

Land and Lives in Bromley-by-Bow



Key Stage Two Teacher's Learning Pack

This learning pack has been produced by Tower Hamlets Local History Library & Archives as part of the Heritage Lottery funded **Land and Lives** project. Using archival title deeds alongside historical maps and illustrations, this pack has been created as a flexible resource to help your students connect with the history of the Bromley-by-Bow area.

Included in this pack

- **Teacher's notes for historical context**
- **Key Stage Two classroom activities**

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Teacher's notes

Flanking the western bank of the River Lea, Bromley-by-Bow is bordered by Bow to the north, Mile End and Limehouse to the west and Poplar to the south.

Of the present day borough of Tower Hamlets, Bromley-by-Bow was the last neighborhood to lose the character of a rural village. In medieval times much of it lay in the ecclesiastical manor belonging to the nunnery of St Leonard. The Four Mills in Bromley (not to be confused with the Three Mills on the eastern bank) were used as flour mills, supplying Londoners with bread, and as fulling mills (watermills adapted for beating cloth).



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With the dissolution of religious houses in England, the nunnery's lands came into the hands of the Crown, and afterwards the manor of Bromley appears divided into an upper and a lower part. During the early 17th century, two fine mansions were built in the upper manor: Bromley Palace and Bromley Hall, the first of which may originally have been intended for the use of James I. By the early 18th century, Bromley village was known as an upper-class area. Separated from the city and the docks by land given over to market

gardens and pasture, its residences were sought after by wealthy and titled families.

In 1770, a waterway called the Limehouse Cut was opened, stimulating the growth of new industries. The lower manor house, Bromley Hall, became the centre of a large calico printworks, specialising in copper-plate printed textiles. The new century saw this new class of industrialists succeeding the titled classes as major landowners. The further development of industry, including the unpopular chemical industries, transformed the parish. Numerous streets of terraced housing were laid out after 1850 for the growing working population, which rose from about 3,500 in 1811 to 70,000 by 1891.

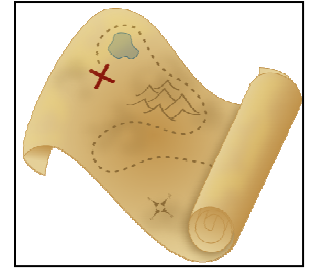
Though some slum clearance had begun before World War II, it was not until after the Blitz that a major transformation of Bromley's landscape took place, which saw the disappearance of the vast majority of its streets of Victorian terraces and the development of new social housing, including the Teviot Estate, south of the Limehouse Cut, and the Abbott Estate to the east.



In the late 20th and 21st centuries, the decline of industry has seen the construction of many blocks of private flats, most particularly adjacent to the Limehouse Cut.

Note: The image on page 9 is of East India Dock Road, looking towards the docks, during 1924.

Maptastic Activity



Choose two of the maps.

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Write down five things that HAVEN'T changed...

