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- 022 Whitechapel (St. Mary)
- 022.1 Aldgate (St. Botolph Without)
- 022.2 Minories
- 023 Spitalfields (Christ Church)
- 023.1 Liberty of Norton Folgate
- 024 Limehouse
- 025 St. George in the East
- 026 Ratcliff
- 027 Shadwell
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- 028.1 Precinct of St. Katharine's
- 028.2 Old Artillery Ground
- 029 Wapping

030 Poplar (*borough boundaries pre-1965*)

- 031 Bow and Old Ford
- 032 Bromley
- 033 Poplar (All Saints)
- 034 Pennyfields
- 035 Blackwall, Bow Creek
- 036 Isle of Dogs

040 Bethnal Green (*borough boundaries pre-1965*)

- 041 Cambridge Heath

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221.13	Holy Trinity, Tredegar Square
221.14	St. Augustine, Settles Street
221.15	St. Philip, Newark Street
221.16	St. Mark, Goodman's Fields
221.17	St. Luke, Burdett Road
221.18	St. Peter, Cephass Street
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221.2	St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel
221.20	St. Paul, Bow Common
221.21	St. Peter, Wapping, London Docks
221.22	St. Stephen, Spitalfields, Commercial Street
221.23	St. Faith, Shandy Street
221.24	St. Jude, Whitechapel
221.25	St. Peter ad Vincula, Chapel Royal of St. John
221.26	St. Thomas, Arbour Square
221.27	All Saints, Buxton Street
221.28	St. Matthew, Pell Street/Cable Street
221.29	St. John, Grove Street, later Golding Street
221.3	St. George-in-the-East, Cannon Street/Road
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653 Inns, taverns, public houses

653.1	Stepney
653.2	Poplar
653.3	Bethnal Green
654	Hotels
655	Restaurants, take-aways, cafes, coffee houses

660 Industries (including industrial estates)

660.1	Inventions
660.2	Training centres, training

670 Chemical industries

670.1	Match making
670.10	Chemicals
670.2	Paints and varnishes, inks, tars, asphalt
670.3	Brewing, wines, spirits, vinegar
670.4	Oils, fats, soaps
670.5	Foods, confectionary, flour, starch
670.6	Medicines
670.7	Coal
670.8	Tea
670.9	Sugar

680 Manufacturing

680.1	Glass, china, porcelain, pottery
680.10	Toys, models
680.11	Leather goods, boots, shoes
680.12	Whalebone
680.13	Slate, bricks, industrial pottery
680.14	Rubber
680.15	Other materials
680.2	Textile printing, scarlet dying, weaving
680.3	Rope making, jute
680.4	Tin and metal, bell manufacture, guns
680.5	Wood, furniture (<i>see also 690.3</i>)

680.6	Musical instruments
680.7	Cooperage, kegs and drums
680.8	Clothing
680.9	Paper, wallpaper

690 Engineering and building trades

690.1	Engineering, iron and steel
690.2	Building, painting and decorating
690.3	Timber (<i>see also 680.5</i>)
690.4	Roads and public works (<i>see also 387.2</i>)

700 Town planning and improvements, development

700.1	Stepney
700.2	Poplar (<i>see also 015.1</i>)
700.3	Bethnal Green

710 Parks, playgrounds, open spaces

710.1	Stepney
710.2	Poplar
710.3	Bethnal Green
711	Cemeteries and churchyards
711.1	Stepney
711.2	Poplar
711.3	Bethnal Green
712	Monuments, statues, plaques etc
712.1	Stepney
712.2	Poplar
712.3	Bethnal Green

720 Land and estates, property sales

720.1	Stepney
720.2	Poplar
720.3	Bethnal Green
720.4	Common land, poor's land
721	Residences, houses of historical or architectural interest, conservation areas
721.1	Stepney
721.2	Poplar
721.3	Bethnal Green
722	Municipal and public buildings
722.1	Stepney
722.2	Poplar

