**National Townland and Historical Map Viewer**

*These instructions created using the Chrome Browser*

**Left click** in the **Accept** box and then **left click** on **OK**

**FIND THE RANGE OF MAP SERIES WHICH ARE AVAILABLE**

The screen which opens shows Ireland and in the **top right** corner 3 different icons

**Left click** on the **Basemap Gallery** icon to see the map series available to view
You can choose any map series to find a townland – as per this example below:

Left click on the Historic 6\(^\circ\) option & note that the appearance of the map of Ireland changes

Left click on the plus button to zoom in on a location on the map OR type place name / address into the search box and left click on the magnifying glass

From the list which appears left click on the address of your choice

The address will pop up on the map

These red lines are townland boundaries
Left click on *Zoom to* and in a moment the 6inch mapping will appear.

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Layers Menu icon

The townland boundaries are visible because they are “switched on” in the layers menu.

Left click on the Layers Menu icon.

You will see Townlands has a tick in its checkbox.

If you wanted to make the townland boundaries invisible, left click in the checkbox to remove the tick.

However, to find which townland your site is in, leave the Townlands layer checked and follow the next steps.
To find a townland name, **left click** your site of interest on the map

When you click on the map the pop-up box will show the name of the townland and also show its boundary outline on the map in a light blue colour
You can also use the **Attribute Table** to find and display a townland.

Look at the very bottom of the map and **left click** on the arrow which points upwards.

This opens the Attribute Table.

As the Townland layer is already “switched on” in the layers menu, Townlands will be visible as a column heading or tab.

The Townlands listed will relate to the map view on your screen.

**Left click** in the first cell of a row to highlight a townland – this townland will then also be highlighted on the map.

**Left click** on **Clear Selection** to remove the blue highlighting.
SHOWING LOCATIONS OF HISTORIC MAP SHEETS AND FINDING THEIR DATES

You can choose any historic map series—as per this example below:

From the Basemap Gallery left click on the Historic 25” option

In the Layers menu left click in the Historic 25” Sheet Grid checkbox

The 25inch sheet map numbers are now visible (though you need to look carefully!)

If you zoom out they are become a little easier to see
Left click on the map and a box will pop up which shows details relating to the 25inch map for that site.

Left click on **Zoom to**

A light blue rectangle will show the extent of the area covered by this particular 25inch sheet.

At the top of the pop-up box **left click** on the forward arrow to move to the next set of details.

*The pop-up boxes will be displayed according to layers selected, e.g. in this example Townlands and Historic 25” Sheet Grid*
In the Attribute Table left click on the tab for **Historic 25” Sheet Grid** to see sheet numbers and their survey date and date of publication.

**Left click** in the cell at the beginning of a row in the **Attribute Table** to see the area of the sheet highlighted on the map in light blue.
TO FIND THE DATE OF THE FIRST EDITION 6 INCH SHEET WHEN YOU ALREADY KNOW THE SHEET MAP NUMBER

From the top right corner left click on the middle icon to search for the Historic 6” First Edition map dates

This will open an empty search box

Type in your map sheet number, e.g. for Cork Sheet 135 type CK135 and press return on your keyboard

A pop-up box with survey date will be immediately displayed and the light blue outline indicates the area covered by this sheet
TO FIND THE DATE OF THE 25” SHEET WHEN YOU ALREADY KNOW THE SHEET MAP NUMBER

From the **top right** corner **left click** on the right hand side icon to search for the historic 25inch map dates

This will open an empty search box

Type in your map sheet number, e.g. for Meath Sheet 28-5 type MH028-05 and press return on your keyboard

A pop-up box with survey date will be immediately displayed and the blue outline indicates the area covered by this sheet
TO MARK AND SHARE A LOCATION SITE

Left click on the 3 horizontal dots in a pop-up box

Left click on + Add a marker

This places a marker at the centre of the townland

Left click on the marker and copy the URL – this can be pasted into a new web browser or emailed and shared with others
When you paste the URL into a new web browser it brings you to home page of the National Townland and Historical Map Viewer where you left click on Accept to get in.

The marker will be displayed on the current map view.

Basemap Gallery

View this site on any other map series from the Basemap Gallery, just left click on series of your choice e.g. Historic 6’ Last Edition B&W
To get the survey date for this map left click on the layers icon and left click in the checkbox for Historic 6” Last Edition B&W Sheet Grid

Left click on the map and read the pop-up box for details about this 6 inch map

You may need to move forward by left clicking on the arrow to see the relevant pop-up box

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