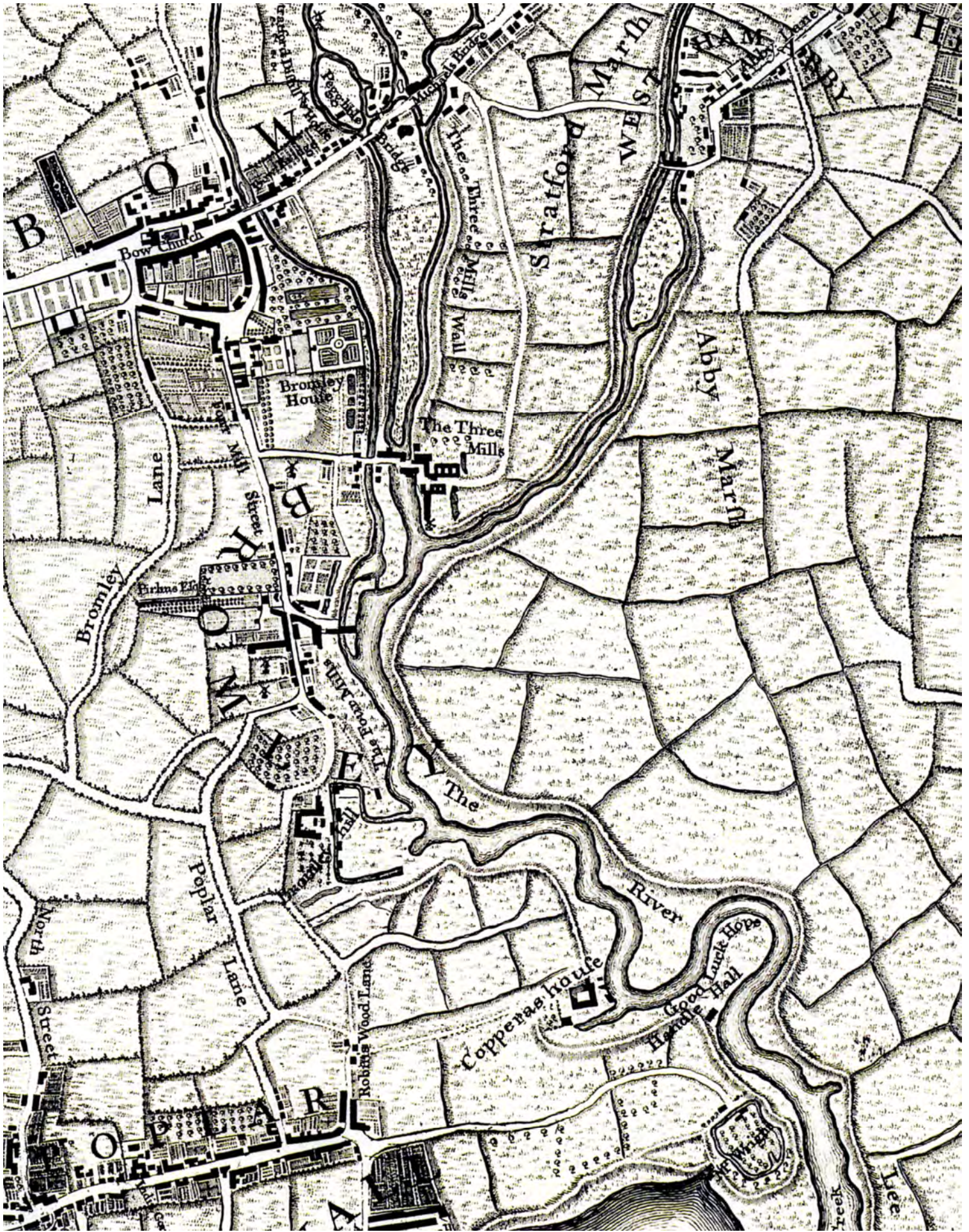
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Section from 1746 Roque map



SUBURBS
In which every Dwelling House is delineated.
Surveyed and first published
RICHARD HORWOOD
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Third Edition

For the purpose of rendering this NEW EDITION of Mr Horwood's map correct as far as the nature of the work would admit; & that has been carefully re-surveyed throughout, from which all Alterations & other Improvements are now inserted to the present THIS EDITION has likewise been augmented with eight new maps eastward to the River Lea, thereby comprehending those important LONDON, WEST INDIA and EAST INDIA DOCK
by the proprietor WILLIAM FADEN,
Geographer to His Majesty & to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and Published by him, June 4th 1807.