	722.3	Bethnal Green
730	Fine arts, crafts	
	730.1	Sculpture
	730.2	Carvings
	730.3	Coins, medals, tokens
	730.4	Brasses, bronzes, jewellery
	731	Arts festivals, societies, centres, and groups
	731.1	Stepney
	731.2	Poplar
	731.3	Bethnal Green
740	Drawing, decoration, design	
	740.1	Coats of arms, heraldic design
	740.2	Embroidery, samplers
750	Painting	
	750.1	Art galleries
	751	Collage, applique
760	Etching, engraving, lithography	
770	Photography, films (<i>photographs and film and video collection shelved separately</i>)	
	770.1	Film groups and camera clubs
	770.2	Films with local settings
780	Music	
	780.1	Songs with local settings, street songs and cries
	780.2	Bands, orchestras, pop groups, street musicians
	780.3	Choirs, choral and operatic societies
	780.4	Music concerts, festivals, concert halls
	780.6	Associations, harmonic societies, music societies
	781	Religious music
790	Recreation	
	790.1	Tourism

791	Municipal entertainment
791.1	Variety shows, concerts
791.2	Plays, operas
791.3	Other municipal entertainment, including quizzes
792	Public entertainments
792.1	Variety shows
792.2	Plays, operas
792.3	Other public entertainments including children's outings, parties, fireworks, circuses etc.
793	Dancing
793.1	Ballroom, square dances
793.2	Ballet
793.3	Folk dancing
794	Cinemas
794.1	Stepney
794.2	Poplar
794.3	Bethnal Green
795	Theatres, theatre groups, music halls
795.1	Stepney
795.2	Poplar
795.3	Bethnal Green
796	Radio, television, broadcasts
796.48	Olympic games
797	Sports (<i>see also 390.8</i>)
797.1	Football, rugby
797.10	Cycling, motoring
797.11	Fishing
797.12	Shooting
797.13	Hockey
797.14	Other sports
797.2	Cricket
797.3	Boxing, judo, karate, martial arts
797.4	Rowing, boating, canoeing
797.5	Swimming, diving
797.6	Bowls, bowling
797.7	Athletics
797.8	Model yachting
797.9	Flying, ballooning
798	Indoor activities
798.1	Billiards, snooker
798.2	Darts

798.3	Chess, tabletop games
798.4	Table tennis
798.5	Weightlifting
798.6	Bingo
798.7	Video games
799	Hobbies
799.1	Stamp collecting
799.10	Other collecting hobbies
799.2	Pigeon racing, hawking
799.3	Aquatics
799.4	Observation hobbies, birdwatching, trainspotting

800 Education

800.1	History of education
800.2	Authorities
800.3	School care communities, managers, governors
800.4	Teachers' associations, parents' unions, strikes
800.5	Exhibitions, educational weeks
800.6	Teacher training centres
810	Methods of education
810.1	Cinema, radio and television in education
810.2	Music, dancing, festivals
810.3	Gardening
810.4	Art and art festivals
810.5	Speech and drama festivals
810.6	Online learning
820	Schools
820.1	Stepney
820.2	Poplar
820.3	Bethnal Green
820.4	Schools outside the borough
821	Art and technical schools, nautical colleges
821.1	Stepney
821.2	Poplar
821.3	Bethnal Green
822	Evening and commercial institutes, further education
822.1	Stepney
822.2	Poplar
822.3	Bethnal Green

823	Special schools and centres, toy libraries
823.1	For people with physical disabilities
823.2	For people with learning disabilities
823.3	Open air schools
823.4	Kindergarten and nursery schools
823.5	Truancy centres
824	Play centres and recreational institutes
824.1	Stepney
824.2	Poplar
824.3	Bethnal Green
825	Sports in schools
830	Adult education
830.1	Stepney
830.2	Poplar
830.3	Bethnal Green

