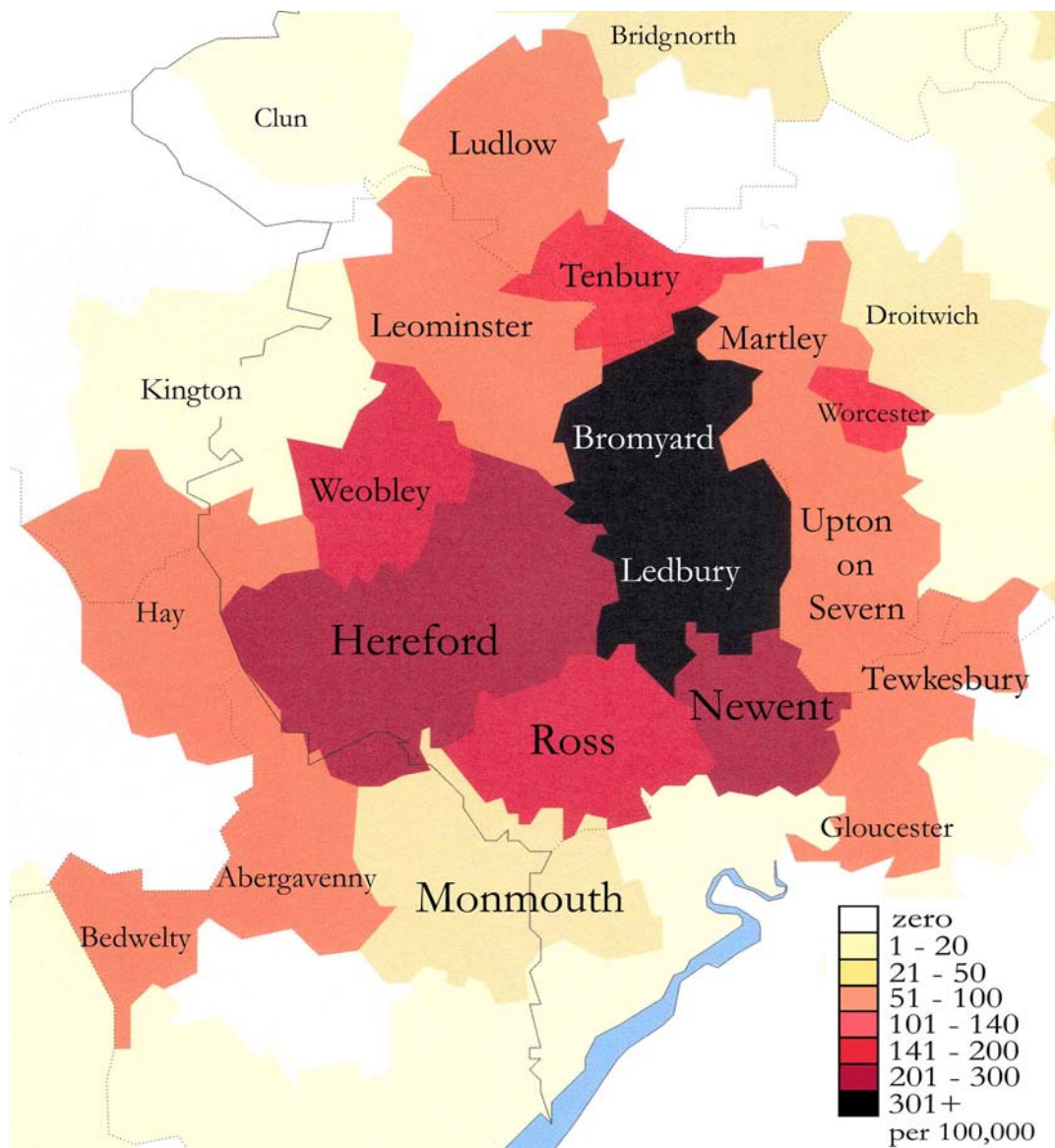


1 – WHERE WERE BADHAMS FOUND?



Map 1 Badham and Badhams by county and number of individuals. (There was one individual in Perthshire, Scotland.) Numbers enumerated 3 April 1881.

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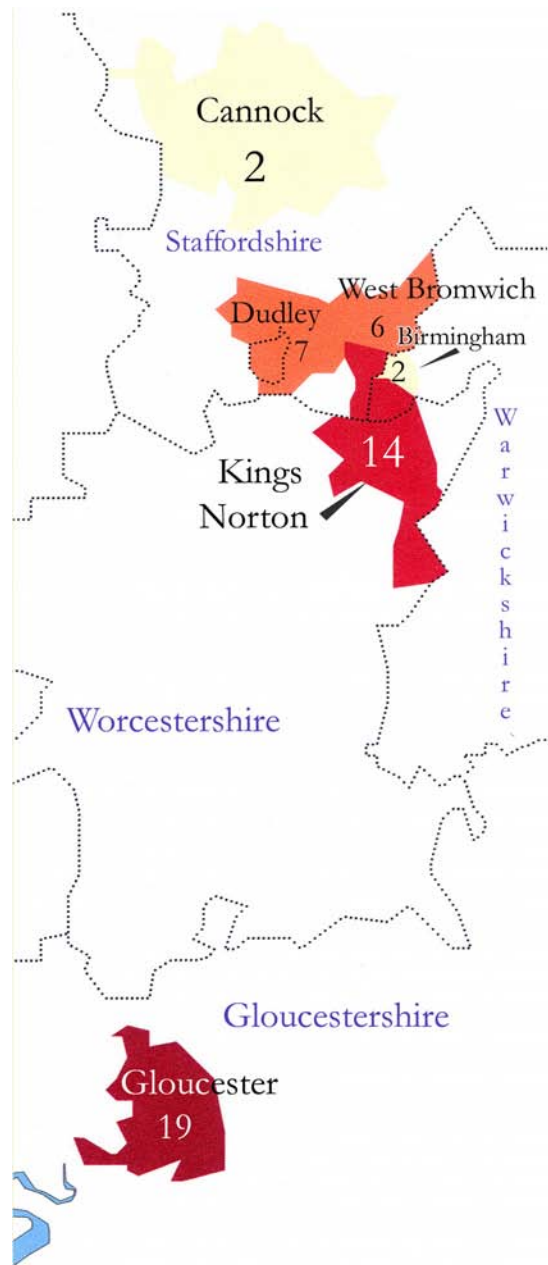


Map 2 Poor Law Union areas showing highest proportions of Badham to other surnames on 3 April 1881

It is true that the name occurs in several forms, such as The Badhams, Badham Cottage and Badham's Meadow, all within that parish. To answer this conundrum, we need to know more about the numbers of people, where they were and what has happened over the centuries and where else Badham is found in place-names. This is what we will try to do in the following pages.

How many then and now?

So how many Badhams have there been and indeed are there now? Governments do not design censuses for the benefit of family historians but the Victorian development of the ten-year census has been a boon. As many of you will know, where an address is known, the details of the individual household can provide valuable information, but it is only for the 1881 census that the work of hundreds of volunteers allows us to extract numbers for the whole of the United Kingdom and, as we have seen, to map them.



Map 3 Surname Badhams by Poor Law Union. Individuals enumerated on 3 April 1881