Scale of 20 Chains or a quarter of a Mile
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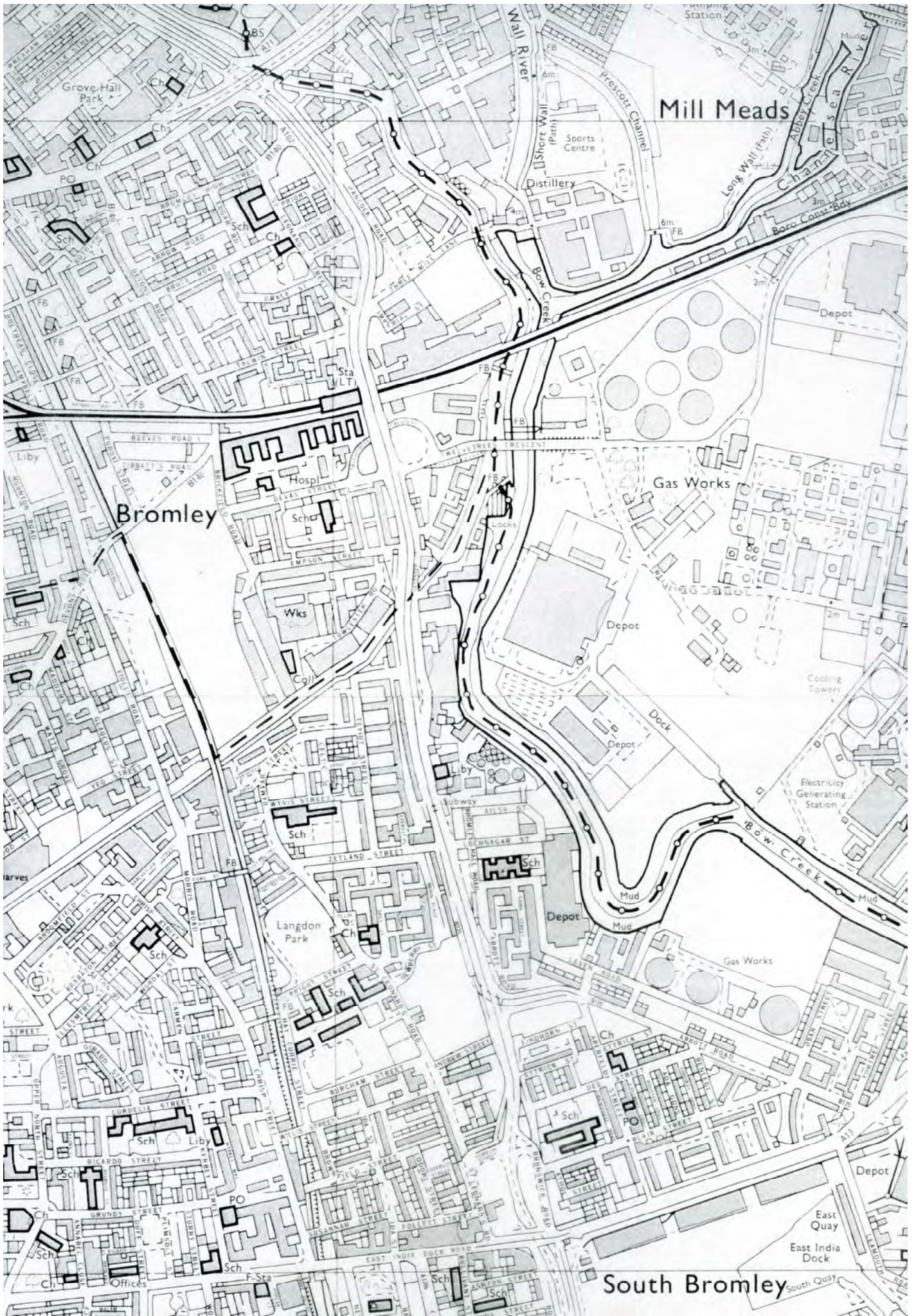
East India Dock Road

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Section from 1790s Horwood map



