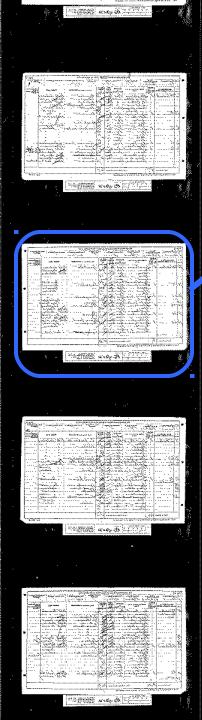
Zoning Tabular Documents

Heath Nielson and William Barrett

Motivation

- Move granularity of indexing from image level to field level
 - Search or browse through fields rather than images
- Let the computer perform the repetitive task of finding regions within a document and determining content of those regions



Processing Pipeline

Cropping

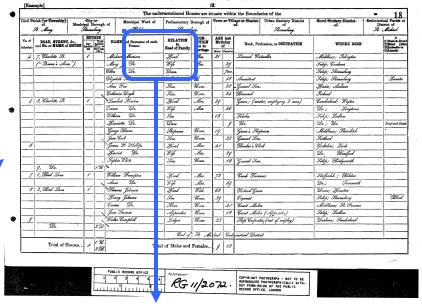
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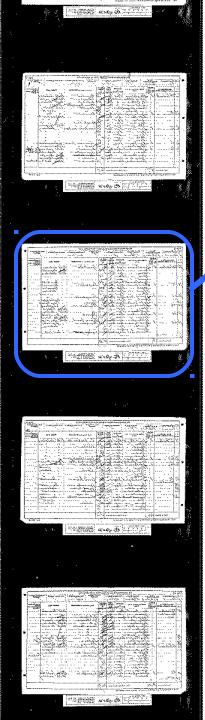
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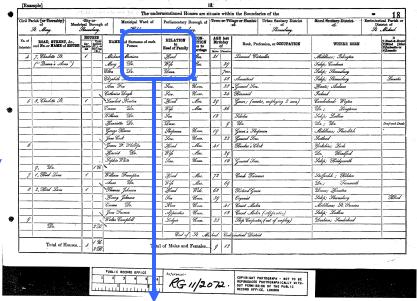
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Recognition



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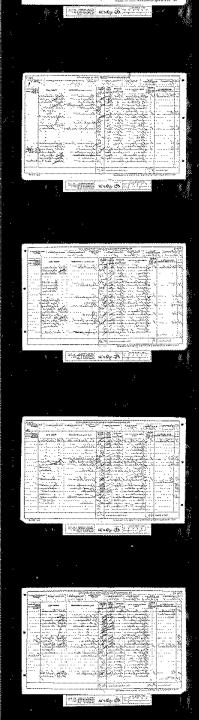
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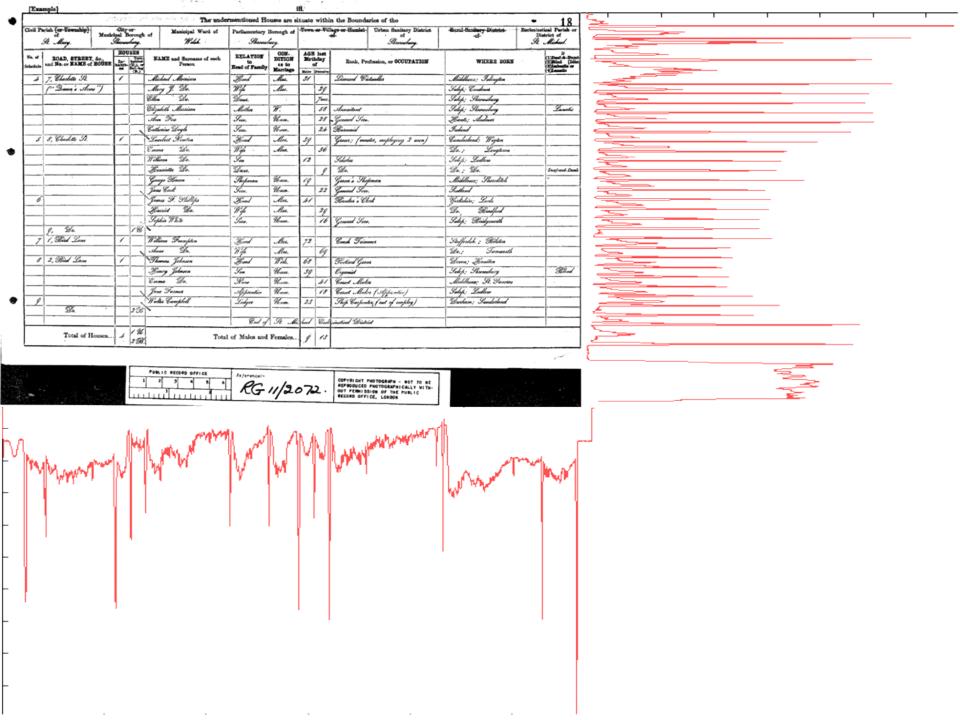
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Profiles

