

Researching the history of children's and family lives

Family Tree Live! 27 April 2019

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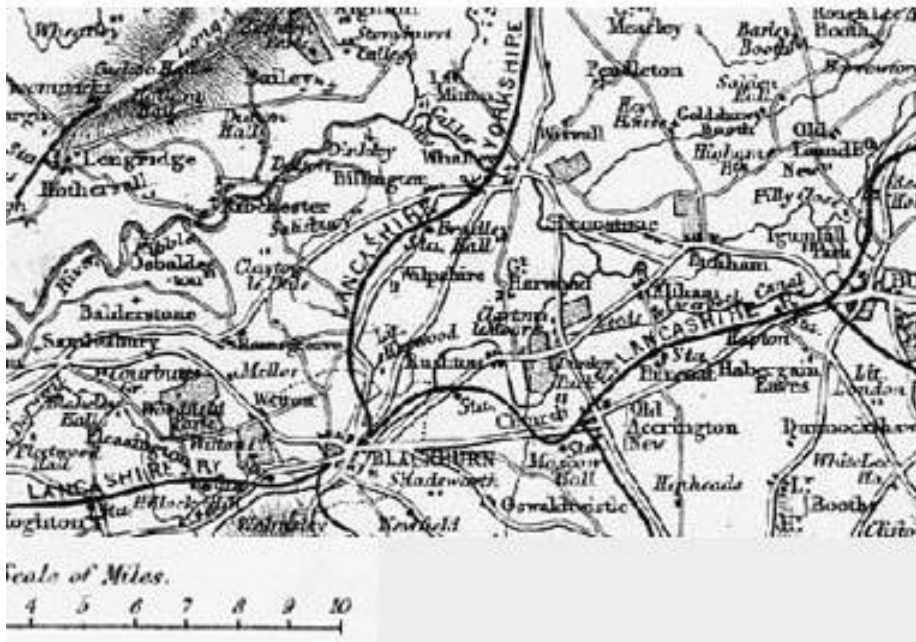
Ephemera: 'the minor transient documents of everyday life'



- Clippings from local newspapers: looking beyond the 'births marriages and deaths' columns
- Weddings and other events: who attended?
- Job adverts: tell you something of what people actually did
- Property sales: contents of houses or buildings/equipment of businesses



Office Map of Lancashire, North Division (1864)



U3A Annual Family History Conference 2017

Dr Gill Draper BALH Events & Development Officer :

[Local History for Family Historians](#)

Local History Day 2017

Geoff Timmins, Emeritus Professor of History, University of Central Lancashire :

[Investigating local housing : physical evidence in context](#)

Who Do You Think You Are? Live 2017

Dr Jane Howells :

['Townies' : six ways of looking for more about the lives of your ancestors in small provincial towns](#)

Dr Ruth Paley :

[A Bastard In The Tree?](#)

Dr Gill Draper :

[Going Back In Time: Free Resources For Finding People, 13th - 18th Centuries](#)

Paul A. Carter :

[Publishing your research on the web. Six tips to help and some potential pitfalls to avoid](#)

Dr Paul Carter :

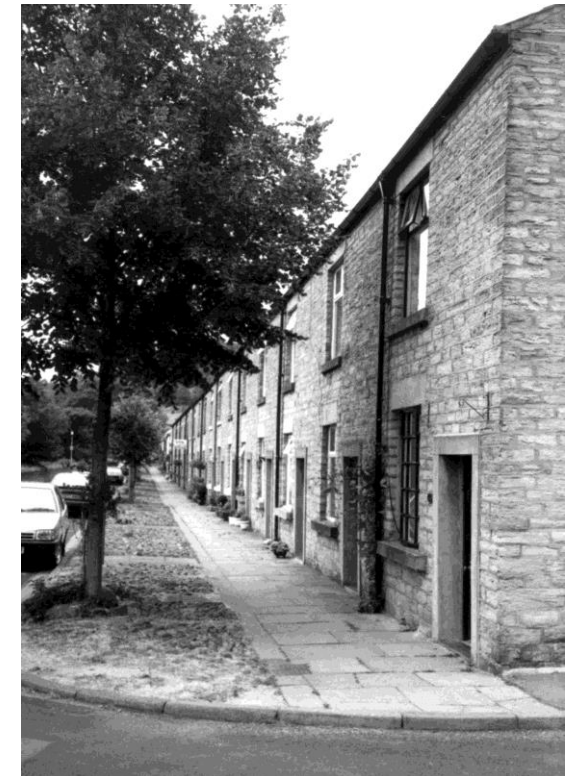
[A Guide To Records Created Under The New Poor Law](#)