Section from 1894 Ordnance Survey map



Section from 1985 Ordnance Survey map

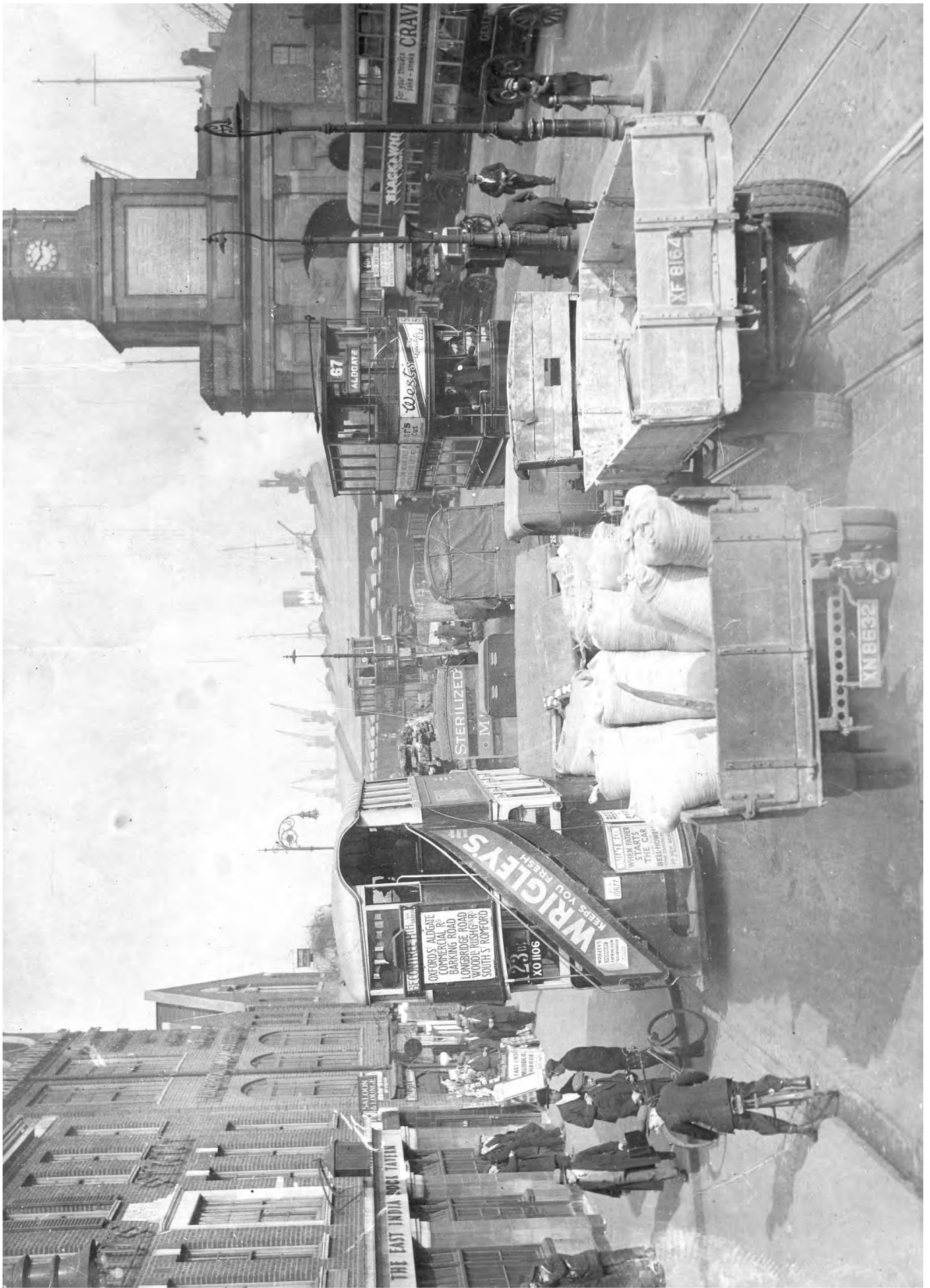
Mystery Image!



Look at the image.

Write down what you think you know about the image - for example, where / when is it and who is in the picture?

Write down any questions that you have about the image - for example, where are the people going?



Deeds Detectives!

You have a copy of a document, called a *property deed*, or *Indenture*, which tells you who owns the pub on the left of the picture in the *Mystery Image* activity.



