

LOCAL AND FAMILY HISTORY RESOURCES FOR THE BOROUGH OF WANDSWORTH

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Cover map: The present Borough of Wandsworth, showing the boundaries of the ancient parishes within it. Tooting Bec and Balham were in Streatham parish, only part of which is in the present Borough. The small unlabelled area between Balham and Battersea was a detached part of Clapham parish.

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INTRODUCTION

This guide is intended to help anyone researching local history or genealogy relating to the Borough of Wandsworth to find relevant material. It covers the modern Borough, which includes Putney, Roehampton, Wandsworth, Southfields, Earlsfield, Battersea, Tooting and Balham.

The abbreviations used here are A2A (the Access to Archives database – see below), LMA (London Metropolitan Archives), PRO/NA (National Archives, formerly Public Record Office) and WLHS (Wandsworth Local History Service).

No guide such as this can be exhaustive, and when visiting record offices it is always worth scouring their indexes and catalogues, since records often turn up where not expected. When making notes, always record where you found the information (both the record office and the document reference) – otherwise, if you or anyone else needs to find it again, a long search may be needed.

Note that internet addresses change frequently. If those given in this guide do not work, try the home page of the organisation concerned, or search on www.google.co.uk.

Administrative areas

The location of archives relating to the Borough of Wandsworth is complicated mainly because of the number of different types of authority and the changes made in their powers and boundaries as London grew in the nineteenth century. Records are often in unexpected places, and knowledge of administrative history can help in the search for them.

Parishes: Four ancient parishes and part of a fifth constitute the modern Borough of Wandsworth: Putney (including Roehampton), Wandsworth (including Southfields and Earlsfield), Battersea, Tooting Graveney and part of Streatham (i.e. Tooting Bec and Balham). The parish authorities (often called vestries) began to lose their powers in the nineteenth century, but in their new form as ‘civil parishes’ (from 1855) they remained important administrative bodies until 1900. New ecclesiastical parishes began to be formed in 1845, but these had no administrative functions.

Boroughs etc.: Parishes began to be grouped under the Poor Law Act 1834, when the Wandsworth and Clapham Union included the whole of the present Borough. In 1855 the same parishes (Putney, Wandsworth, Battersea, Clapham, Streatham and Tooting Graveney) formed the Wandsworth District Board of Works, which had responsibilities in respect of roads, sewers and public health; the area was also subject to the Metropolitan Board of Works from 1855 to 1889. Battersea exercised its right to form a separate District Board in 1887. When Metropolitan Boroughs were formed in 1900, the District Board boundaries were followed, so Battersea became a separate Borough and the other parishes formed the Borough of Wandsworth. In 1965 the Boroughs of Wandsworth and Battersea were merged, but

Clapham and much of the former parish of Streatham were transferred to the Borough of Lambeth (though WLHS still has many records and illustrations relating to them).

Counties: The whole area was within the County of Surrey until 1889 (hence the records in Surrey History Centre). It then came under the authority of London County Council, from 1889 to 1965, and Greater London Council, from 1965 until the Council's abolition in 1986.

Dioceses: The whole area except Putney parish was in the Diocese of Winchester. Putney was a 'peculiar' directly under the Archbishop of Canterbury, forming part of the Deanery of Croydon (hence many of the records at Lambeth Palace Library). All the parishes, including Putney, were transferred in 1846 to the Diocese of London, in 1877 to the Diocese of Rochester and in 1905 to the newly-established Diocese of Southwark.

Manors: For manors, only one of which in the area covered here coincided with a parish, see the section on manorial records below.

Access to Archives (A2A)

Indexes are increasingly finding their way onto the internet, so it is now possible to conduct much preliminary research from home, and even sometimes to see the records themselves at home. A particularly important and rapidly-growing website is the Access to Archives or A2A database (www.a2a.org.uk), which is developing into an index of the contents of record offices throughout the country, and is referred to several times below. It can be searched by personal name, place name, subject keyword or archive category, and already includes much material from the House of Lords Record Office, Lambeth Palace Library, London Metropolitan Archives and Surrey History Centre.

Wandsworth Historical Society

Wandsworth Historical Society exists to promote research in local history in the areas which now form the Borough of Wandsworth. It holds monthly meetings on aspects of the Borough's past or other historical or archaeological subjects, has occasional visits to places of historical interest, organises local archaeological fieldwork, and publishes a journal, *The Wandsworth Historian*, twice a year (sent to all members). A Research Group meets three times a year to exchange information and advice.