Alan Crosby 'Housing:...types and periods' *The Local Historian* 47:4 (2017) [journal of the BALH]

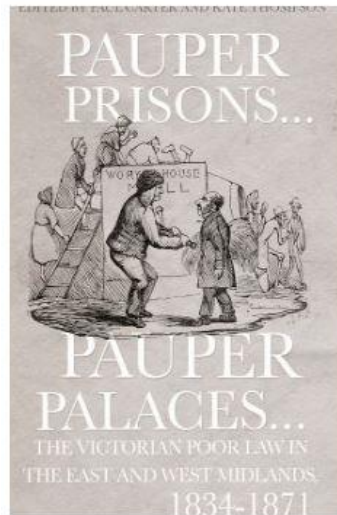
Schools among low-density housing (2.5 inch OS map 1956)



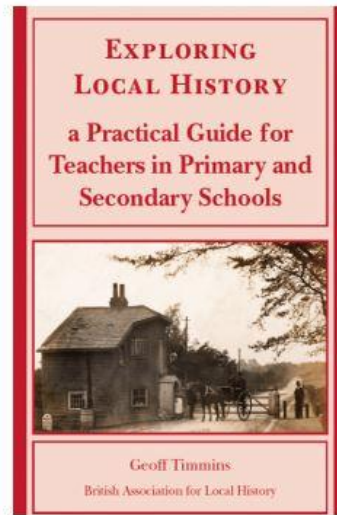
**Superior planned houses
for mill-workers of 1820s
and 30s, Compstall,
Cheshire**



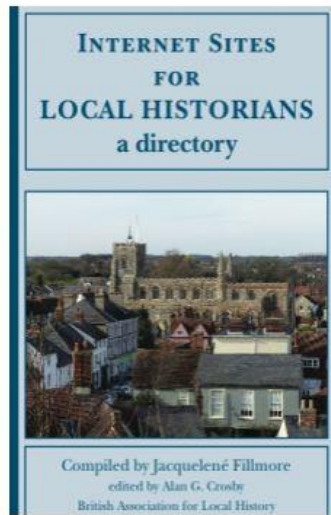
3 of BALH's books on research



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Exploring Local History



Internet Sites For Local Historians : A Directory (4th Edition)

8 websites on researching children and families

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- Victorian Children (also Dictionary of Victorian London)
- The Army Children's Archive
- Foundling Voices
- Historic Children's Hospitals Admissions
- Hidden Lives Revealed
- Young Immigrants to Canada

Finding information for free! <https://search.findmypast.co.uk/historical-records/>

Learn more about these records

➤ What can these records tell me?

The records consist of digitised copies of school and university register books. They include a full register of former pupils. The lists often include biographical details like birth year, father's name, details of employment after school, and family information. Most of the books will include a full history of the institute followed by lists of previous headmasters, tutors, and sporting teams, as well as illustrations or photographs. Many of the registers were written after World War I and contain military career details of alumni in the Great War.

✓ Discover more about these records

We have register books from 43 different schools and universities. Below is a list of every institute. For further detail about what each register book includes, review our 'discover more' section. We have also included search tips to help you to discover your ancestor.

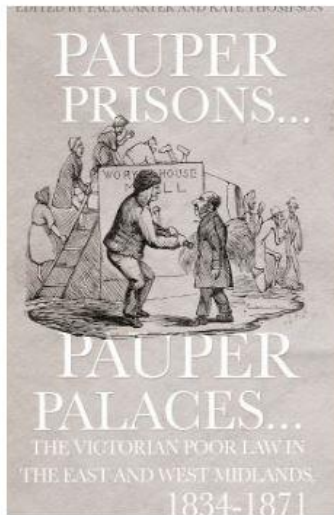
- Ackworth School, Yorkshire, England (1879-1930)
- Bootham School, Yorkshire, England (1822-2011)
- Balliol College Oxford, Oxfordshire, England (1832-1914)
- Blundell's School, Devon, England (1770-1882)

