

Building History - a bibliography



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General guides to resources and research methods

KENNEY, A. - *Tracing the history of your house*. London: Westminster City Archives, 1996
A handy guide to archival sources for building history held by City of Westminster Archives Centre.
[Reference copy available by historical maps stand]

THOM, C. - *Researching London's houses*. London: Historical Publications, 2005 [728.09421]

COX, A. - *Sources for the study of public housing*. London: Guildhall Library & London Archive Users' Forum, 1993
Guide to archival sources, particularly material held by the LMA and Guildhall Library. [QUICK REF - 363.585]

Quick reference

BEBBINGTON, G. - *London street names*. London: Batsford, 1972
Dictionary of London streets, with an explanation of street name origins and the history of some name changes.
[QUICK REF - 929.4]

LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL - *Names of streets and places in the administrative county of London*
Essential reference work. Includes Ordnance Survey map references, name changes and dates of changes to numbering and names. [QUICK REF - f942.11(64)]

COLVIN, H. M. - *Biographical dictionary of British architects 1600 - 1840*. 4th ed. New Haven; London: Yale University Press, 2000
Well-researched biographical articles; architects' entries include brief details of notable architectural works.
[720.92 COL]

ROYAL INSTITUTE OF BRITISH ARCHITECTS - *Directory of British Architects, 1834 - 1914*. London: Continuum, 2001
Gives brief biographical details, practice address and professional background, and references to articles on and by the architect. [720.942211]

WEINREB, B. [et al.] - *The London Encyclopaedia*. 3rd ed. London: Macmillan, 2008
Contains a wealth of information on a wide variety of topographical and biographical subjects, including articles on historic monuments and buildings in the capital. [QUICK REF - 942.11(03) WEI]

In-depth architectural surveys

PEVSNER, N. – *London, I: the cities of London and Westminster (Buildings of England)*

PEVSNER, N. – *London, III: North West (Buildings of England)*. 3rd ed. London: Penguin, 1973

One of the most comprehensive accounts of individual buildings of historic and architectural interest in the City of Westminster. Arranged by area, and indexed. [QUICK REF – 720.9421]

LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL; GREATER LONDON COUNCIL – *Survey of London*

Covers St. Anne Soho, St. James Piccadilly, St. Martin-in-the-Fields and St. Paul Covent Garden, and parts of St. Margaret Westminster, South Kensington and Mayfair. Available in the Archives Search Room, and online at <http://www.british-history.ac.uk> [f942.11]

BAKER, T. F. T. (ed.) – *Victoria County History of Middlesex, IX: Paddington and Hampstead*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1989

Topographical survey of Paddington, including historical accounts of its buildings. [f942.1]

DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT – *List of buildings of special architectural or historic interest: City of Westminster, Greater London*. London: Department of the Environment, 1987

Arranged by street, gives descriptions of buildings of architectural merit; articles often include date of construction, architects, and O.S. map references [QUICK REF]

ROYAL COMMISSION ON HISTORICAL MONUMENTS (ENGLAND) – *An inventory of the historical monuments in London. Vol. II: West London*. London: HMSO, 1925

In-depth descriptions of many Westminster churches and historic buildings, including some private houses of architectural merit. Indexed. [f720.94211]

Maps, plans, directories and gazetteers

The A to Z of Victorian London. Lympe Castle: Harry Margary; Guildhall Library, 1987

A bound and indexed facsimile edition of G.W. Bacon's large-scale map of London, 1888. [QUICK REF – 912.4211]

The A to Z of Regency London. Lympe Castle: Harry Margary; Guildhall Library, 1985

Facsimile of the Horwood map of London (Faden's edition 1813). Bound and indexed. [QUICK REF – 912.4211]

The A to Z of Georgian London. London Topographical Society, 1982

A facsimile edition of John Rocque's map of London (1738-1747). Bound and indexed. [QUICK REF – 912.4211]

The A to Z of Restoration London. London Topographical Society, 1992

A bound and indexed facsimile of Ogilby and Morgans' 1676 survey of the City of London. [QUICK REF – 912.4211]

LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL – *Names of streets and places in the administrative county of London*.