The subscription, running to 31 March each year, is £8 (junior membership for under 18s £2; family membership £8 plus 50p for each interested person at the same address – only one copy of *The Wandsworth Historian*); this should be sent to the Membership Secretary, c/o Wandsworth Museum, 11 Garratt Lane, Wandsworth, SW18 4AQ.

Wandsworth Museum

Wandsworth Museum is in the former Surrey County Court building (built 1860) at 11 Garratt Lane, Wandsworth, SW18 4AQ (opposite Wandsworth Shopping Centre); phone 020 8871 7074; website www.wandsworth.gov.uk/museum. It has permanent displays on the Borough and the separate localities within it, and a programme of exhibitions, talks and events. Opening hours are Tues-Fri 10-5 and Sat-Sun 2-5. Admission is free.

Items in reserve collections, which include topographical watercolours, photographs and social history artefacts, can be seen by appointment. The Museum's Education Service offers special sessions for school groups (020 8871 7075).

RECORD OFFICES

Wandsworth Local History Service (WLHS)

Address: Battersea Library, 265 Lavender Hill, London SW11 1JB
Phone: 020 8871 7753
e-mail: jgregson@wandsworth.gov.uk
Website: www.wandsworth.gov.uk/museum
Hours: Tues, Wed 10-8; Fri 10-5; Sat 9-1; closed Mon, Thurs
Readers' tickets: none
Advance booking: advisable for archives
Railway station: Clapham Junction
Food: cafes and pubs nearby

This is the essential starting point for local history research. It includes:

- excellent collections of illustrations (c.13,000; card-indexed), directories and printed material;
- a comprehensive collection of maps;
- local newspapers (usually on microfilm), including *Wandsworth Borough News* from 1885; also parish magazines;
- census records on microfilm or microfiche, together with street indexes for each year and personal name indexes for 1851 and 1881;
- original parish records, including vestry minutes, churchwardens' accounts, rate books and paupers' examinations, together with published or microfilmed parish registers;
- Petty Sessions records 1786-1869;
- manuscript and printed records of local authorities, starting with Wandsworth District Board of Works in 1857;
- drainage plans, c.1876-1950s, but Battersea 1862-1930 (often including detailed floor plans and elevations of buildings and indicating the date of construction; indexes available); also a separate series of new building notices and plans c.1860s-1980s (arranged by street and house number but not indexed);
- electoral registers 1898-1900 and 1907- 2001 (but Battersea from 1885 onwards);
- scrapbooks on themes or local personalities;
- miscellaneous original records, e.g. concerning Battersea Bridge 1764-1880, the campaign to save Wandsworth Common c.1870, Roehampton Garden Society c.1893-1940 and the Nind family 1653-1881.

There is an erratic but enormous and invaluable card index, covering (among other things) the local newspapers at certain periods. Other indexes exist, such as one covering sources for Battersea history; the staff can advise about these.

The main Reference Library has complete sets of *Illustrated London News* (from 1842) and *The Builder* (from 1843).

British Library, Manuscripts Collection

Address: 96 Euston Road, London NW1 2DB
Phone: 020 7412 7513
e-mail: mss@bl.uk
Website: www.bl.uk/collections/manuscripts.html
Hours: Mon 10-5, Tues-Sat 9.30-5
Readers' tickets: required (letter of introduction needed on first visit)
Advance booking: none (but documents can be ordered in advance)
Railway station: King's Cross; St Pancras
Food: cafeteria

The most important material here is the Althorp Papers (part of the Spencer family archive, now numbered among the Additional Manuscripts), particularly the manorial and other maps for the Wandsworth area. Many other documents of local interest are scattered among the collections. The catalogue can be searched at www.bl.uk/catalogues/manuscripts.html.

Family Records Centre

Address: 1 Myddelton Street, Islington, London EC1R 1UW
Phone: (general enquiries) 020 8392 5300; (certificate enquiries) 0845 603 7788
e-mail: (general enquiries) frc@nationalarchives.gov.uk; (certificate enquiries) certificate.services@ons.gov.uk
Website: www.familyrecords.gov.uk/frc
Hours: Mon, Wed, Fri 9-5; Tues 10-7; Thurs 9-7; Sat 9.30-5
Readers' tickets: none
Advance booking: none
Railway station: Farringdon; Angel; King's Cross
Food: place to eat own food; drinks machines; cafes etc. nearby

Contains the indexes of births, marriages and deaths from 1837 (from which the more detailed certificates can be ordered), and, on microfilm or microfiche, census records, Prerogative Court of Canterbury wills to 1858, Death Duty registers 1796-1858 and indexes 1796-1903, and non-parochial (nonconformist) registers (mostly pre-1837). (The microfilms, except the census ones, can also be seen at the PRO/NA at Kew.)

