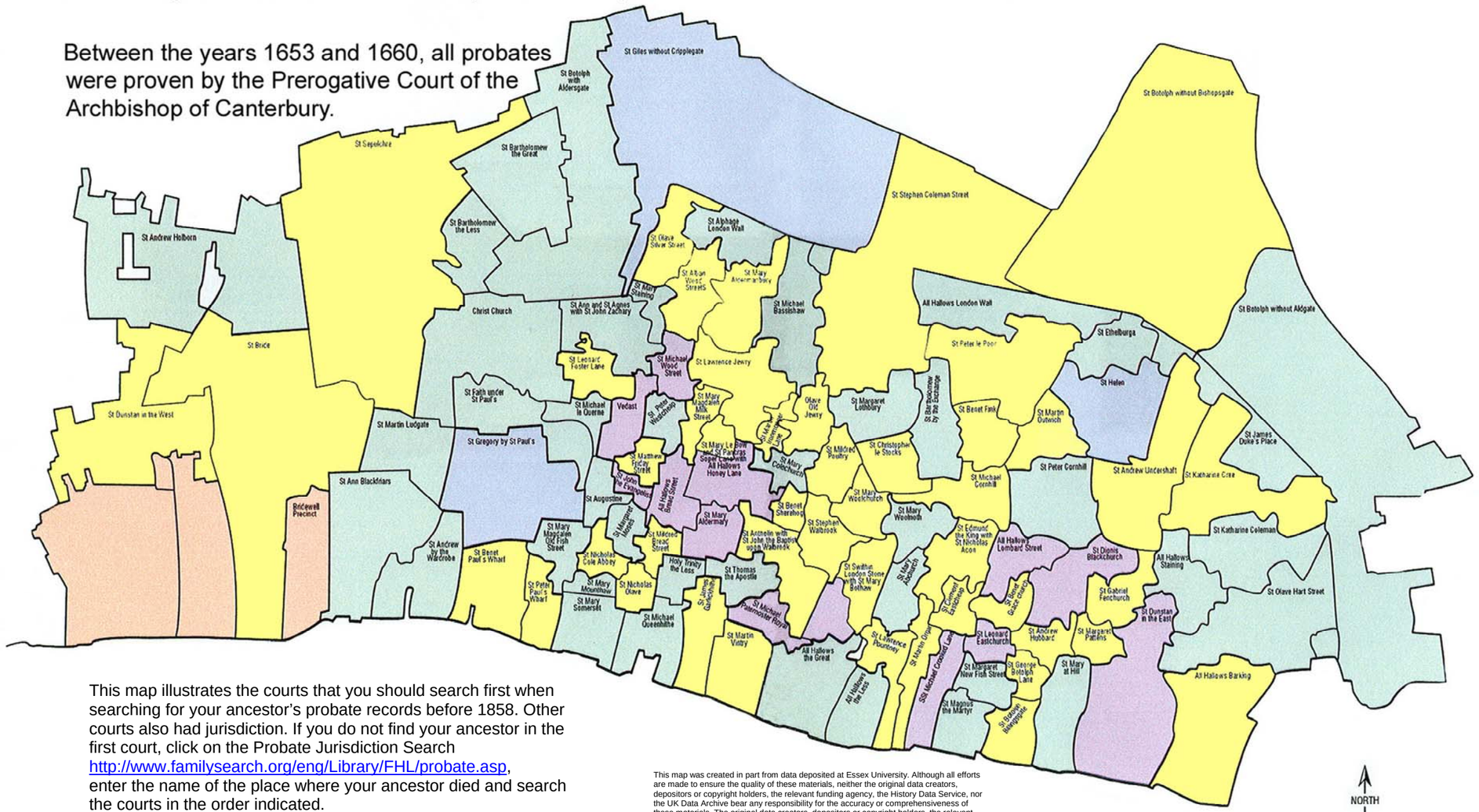
London Probate Jurisdictions

- Court of the Peculiar Jurisdiction of the Archbishop of Canterbury in the Deaneries of Arches, Croydon and Shoreham
- Court of the Peculiar of the Dean and Chapter of St Paul's Cathedral
- Court of the Archdeaconry of London
- Court of the Commissary of the Bishop of London (London Division)
- Prerogative Court of the Archbishop of Canterbury

Between the years 1653 and 1660, all probates were proven by the Prerogative Court of the Archbishop of Canterbury.



This map illustrates the courts that you should search first when searching for your ancestor's probate records before 1858. Other courts also had jurisdiction. If you do not find your ancestor in the first court, click on the Probate Jurisdiction Search http://www.familysearch.org/eng/Library/FHL/probate.asp, enter the name of the place where your ancestor died and search the courts in the order indicated.

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