Finding books in university, research and public libraries

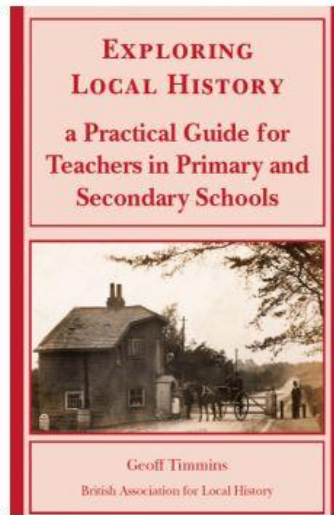
The screenshot shows the COPAC search results page. The header is green with the COPAC logo and navigation links: SEARCH, ABOUT, RESEARCHERS, LIBRARIANS, DEVELOPERS, INNOVATIONS, FAQ, and BLOG. On the right, there are search filters for Author, Editor, Title words, and Keyword, with the search term 'draper, gillian' and 'rye' entered. Below the header, the search results are displayed. The first result is 'Rye rebuilt : regeneration and decline within a Sussex port town, 1350-1660 / David and Barbara Martin ; with Jane Clubb and Gillian Draper. [Burgess Hill] : Published ... by domtom publishing on behalf of The Romney Marsh Research Trust 2009'. The second result is 'Rye : a history of a Sussex Cinque Port to 1660 / Gillian Draper ; with contributions by David Martin, Barbara Martin and Alan Tyler. Stroud, Gloucestershire : Phillimore 2016'. Both results show the number of printed editions (4 and 16 respectively) and a list of libraries where the books are held, such as the Institute of Historical Research, London Library, Reading University, and Society of Antiquaries of London.

- **Keep clicking and find the published books which the website used to compile its database.**
 - You can then seek the books out via libraries: county libraries and record offices, museums, local history and uni libraries.
 - Use COPAC to search the catalogues of university and research libraries
 - For county libraries, visit and ask- they can make an inter-library loan request for you.
- 25 volumes of the *Balliol College Register* from 1833 till 2000
 - *A biographical register of the university of Cambridge to 1500*
 - *A biographical register of the University of Oxford, A D 1501 to 1540* by A.B Emden

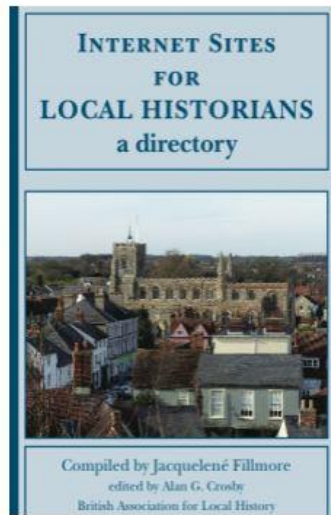
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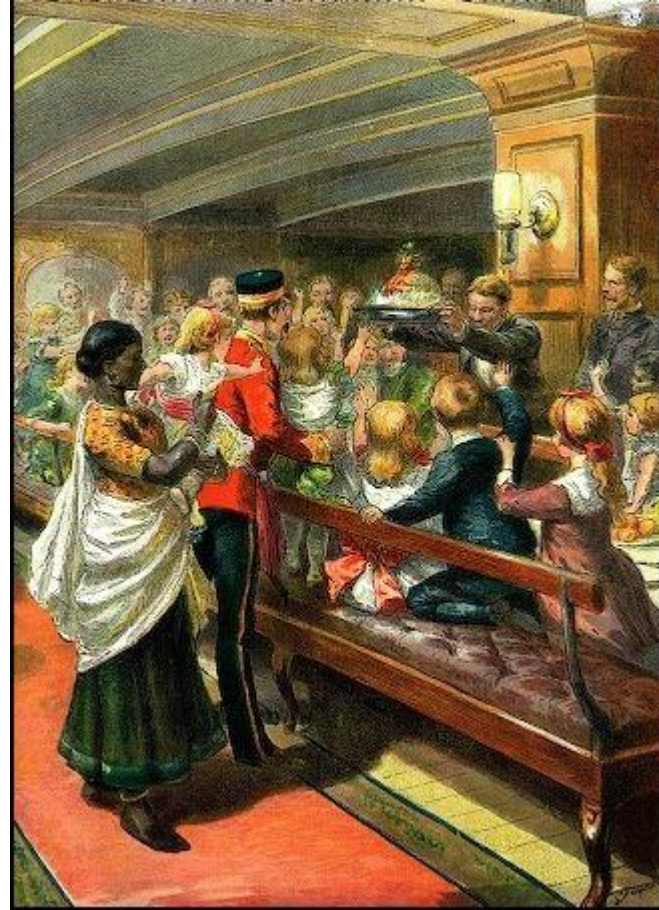
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The Army Children's Archive (TACA)