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• Vertical profile $p_v(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} image(x,i)$

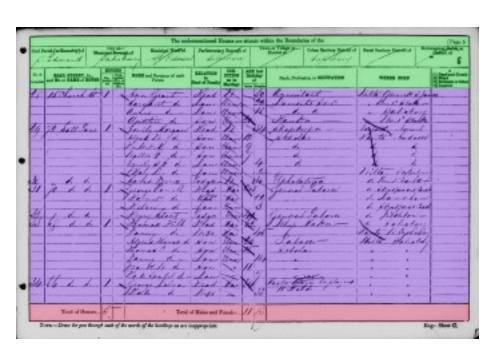


Matched Filter

Creation

- Get 3 samples from the profile containing the highest "peak"
- Determine the number of points on either side of the "peak" to establish the size of the filter
- Set the value at each point in the filter to the average value from the corresponding points in the 3 samples
- Compute the average value from each of the filter's points and subtract that amount from each point in the filter

Geometric Layout

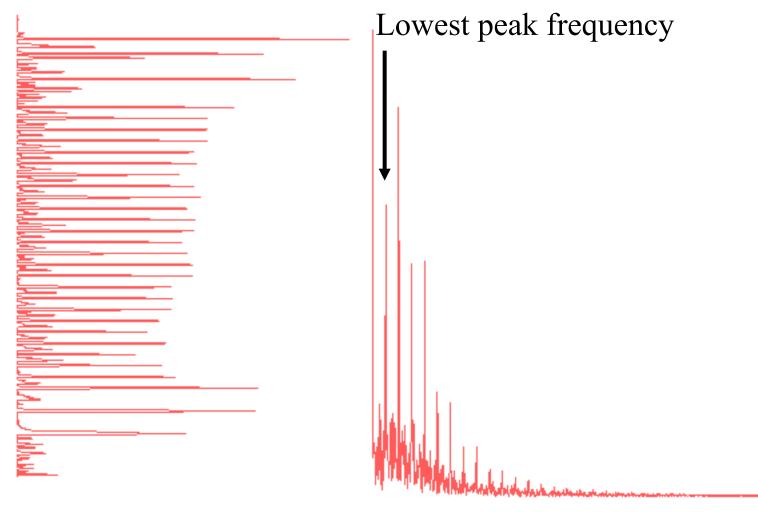


- •Split the document into its component parts, representing similar geometric layouts:
 - •Header
 - •Body
 - •Footer

Body Identification

- Exploit the periodicity of the rows
- Compute $P_h(s) = \Im(p_h(y))$
- Identify first peak (lowest frequency)
- Compute w = ps/f
- Identify lines using the 2-prong probe

Body Identification

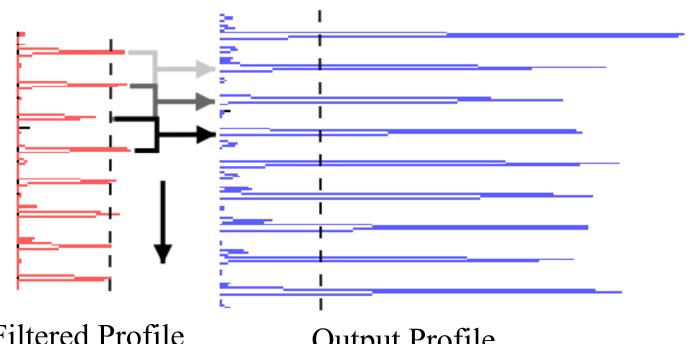


Horizontal Profile

Amplitude Spectrum

Body Identification

2-Prong Probe



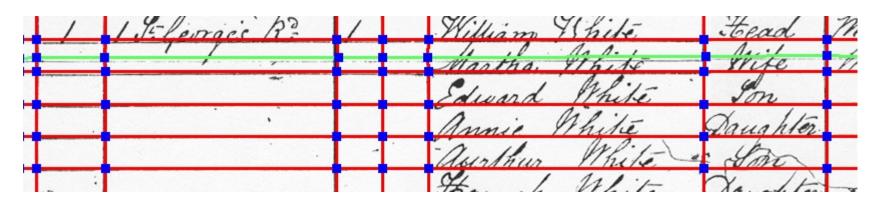
Filtered Profile

Output Profile

$$C(i) = \sum_{j=i-\delta}^{i+\delta} p_h(j) + \sum_{j=i-\delta}^{i+\delta} p_h(j-w)$$