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LOCKIE, J. – *Topography of London: facsimile of John Lockie's Gazetteer, 1813*. (London Topographical Society Publication no. 148). London: LTS, 1994

Lists 10,000 place names with detailed description of location. A handy tool for researching minor streets and places that are not indexed on contemporary London maps. [ENQUIRY DESK - 942.11(88)]

ELMES, J. – *A topographical dictionary of London[...]*. London: Whittaker, Treacher and Arnott, 1831

A gazetteer of London streets, buildings and businesses, with detailed references to location and, in some cases, historical notes [ENQUIRY DESK - 942.11(03)]

BURTON, N. & P. GUILLERY – *Behind the façade: London house plans 1660 – 1840*. Reading: Spire, 2006

A collection of floor plans of private London residences of the period 1660-1840, with commentaries for each plan and an essay on the architecture of Georgian and early Victorian London. [720.9421]

London buildings through the ages

SCHOFIELD, J. – **Medieval London houses**. New Haven; London: Yale University Press, 1994.
Chronological treatment of medieval housing; gazetteer of medieval properties (chiefly City of London).
[f728.094211]

GUILLERY, P. – **The small house in eighteenth-century London: a social and architectural history**. New Haven;
London: Yale University Press, 2004
An investigation of vernacular building in eighteenth-century London; fair coverage of Central London, including
Westminster [f720.3709421]

GRAY, A. S. – **Edwardian architecture: a biographical dictionary**. London: Duckworth, 1985
Biographical articles with details of principal works; some illustrations. Includes concise articles on specific genres
of building, including shops, hotels, theatres, electricity stations and mansion flats. [f720.942082]

WRIGHT, H. – **London high: a guide to the past, present and future of London**. London: Frances Lincoln, 2006
Covers the development of London's tower blocks and skyscrapers, from the 1920s to the present day. Detailed
articles on case study buildings are included in each chapter. [f720.483 WRI]

Illustrated works

BAHAMON, A. – **London: atlas of architecture**. London: Batsford, 2006
Examines London's architectural chronologically, by borough and by type of building. [f720.9421]

POWELL, K. – **New London architecture**. Rev. ed. London: Merrell, 2005
Lavishly illustrated guide to new architecture in the capital, including modern extensions and adaptations to historic
buildings. Arranged by building function. [f720.9421]

SUTCLIFFE, A. – **London: an architectural history**. New Haven; London: 2006
Overview of 2000 years of architecture in London, from domestic structures to grand civic buildings [f720.9421]

TALLIS, J. – **John Tallis's London street views, 1838 – 1840**. London: Nattali & Maurice, 1969
Collection of contemporary street elevations and maps of London streets drawn in the late 1830s. [f942.11(64)]

REYNOLDS, J., & G. DAVIES – **One thousand buildings of London**. New York: Black Dog & Leventhal, 2006
Organised by postal zone, this collection comprises concise, illustrated entries of 1,000 buildings of architectural
note in the capital, including good coverage of City of Westminster. [f720.9421]

Museum of London archaeological reports

The Archives Centre acts as a repository for the Museum of London's reports on archaeological excavations in
Westminster. Some reports contain include plans, descriptions and structural details of buildings currently occupying
the site. *Archaeological reports are located near the Archives Finding Aids in the Search Room, and are arranged by
street. They can be searched via Westminster Libraries online catalogue.*

Other building history sources at City of Westminster Archives Centre – a quick checklist

- **London directories** – Good coverage of commercial and residential streets from mid 19th century onwards; available on microfilm in the searchroom.
- **Newspaper cuttings** – Files located in Search Room, indexed by street. A quick and easy-to-use resource for articles on buildings, events and people in Westminster, especially for the mid 20th century.
- **Original prints and photographs** – searchable via the card index in the Archives Search Room. Indexed primarily by street.
- **Book illustrations** – searchable via the card index in the Archives Search Room. Indexed primarily by street.
- **Ordnance Survey maps** – available in the searchroom. Consult LCC's *Names of streets and places [...]* (see above) for map references.
- **Drainage plans** – fairly comprehensive coverage of Westminster buildings; plans vary from basic diagrams to detailed architectural plans with drainage points marked in. Searchable via access database in the searchroom.
- **Council minutes** – important source of information on Council property, as well as the planning and construction of major building developments within Westminster. Bound and indexed copies to 1989 are available in the searchroom. Minutes 1990- are unbound and not indexed, and are located in the store.
- **Rate books** – useful for tracing rate-paying occupants in Westminster.
- **Electoral rolls** – good 20th century coverage; useful for tracing house occupants.