TACA themes **and CHRISTMAS DINNER ON A TROOPSHIP, 1889**

TACA HOME
LIVES & TIMES
ON THE MOVE
POSTINGS
ACCOMMODATION
HEALTHCARE & HOSPITALS
SCHOOLING
MEMORIES & MISCELLANEA
FAMOUS ARMY CHILDREN
HISTORY MATTERS
1914-18
FORGOTTEN FACES
ARMY CHILDREN'S GRAVES
CURRENT & RECENT RESEARCH
LINKS & LITERATURE



**THE GARRISON CHILDREN'S SCHOOL,
1922, RIEHL (a suburb of Cologne/Köln)**



Hidden Lives Revealed

Harvey Goodwin Home for Boys, Cambridge

Some examples of the Waifs and Strays Society's magazine and other publications



Publications



Waifs and Strays

The Society's main supporter magazine.



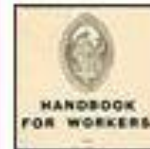
Brothers and Sisters

The magazine for the members of The Children's Union.



The Society's Annual Reports

A comprehensive survey of the Society's growth.



The Handbook for Workers

The guidelines for the Society's employees in 1904.



The First Forty Years

Edward Rudolf's account of the Society's early years.

<https://victorianchildren.org/>



<http://www.victorianlondon.org/index-2012.htm>

ROYAL MILITARY ASYLUM, Chelsea, near the Royal Chelsea Hospital, was founded by H.R. H. the Duke of York, in 1801, and is therefore very generally known as the "Duke of York's School. Here from 800 to 900 lads, the orphan sons of British soldiers, are maintained and educated, undergoing, at a suitable age, a regular military training. The school-buildings (designed by Mr. Copland) occupy three sides of a quadrangle, with a central portico of the Doric order. The play-ground and drill-ground are of ample size, and are opened to the public daily.

source: *Cruchley's London in 1865 : A Handbook for Strangers*, 1865

From Thomas Pecocke's will: In life I have been 'minded and Determined to have Found a Free Schoole in Rye aforesaid for **the better Educateing and Breeding of Youth there in good Literature** ... for that Purpose I have already at my own proper Costs and Charges Erected and Built a House in Rye aforesaid in a Street called the Longer street Which I intend shall [be] imployed and Converted for the Keeping of the said Schoole'

