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A History of Jane Austen in the South East

Jane Austen was born in 1775 in the village of **Steventon, Hampshire**. In 1783 Jane and her sister Cassandra were sent to Oxford to be educated by Mrs Anna Crawley. Later that year they moved to Southampton with her.

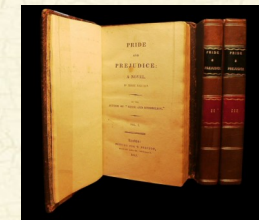
In 1796 after staying in **Goodnestone Park, Kent** with her brother Edward and his wife; Austen returned home to **Steventon** where she began to write *Pride and Prejudice*.

Mr Austen moved his family to **Bath** in 1800, whilst here Jane made some adaption's to 'Susan' and started to write 'The Watsons'.

In 1806 after the death of her father, Jane and her mother and sisters lived part time in rented accommodation in **Bath** and **Southampton**.

In 1809, Jane and her mother and sisters moved back to **Chawton, Hampshire** to live in Chawton House. It was here where Jane wrote almost daily, her productivity inspired by the tranquillity of the countryside she adored.

200 years of *Pride & Prejudice*



By Jane Austen

Pride and Prejudice in the South East.

Jane Austen's House Museum, Chawton, Hampshire, is where Jane completed *Pride & Prejudice*, receiving the first printed copy in 1813.

Colin Firth, perhaps the most famous **Mr Darcy**, is Hampshire born and bred

Edgcote Hall - Banbury, Oxfordshire was used for Netherfield Park in the 1995 *Pride and Prejudice* television show.

Groombridge Place, Kent was used as the Bennett family home in the film released in 2005.



Basildon Park, Berkshire was used as a major film location in the 2005 film.

The south east coastal city of **Brighton** was used in the novel for the location of a military camp.

Ramsgate, Kent was used as a setting by Austen in the novel.

Celebrating 200 years of Pride and Prejudice.

2013 is the 200th Anniversary of the first publication of Jane Austen's novel *Pride and Prejudice*.

Jane Austen's House Museum, Chawton is the 17th Century house where the novelist enjoyed the final years of her life.

Jane's brother Edward gave the house to Jane, her mother and sisters after the death of their father.

Edward was adopted by the wealthy Knight family and became their heir. His house is now **Chawton House Library**, the Centre for the study of Early English Women's Writing



Did you know?



- **Jane Austen finished her formal education at age 11**
- **She wrote all her novels at a tiny table using a quill pen**
- **She died aged 41 of an unknown illness**
- **Her tomb is in Winchester Cathedral, Hampshire**