Look at the property deed. Can you find the following words? Cross the words out with pencil when you've found them.

East India Dock Road

East India Dock Tavern

One thousand nine hundred and twenty four (1924)

Land

Four hundred pounds

Eight hundred pounds

The Parish of Saint Leonards Bromley

Indenture

'Indenture' = an important agreement between two or more people.

'Deed' = a document that tells us who owns a piece of land or a building.

'Parish' = an area that has, or used to have, its own church

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15th - 16th - 17th

This Indenture made the twentieth day of March One thousand nine hundred twenty four Between

Daniel Hickey of The East India Dock Tavern
East India Dock Road in the County of
Middlesex

Licensed Victualler (hereinafter called "the Mortgagor") of the one part and
WATNEY COMBE REID & CO. LIMITED) whose Registered Office is
The Stag Brewery Pimlico in the County of Middlesex and who are hereinafter
called "the Company") of the other part

2 Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of Four hundred
pounds

_____ now paid by the Company to the Mortgagor
(the receipt whereof the Mortgagor hereby acknowledges) the Mortgagor
hereby covenants with the Company that the Mortgagor will immediately on
such demand as hereinafter mentioned pay to the Company the sum of
Four hundred pounds

_____ and every other sum of money
which may hereafter become due from the Mortgagor to the Company for
goods sold money lent or advanced to or for the use of or on account of the
Mortgagor or on any other account whatsoever (not exceeding altogether
including the said sum of Four hundred pounds

_____ the total
principal sum of Eight hundred pounds

_____) And also will in the meantime so long as
the said sum of Four hundred pounds

_____ or any principal sum
which may hereafter become due as aforesaid or any part thereof respectively
shall remain due under these Presents or under any Judgment which shall
be signed in respect of any moneys owing under these Presents pay to the
Company interest for the same (except for such portion thereof as may be due
for goods sold) at the rate of five pounds per cent. per annum

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3 And this Indenture also witnesseth that for the consideration aforesaid the Mortgagor as Beneficial Owner doth hereby demise and convey unto the Company **All that** *piece or parcel of land or ground with the messuage or tenement outbuildings and premises known as The East India Dock Tavern or Dock House situate lying and being on the North side of the East India Dock Road and therein Numbered 293 in the Parish of Saint Leonards Bromley in the County of Middlesex Together with the messuage or tenement yard and premises adjoining eastward to the premises lastly described and Numbered 295 which said piece or parcel of land with the said messuage and premises contains by admeasurement in front next the East India Dock Road 51 feet at the rear or back thereof 58 feet 11 inches from North to South on the west side thereof 75 feet and from North to South on the East thereof 79 feet 10 inches to the said several dimensions little more or less and which said messuages or tenements and premises are more particularly delineated and shown on the plan drawn and shown on the first page of the Indenture* **And All and Singular** other the hereditaments and premises comprised in and demised by the Indenture of Lease specified in the Schedule hereto (hereinafter called "the Scheduled Lease") **To hold** all the said premises unto the Company for all the residue now unexpired of the term of years granted by the Scheduled Lease except the last day of such term subject to the proviso for redemption hereinafter contained

4 And this Indenture also witnesseth that for the consideration aforesaid the Mortgagor as Beneficial Owner doth hereby assign unto the Company **All that** the goodwill and connection of the business carried on by him in and upon the said Public House and premises hereinbefore expressed to be hereby demised Together with the Justices' and Excise Licenses for carrying on the said business and the full benefit thereof respectively **To hold** all the said premises hereinbefore expressed to be hereby assigned unto the Company absolutely subject to the proviso for redemption hereinafter contained

5 **Provided** always and it is hereby Agreed that if the Mortgagor shall either on or without any such demand by the Company as hereinafter mentioned pay to the Company all the principal moneys for the time being owing under these Presents together with interest thereon up to the date of

* of Lease specified
in the Schedule
hereto