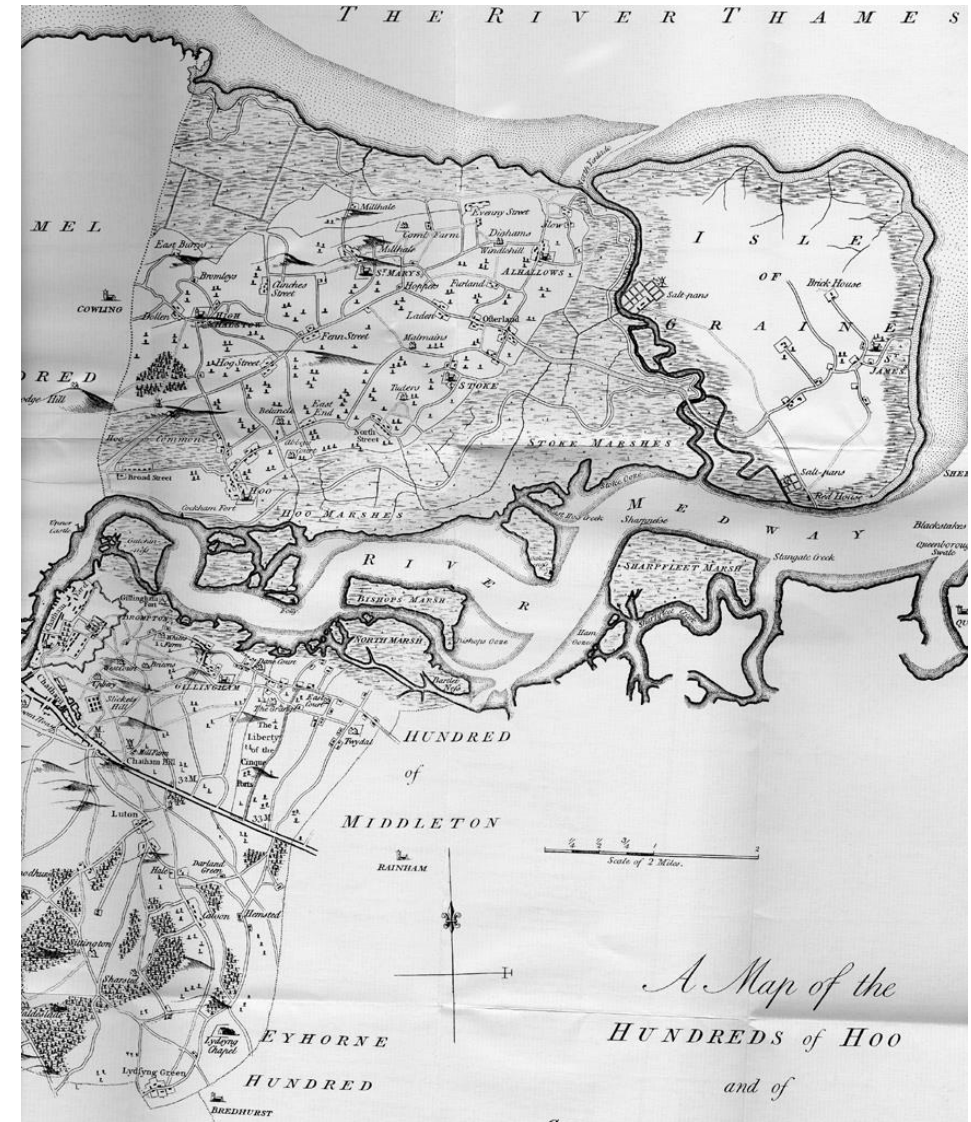


From Edward Hasted, *Topographical History of Kent* (1798-1802) on Cliffe Parish, Hoo

JOHN BROWNE, late of this parish, yeoman, in 1679, gave a tenement, lying in Church-street... and another...in Southwood-borough, for the education and teaching of twelve poor children of the inhabitants of this parish for ever. His executor and the churchwardens... should elect and choose a poor man or woman, being capable to teach, and also the children to be taught, &c. The master or dame to keep the premises in good repair.

Use British History Online for antiquarian works and local history including schools. Read the introduction on: <https://www.british-history.ac.uk/using-bho/local-guide>

Leads you to 18th and 19th century works on Norfolk, London, Cornwall, Cumberland, Derbyshire, Devon and more, and the online Victoria County Histories



Lady Boswell's School, Sevenoaks. Endowed -?



Rye school toilets 1880s-1910s from
<https://www.ryemuseum.co.uk/schools-and-education-in-rye/>



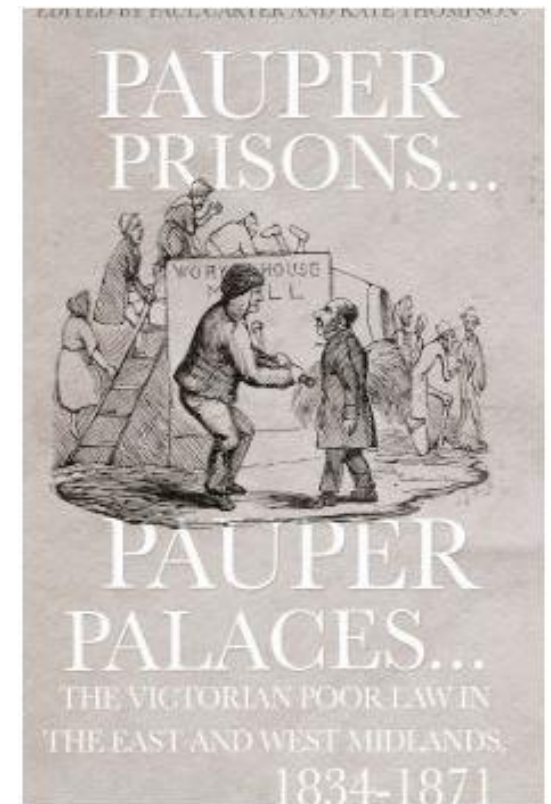
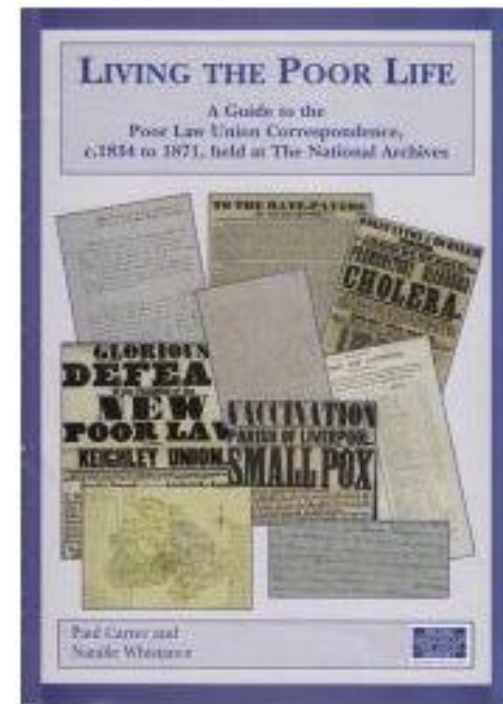
- *At the age of six, I was sent to the Sussex House School, a private school run by the Misses M. E. and C. A. Bushby, daughters of the Postmaster... we used the Congregational Sunday School Rooms ... two rooms and an outside toilet. [Later] the Misses Bushby built a house in West Street ... and there we had an Upper and a Lower Room with cloakroom and W. C. indoors.*
- *I began School at Miss Seliman's School in Cinque Ports Street... If you had to go to the toilet, you had to go down the dark staircase and across a cobbled yard.*
- *I went to Mrs. Kennett's School, a mixed school run by Mrs. Kennett and her daughter and we had to pay 2d a week - no free schooling in those days. We had no desk but had to sit on boxes on each side of the room. The sanitary arrangements were very bad - we had to walk up the garden! Mrs. Kennett was a very old lady... We had to stand by her table and read by pointing our finger on the letter. If we made a mistake she jabbed her needle into our finger as she would be darning stockings!*