Guildhall Library

Address: Aldermanbury, London EC2P 2EJ
Phone: 020 7332 1863/2 (Manuscripts); 020 7332 1839 (Prints and Maps); 020 7332 1868/70 (Printed Books)
e-mail: manuscripts.guildhall@corpoflondon.gov.uk;
printedbooks.guildhall@corpoflondon.gov.uk

Website: <http://ihr.sas.ac.uk/gh/> (for the manuscripts department);
www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/libraries
Hours: Mon-Sat 9.30-5 (restricted service Sat and Prints and Maps closed; closed on Sat of bank holiday weekends)
Readers' tickets: none
Advance booking: none
Railway station: Bank; St Paul's; Mansion House; Moorgate
Food: place for eating own food; cafes etc. nearby

There is a large collection of printed works (including directories) covering every aspect of London's history in the main library, a fine collection of maps and illustrations in the prints and maps department, and some relevant material in the manuscripts department. The latter includes fire insurance records and records of most of the City livery companies, some of which, such as the Gardeners Company, were interested in an area stretching as far as Wandsworth and Putney. A large proportion of the well-to-do inhabitants of the Wandsworth area up to the nineteenth century also had London homes, so parish registers, wills and other genealogical sources at Guildhall Library may provide information about them; see Richard Harvey (comp.), *A guide to genealogical sources in Guildhall Library* (4th edn., 1997). The manuscripts department produces a number of useful leaflets, which can be found on the website.

The library catalogue, covering the manuscripts as well as printed books, is at www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/librarycatalogue. All the prints and drawings are indexed and can be searched for and viewed at <http://collage.cityoflondon.gov.uk>. For the fire insurance records, see the indexes and abstracts being produced for the Wandsworth area by Tony Evans, the first being *Local and family history from fire insurance policies (for the 18th & 19th centuries); 1. Wandsworth* (Wandsworth Historical Society, Wandsworth Paper 10, 2001).

House of Lords Record Office (also known as the Parliamentary Archives)

Address: House of Lords, London SW1A 0PW (entry by Black Rod's Garden entrance at the south end of the Palace)
Phone: 020 7219 3074
e-mail: hlro@parliament.uk
Website: www.parliament.uk (then 'Parliamentary Publications and Archives' and 'Historic Records')
Hours: Mon-Fri 9.30-5; closed for the last two weeks in November
Readers' tickets: none, but readers should show confirmation of ID upon entry
Advance booking: preferred
Railway station: Westminster
Food: no facilities

This contains the archives of both the House of Lords and House of Commons. The most useful are the records of private bills, including deposited plans for railways and other works from 1794, listed by year, and the transcripts of the examination of

witnesses. The witnesses from 1771 to 1917 are indexed on a database which can be searched by name, place or subject. The collection also includes deeds relating to the property of Sir John Shaw Lefevre in Battersea 1834-57 and material relating to John Temple Leader of Putney.

Lambeth Archives Department

Address: Minet Library, 52 Knatchbull Road, London SE5 9QY
Phone: 020 7926 6076
e-mail: archives@lambeth.gov.uk
Website: www.lambeth.gov.uk/services/leisure-culture/libraries/archives
Hours: Mon 1-8; Tues, Thurs 10-6; Fri 10-1; Sat 9-5; closed Wed and for last 2 weeks in November
Readers' tickets: none
Advance booking: required
Railway station: none convenient; c.20 minute walk from Brixton Town Hall (take a good map); 10 minutes from Loughborough Junction Station; buses to Loughborough Road/Camberwell New Road
Food: no facilities, but staff can advise on local cafes

This covers the whole of the former County of Surrey, including the present Borough of Wandsworth. There are particularly good collections of prints and drawings (card indexed), property deeds (card indexed and calendared), pamphlets and directories. Important items include Dunsford manorial records, the Theobald papers concerning the Bedford estates and the papers of Morgan Rice of Tooting (1765-98) and the Thornton family of Clapham and Battersea Rise. The website includes a detailed guide listing all the collections.