Body Line Classification

Intra-document Consensus



Row Candidates

Green row identified as false positive

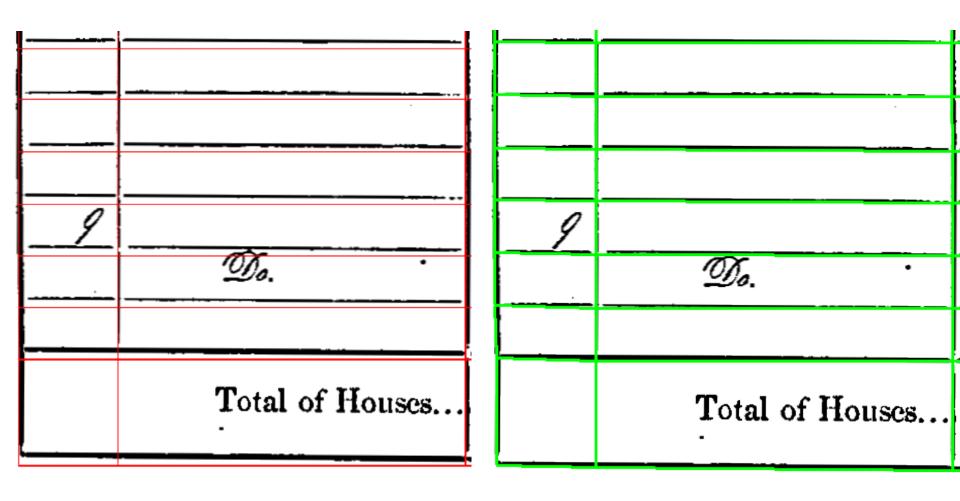
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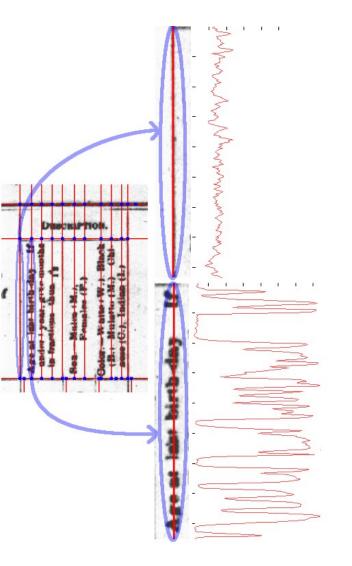
Image "Snapping"

- For each line segment in a row or column
 - Generate a profile over the segment's area
 - Calculate line strength $ls_l(i) = \frac{1}{|i-gp|+1}(ls_g)f(i)$
 - "Snap" to the location with the largest value

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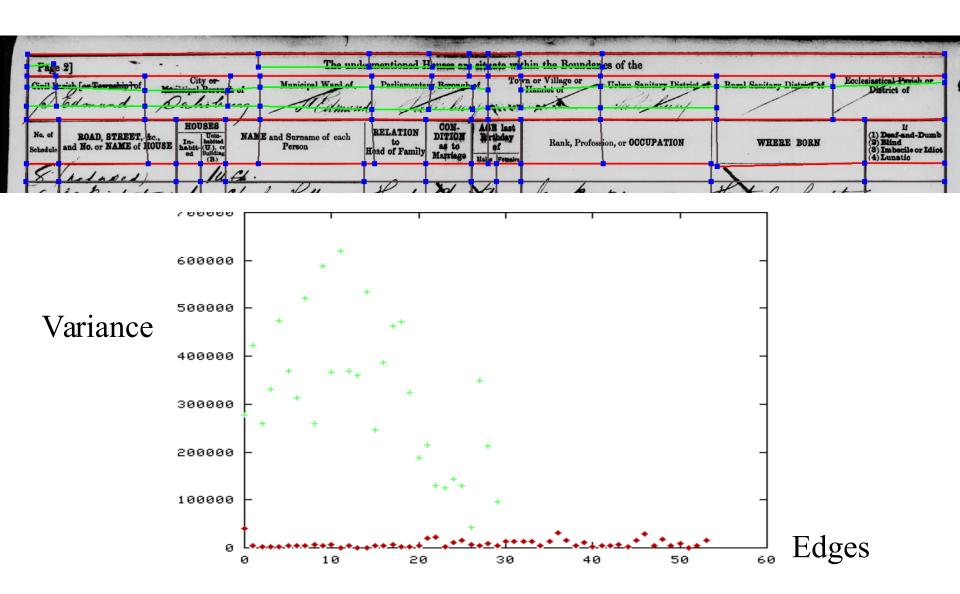