18th and 19th century schooling: private and grammar schools:
Sunday, Ragged and workhouse schools; denominational schools and Board schools

**2 books here today on workhouses
(only £2; £6.99)**

**The workhouse school of Brighton Union-
the duties of the 'dairy woman'**

Besides 'the dairy itself, attending to the chimney twice a week, **I receive the children**, salt down all meat, and doing the chief part of my own washing, and evenings attend to the grate and chimney. Mornings up soon after 4 o'clock, two hours before the other officers are at work, and at work after theirs is done'.

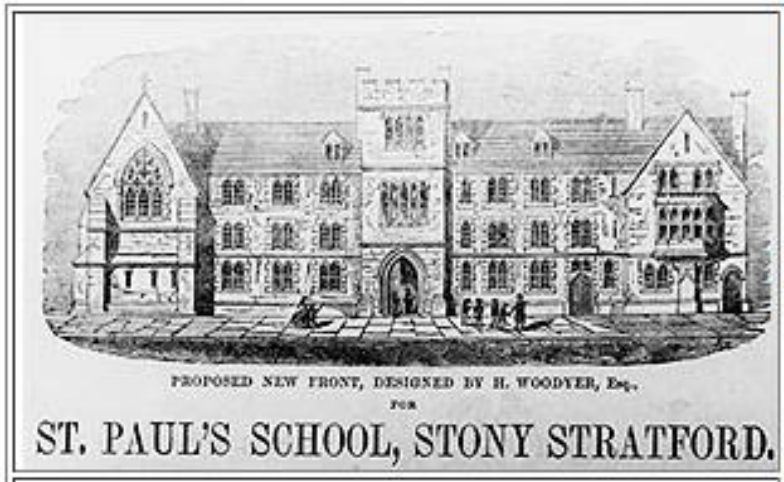


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Palaces (Paperback)**

St Pauls School, Stony Stratford , Bucks

The timetable and curriculum

- 5.45 a.m (summer), 6.45 am (winter): roll call
- School work began immediately
- Breakfast
- 8.30 a.m. to 10.30 am: lessons
- 11.30 to 1 pm: lessons
- Subjects: Latin, Greek, French, German, Mathematics, History, Logic, English Literature, and a little Science.
- Lunch
- Afternoons: outdoor games and walks
- 6pm until 8.30pm: school work
- 9.15pm: lights out.
- On Sundays and saints' days, an hour's religious study.



Finding county record offices/archives and the historical records in them

The catalogue Discovery

- Find records in The National Archives and archives across the country.
- Find the name, location and online catalogue of county and other archives
- <http://publicrecordsearch.co.uk/>

Search on 'apprentice' refined on '1500-1600' and 'Bristol'

Catalogue description

Register of apprentices

Reference:	BCC/A/2/9/1
Description:	Register of apprentices
Date:	1532-1658
Held by:	Bristol Archives, not available at The National Archives

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