840 Library and information science

841	Librarians
841.1	Library staff
842	Legislation, hours
843	Community outreach
843.1	Lectures and talks
843.2	Films, plays, concerts
843.3	Story hours, children's' activities
843.4	Exhibitions and displays
843.5	Quizzes and competitions
844	Other library services
845	Publicity, carnival floats, book weeks, etc.
846	Accessioning
847	Departments, staff manuals
848	Publications, printed catalogues
849	Other
850	Libraries
850.1	Bancroft Library, Central Library
850.10	Tower Hamlets Local History Library and Archives
850.11	Whitechapel Library
850.12	Limehouse Library
850.13	Watney Market Idea Store, formerly Watney Market Library, St. George's Library
850.14	Stepney Library, formerly Sidney Street Library
850.15	Wapping Library
850.16	Royal Mint Street
850.17	Limehouse Fields
850.18	Mobile Library

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| 850.19 | Information office |
| 850.2 | Poplar Library, Brunswick Road |
| 850.20 | Poplar Library, Poplar High Street |
| 850.21 | Bow Idea Store, formerly Bow Library |
| 850.22 | Cubitt Town Idea Store, formerly Cubitt Town Library |
| 850.23 | Chrisp Street Idea Store, formerly Chrisp Street Library |
| 850.24 | Fairfoot Library |
| 850.25 | Wick Lane (North Bow Branch) |
| 850.3 | Bethnal Green Library |
| 850.31 | Dorset Library |
| 850.32 | Roman Road Library |
| 850.33 | Music Library |
| 850.34 | Tube Shelter Library |
| 850.35 | St. Mathew's Row (Church Row) |
| 850.36 | Free Library, London Street |
| 851 | Museums (<i>see also 900.6</i>) |
| 852 | East London History Society |
| 860 | Language, glossaries, dialects |
| 870 | Literature and local authors (<i>shelved separately</i>) |
| 870.1 | Criticism of literature relating to the East End |
| 870.2 | Children's literature |
| 880 | Archives, family history |
| 880.1 | Genealogy |
| 890 | Periodicals, newspapers (<i>mostly shelved separately</i>) |
| 900 | Shipping |
| 900.1 | Directories, registers of shipping |
| 900.2 | Calendars and almanacs |
| 900.4 | Societies, institutions |
| 900.5 | Unions, guilds, associations |
| 900.6 | Museums, exhibitions |
| 901 | Shipbuilding and repairs |
| 901.1 | Thames shipbuilding and marine engineering |
| 901.2 | Local shipbuilding and marine engineering |
| 901.3 | Shipbuilding and marine engineering in other locations (<i>no longer used</i>) |

902	Biographies of maritime figures (<i>no longer used, see 100</i>)
903	Shipping lines and companies
904	Types of ships
905	Merchant ships
906	Sailing ships
907	Steamboats
910	Maritime art
911	Sea voyages
912	Piracy and privateering
914	Lifeboats
914.1	Trinity House and Wharf
914.2	Royal National Lifeboat Institution
914.3	Pilots (sea and river)
915	Seaman's missions
960	Docks
960.1	Port of London Authority acts and orders
961	PLA Police, Dock Police
962	Port Transport Industry (<i>no longer used</i>)
963	Port of London and docks
964	Local docks
964.1	Early docks and dock schemes
964.2	East India Docks
964.3	West India Docks, Poplar Docks
964.4	Millwall Docks
964.5	London Docks
964.6	St. Katharine's Docks
964.7	Regent's Canal Dock (Limehouse Basin)
965	Docks outside Tower Hamlets
965.1	King George V Dock
965.2	Royal Albert Dock and Royal Victoria Dock
965.3	Greenland Dock and Surrey Commercial Docks
965.4	Tilbury Docks
966	Wharves, quays, warehouses, piers, stairs
966.1	Local wharves and piers
966.2	Local warehouses

967	Dock labour and conditions
967.1	Dock workers, lightermen, pay and conditions
967.2	Strikes and disputes
967.3	Unions and associations
967.5	Social and welfare institutions

