

Islington Local History Centre holds over 1000 sheets of maps and plans covering the Islington area. These are a valuable source for local history, family history, and educational projects and business research.

The map collection includes reproductions of early London maps, together with other street plans of London; Ordnance Survey maps; parish maps; bomb damage maps; street and district maps; architectural drawings of municipal buildings. Below are examples from the collection:

London and Finsbury (Clerkenwell and St Luke's)

Finsbury is shown on many early views and maps of London.

- 1560 Map of London. Surveyed by R. Agas.
See *A-Z of Elizabethan London*.
- 1746 Plan of the Cities of London, Westminster and Southwark. Surveyed by John Rocque.
Scale 26 ins: 1 mile
See also *A-Z of Georgian London*.
- 1769 John Rocque. Plan of the Cities of London, Westminster and Southwark. Surveyed by John Rocque.
Scale 26in: 1 mile. Revised
- 1792- J. Horwood. Plan of London and Westminster
1799 Scale 26 ins: 1 mile, (sections C1, D1, D2, E1 & E2 covering Finsbury)
See also *A-Z of Regency London* for 3rd edition (1819).
- 1805 Map of the parish of Clerkenwell. Surveyed by James Tyner.
- 1808 Plan of the parish of Clerkenwell. Surveyed by Thomas Horner; 1813 edition also available.
- 1813 Map of the parish of Clerkenwell. Produced by Faden based on Horwood's 1792-99 plan of London.
- 1832 Plan of London. Surveyed for and produced by the *United Kingdom* paper
- 1838 Plan of London. Published by Crutchley.
- 1862 Stanford's Library Map of London (sheets 2, 7 & 8 covering Finsbury and Islington)
- 1865 Map of the parish of Clerkenwell. Surveyed by James Wyld for William Pink's *History of Clerkenwell*.
- 1895 Plan of parish of St Luke, Middlesex. Surveyed by M C Meaby.

Some of the above maps also cover parts of St Mary, Islington parish.

St Mary, Islington

- 1735 Map of parish of St Mary, Islington; a survey of the roads and footpaths etc. Surveyed by Henry Warner.
- 1800 Map of parish of St Mary, Islington; a plan of the roads and footpaths etc. Surveyed by Edward Baker.
- 1800 Map of Islington estates
See *Victoria County History of Middlesex*, Vol.VIII

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- 1805 Map of parish of St Mary, Islington. Surveyed by Richard Dent (in eight parts)
- 1817 Plan of parish of St Mary, Islington and its environs. Surveyed by Benjamin and Edward Baker.
- 1827 Map of parish of St Mary, Islington. Surveyed by Richard Dent in 1805/06; corrected by Samuel Rhodes.
- 1841 Parish map of Islington. Published by Samuel Lewis.
- 1859 Map of London. Surveyed and produced by Edward Weller (Islington section only)
- 1859 Plan of the parish of St Mary, Islington (showing ecclesiastical districts and parochial wards).
- 1866 Plan of the parish of St Mary, Islington (including Pentonville and part of the parish of Clerkenwell). Surveyed, drawn and engraved by John Dower.

Ordnance Survey maps

Pre- World War II

- 1871-75; 1894-96 (Scale 60 ins: 1 mile). At least one sheet at one date for Finsbury and Islington.
- 1910-14: Godfrey facsimile series (Scale 15 ins: 1 mile reduced from 25 ins: 1 mile).
- 1930s (London County Council revision): OS maps for the 1930s are available at London Metropolitan Archives.

Post World War II

- 1950s-2005. Scale 1: 1,250 (c. 50 ins: 1 mile). Finsbury and Islington (later LB Islington) - almost complete.

Bomb damage maps

Facsimile copies of maps covering the Islington area. Produced by the London County Council Architect's Department (1946) using scale 25 in: 1 mile Ordnance Survey maps. These are colour coded to show damage by enemy action. The maps may be used in conjunction with the Centre's (1946) RAF aerial photographic survey of bomb damage to the Islington area.

Architectural plans

A small collection of architectural plans is held in the Centre, mainly covering former municipal buildings in Finsbury, including; Ironmonger Row public baths, Finsbury Town Hall and various public libraries.

Further maps and plans covering the Islington area are available at London Metropolitan Archives.

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