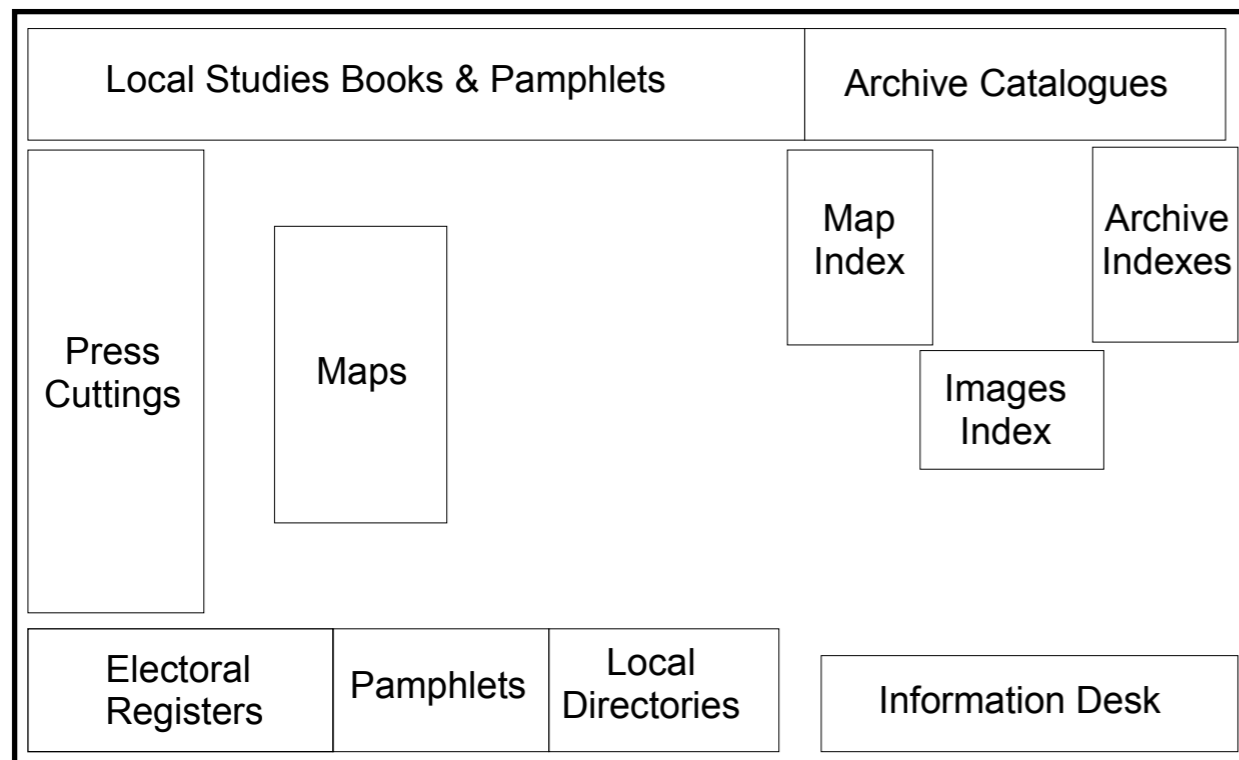


# Discover your House History

## Tips from Lambeth Archives

### Lambeth Archives Search Room



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### Opening Hours

Monday 1pm - 8pm  
Tuesday 10am - 6pm  
Thursday 10am - 6pm  
Friday 10am - 3pm  
Saturday 9am - 1pm & 2 - 5pm

This leaflet contains a selection of tips and sources from Lambeth Archives to help you uncover the history of your house.

Archives enable all of us to discover the stories, facts, places and people that are at the heart of our communities. We hope this leaflet will encourage you to take time to explore Lambeth Archives.

# When was my house built? What was the area like?

# Who lived in my house?

## Lambeth Landmark

<http://landmark.lambeth.gov.uk>

A good place to start when researching your house history is our image website, Lambeth landmark. Use the search boxes on the right of the screen to search for images of your street or area.

## Images Index

If you can't find what you need on Landmark, try the images index in our search room.

*Useful for: images, age of a building, understanding the local area*

## Local Studies Library

Arranged by local area and subject, our local studies library contains books and pamphlets about the history of Lambeth on the shelves and in the blue boxes around the walls.

*Useful for: Background information on the history of your local area or more specific information on a particular topic e.g. architecture.*

## Maps

We hold large-scale maps back to the 1870s, and older maps too.

*Useful for: understanding how your street developed over time, and discovering what was there before your street was built.*

## Drainage Records

We hold drainage records for every street in Lambeth.

*Useful for: age of a building, can include floor plans*

## Archive indexes

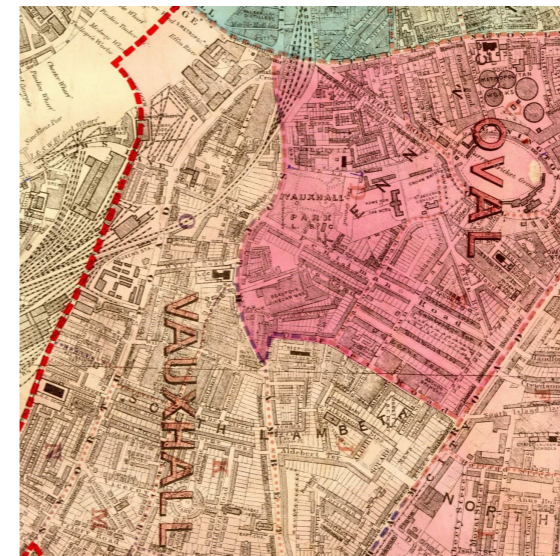
You can use the archive street index to look for references to your street.

*Useful for: old title deeds, street re-numbering files, or even council records about the area's development.*

## World War Two bomb damage incident reports

We hold incident reports for every bomb that fell in Lambeth during World War Two. They are indexed by street name.

*Useful for: finding out if your road was directly affected by air raids.*



## Local Directories

These volumes list trades and occupants of houses and streets across London, if they chose to be listed. Best between the 1840s and 1920s.

*Useful for: giving a feel for the area in general and the names of and types of people who lived and traded there.*

## Census Returns, 1841-1901 on microfilm

Indexed by street, and recorded once a decade. These are, of course, also searchable by name on Ancestry.com which can be accessed for free in most Lambeth Libraries.

*Useful for: finding out about the people who lived in a residence at a certain time, their age and occupation.*

## Electoral Registers, 1832— present day

These are generally indexed by street, and include those who were registered to vote in Lambeth at that time.

*Useful for: the people who lived in a residence, their status.*

## Rate Books and Valuation Lists

Also street indexed, these records show details of rate payers in Lambeth. Covers 1790s to 1960s with some gaps.

*Useful for: the people who lived in a residence, their status, and finding out who owned the property .*

**Know a surname? You could try our name index, which sometimes can help you find old title deeds relating to land and property.**