970 River Thames

970.1	Acts and orders
971	History and description of the Thames
972	Bridges (<i>see also 388</i>)
973	Tunnels (<i>see also 389</i>)
974	Thames Police
975	River Services
976	Thames Livery Companies
976.1	Acts and orders
977	River Thames, physical
977.1	Floods, tides, barrage schemes
977.2	Frosts
977.3	Drainage
977.4	Geography
977.5	Pollution (<i>see also 610.3</i>)
978	Literature and songs (<i>no longer used, see 780, 870</i>)

980 River Lee

980.1	Acts and orders
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981 Canals

982 Lost rivers

990 East India Company

990.1	Acts and orders
990.2	Letters and minutes
991	History
991.1	East India Company in Poplar
994	East India Company in Asia
995	Biographies (<i>no longer used, see 100</i>)
996	India Office Records
997	East Indiamen
997.1	Early history (<i>no longer used, see 991</i>)

Appendix 1. How to use this classification scheme

Tower Hamlets Local History Library covers a wide range of popular East End subjects, ranging from biographies of local people to migration, local industries, and political movements. The library collects published material in a variety of formats, including:

- Books and pamphlets
- Cuttings and ephemera
- Photographs and illustrations
- Maps
- Newspapers and periodicals
- Films and videos

Library materials¹ are organised according to a bespoke classification system based on **Dewey Decimal Classification** but modified to suit the unique requirements of our collection. You may already be familiar with the Dewey system as it is used widely in public libraries (including Tower Hamlets Idea Stores), and our classification scheme is structured in a similar hierarchical way designed for ease of navigation.

This *Classification Scheme* and our related *Subject Guide* can be used to help you find relevant material for your research when browsing books on our open shelves, when requesting boxed material from staff (such as pamphlets, cuttings, or photographs), and when searching our online catalogue at www.thcatalogue.org.uk.²

Our archive collections are not organised according to this classification scheme but can be searched and browsed via our online catalogue.

A note on numbering

The numbering sequence in this scheme should be largely intuitive, as items are filed in numerical order and decimal points work the same way they do in mathematics and in the Dewey system. For example, **081.1** comes after **081** but before **081.2**, and **221.19** precedes **221.2**.

Unlike in Dewey or mathematics however, some of our unique class numbers end in a zero *after* the decimal point. For example, the class number for Danish churches in Stepney is **222.10**, which is different from **222.1**, the class number for Stepney Church of England churches.