False Positive Identification



- Generate a profile perpendicular to the line segment
- Line profiles have low variance
- Text profiles have high variance

Edge Variance

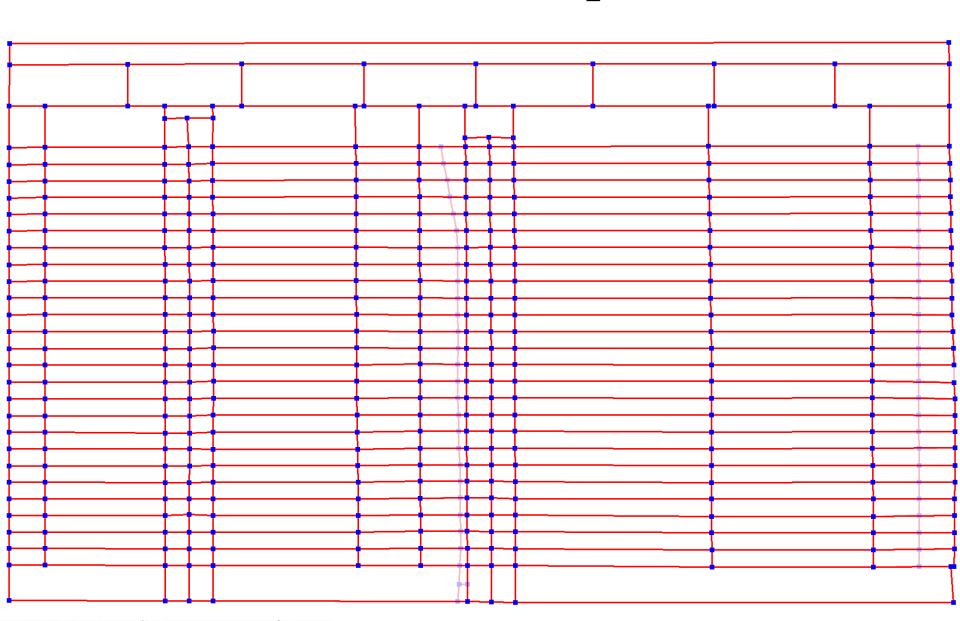


Document Template Creation

Inter-document Consensus

- Combine meshes generated from several documents
- Vote on line positions
- Discard line segments with a low vote count

Document Templates



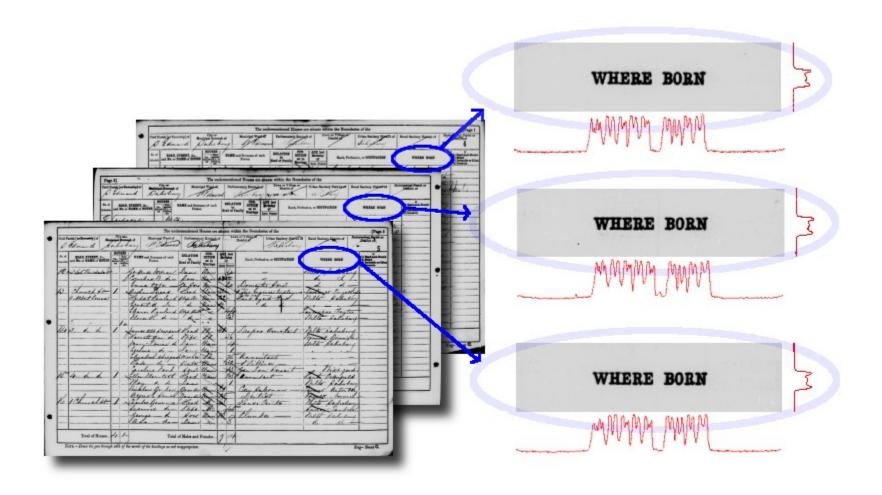
Template to Image Registration

- Identify the document's body within the image
- Position the template to the corresponding location
- Locally snap each line segment to the image

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Future Work

- Implement mesh-to-mesh registration
- Classification through the use of document templates