



# Ordnance Survey County Origins: Great Britain

based on research by  
the late Brian Adams, et al.

OS 'County Series' large scale mapping used the Cassini projection with separate meridians through individual origins for each county or group of counties.

- County groupings with their respective origins. (Names are given in contemporary spelling.)
- Old county origins, superseded by 1920
- Origins used only for fragmentary mapping.
- National origin since 1847 for one-inch and smaller scale maps on the Cassini projection.

*E part of Dunbartonshire plotted on Dumbarton Castle and Corkmularw origins before transfer to Lanark Church Spire.*

*Essex plotted on Danbury Church Spire origin before transfer to St Paul's Cathedral.*