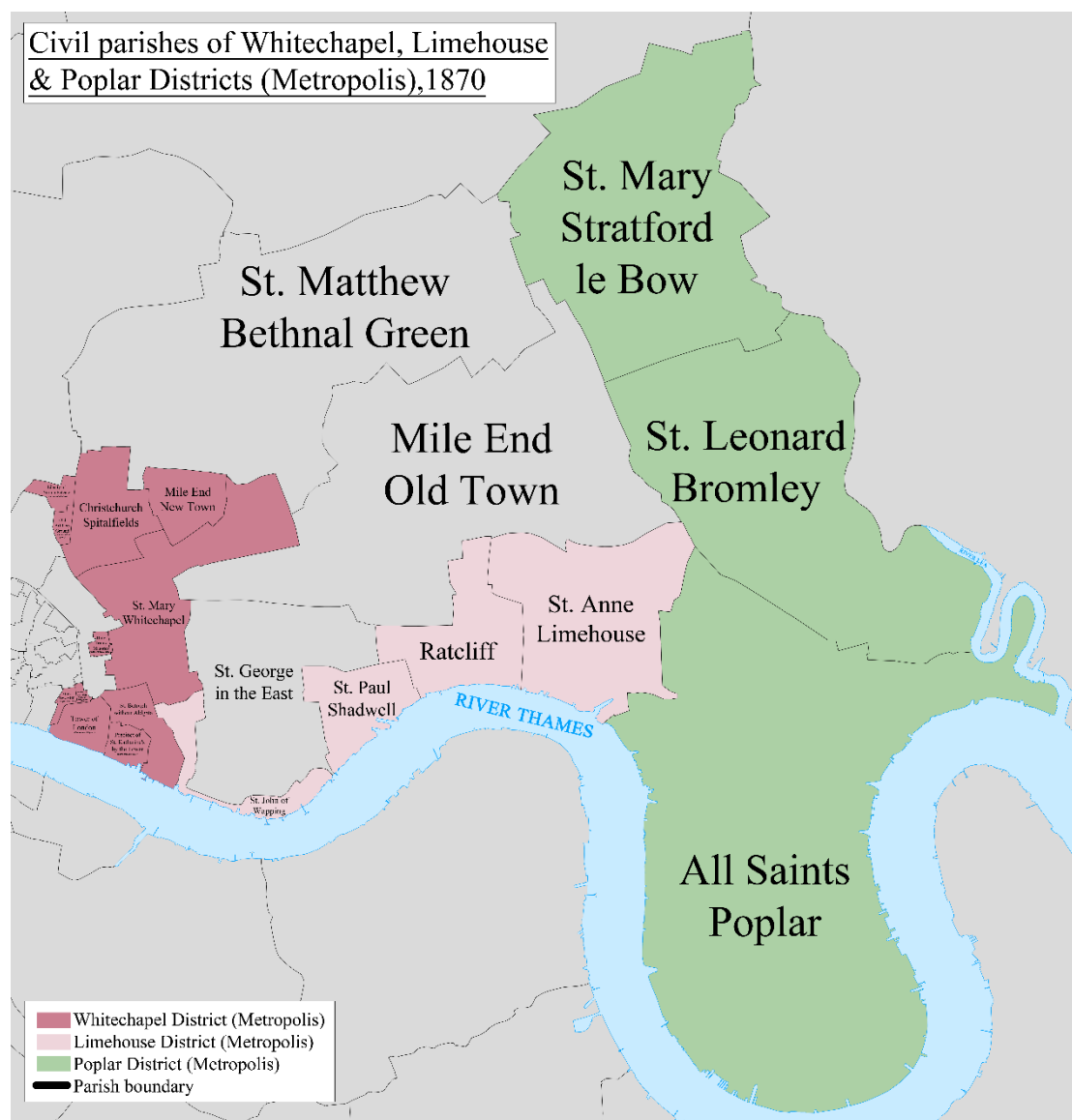
¹ Excluding electoral registers, directories, maps and plans, films and videos, some named image collections, and most newspapers and periodicals.

² To search for all material under a specific classmark, visit our online catalogue, click on 'Advanced search' and enter your desired classmark in the 'Class' field. You can use the 'wildcard' asterisk (*) character to expand your search to include multiple related subject classes. For example, searching **081*** will retrieve not just items classed under **081** but **081.1**, **081.2** and **081.3** as well, or a search for **7*** will retrieve everything classed in the 700s (our 'Arts and recreation' section).

This unusual feature has the potential to cause confusion when browsing the shelves, as **222.10** is numerically the same as **222.1** but comes after it in our system. If in doubt, the sequence below shows how our numbering system works in practice:

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Appendix 2. Map of parish and borough boundaries



Source: En.wikipedia.org. 2021. Mile End New Town. [online] Available at: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mile_End_New_Town#/media/File:Stepney_Civil_Parish_Map_1870.png> [Accessed 10 March 2021].

Many subjects in this classification scheme are subdivided geographically by historic metropolitan borough (Stepney, Poplar, Bethnal Green) or parish (e.g. Christ Church, Spitalfields). This map shows the boundaries, locations and extent of parishes in Tower Hamlets circa 1870 and can be used to help identify relevant reference numbers.

All parishes within the former Metropolitan Borough of Poplar are coloured green, the Metropolitan Borough of Bethnal Green shared its boundaries with the parish of St. Matthew, and all other parishes shown above were part of the Metropolitan Borough of Stepney.