Lambeth Palace Library

Address: Lambeth Palace, London SE1 7JU
Phone: 020 7898 1400
Website: www.lambethpalacelibrary.org
Hours: Mon-Fri 10-5 (closed for 10 days from Christmas Eve and also from Good Friday)
Readers' tickets: required; letter of introduction and proof of ID needed on first visit
Advance booking: not required (but documents can be ordered in advance)
Railway station: Vauxhall; Waterloo; Westminster (then 10-15 minute walk in each case)
Food: place to eat own food, with drinks machine

Wills, inventories and marriage bonds and allegations for Putney and Roehampton (indexed by person) are among the records of the Archbishop's Peculiar Deanery of Croydon, for which there is also other material such as church court papers (now

indexed on A2A). The Archbishops of Canterbury were lords of the manor of Wimbledon (which included Putney and Roehampton) until the 1530s, so the surviving medieval records of the manor are here. The records of the Archbishop's court of appeal (known as the Court of Arches) contain much relating to the Wandsworth area (indexed in British Record Society, vol. 85). Another useful collection relates to the building or extension of churches to which the Incorporated Church Building Society contributed, 1818-1982, including most churches in the Wandsworth area; it is indexed at www.churchplansonline.org, where the plans themselves can be seen. The website includes a useful collection of guides to sources. At the time of writing, documents from the Church of England Record Centre can be consulted here.

London Metropolitan Archives (LMA; formerly Greater London Record Office)

Address: 40 Northampton Road, London EC1R 0HB
Phone: 020 7332 3820
e-mail: ask.lma@corpoflondon.gov.uk
Website: www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/lma
Hours: Mon, Wed, Fri 9.30-4.45; Tues, Thurs 9.30-7.30; open one or two Sats per month 9.30-4.45 (visit website for details); closed first 2 weeks in November
Readers' tickets: none
Advance booking: none, but order documents in advance for evening openings if arriving too late for last orders at 5.40
Railway station: Farringdon (but only 15-20 minutes walk from Blackfriars)
Food: place to eat own food; drinks machine; cafes etc. nearby

This is a very large collection with good indexes. It includes:

- large collections of maps, prints (indexed) and printed sources;
- an enormous collection of photographs (indexed);
- original parish records, especially parish registers and churchwardens' accounts;
- records of a range of local authorities, including the Metropolitan Board of Works, London County Council and Greater London Council; among them are records of the Surrey and Kent Commissioners of Sewers (covering the Thames and the Wandle), records of HM Prison Wandsworth, the District Surveyors Returns (1845-52 and 1871-1939, containing a mass of information about builders and building), deposited plans for theatres and cinemas, and deeds of properties purchased by London County Council;
- wills (except for Putney parish);
- large quantities of original documents deposited by individuals and organisations, including many property deeds, records of the first Putney Bridge and Tooting Bec manor court rolls from the thirteenth to eighteenth centuries.

There is a computerised catalogue on-site. Also, the LMA's family and estate papers

and some other records are indexed in A2A. For the time being both the on-site catalogue and A2A need to be searched, as both contain collections not included in the other.

The London Generations database on the LMA's website lists genealogical sources such as parish registers, school admission and discharge records and electoral registers. The London Signatures database on the website indexes the wills and (for a fee) provides them on-line, but it does not yet cover the wills for the Wandsworth area.

National Archives (PRO/NA; formerly Public Record Office)

Address: Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Surrey TW9 4DU
Phone: 020 8876 3444
e-mail: enquiry@nationalarchives.gov.uk
Website: www.nationalarchives.gov.uk
Hours: Mon, Wed, Fri 9-5; Tues 10-7; Thurs 9-7; Sat 9.30-5; closed for a week around early December
Readers' tickets: required (proof of ID needed on first visit)
Advance booking: none (but documents can be ordered in advance)
Railway station: Kew Gardens; Kew Bridge
Food: cafeteria

This is an almost inexhaustible store of information about the Wandsworth area. The difficulty used to be to know what to look for and how to find it, but the situation has been transformed by the on-line catalogue (www.catalogue.nationalarchives.gov.uk), which can be searched by name or place or any other word appearing in it. Note however that it does not cover all the documents (many of which have never been catalogued at all), and for place-name searches will yield references only to documents that have been indexed using that word, excluding those listed more generally (e.g. covering a wider area than a parish). Frequently it contains only a summary of the information in the catalogues.

Important sources include the hearth tax lists of the 1660s and 1670s and other records of taxation (series E 179), Prerogative Court of Canterbury wills and inventories (PROB series), Chancery and other legal records, railway company records (RAIL series), War Office records, including service histories and discharge records, and many series relating to schools, hospitals and local authority housing (for which W.B. Stephens, *Sources for English local history* (3rd edn. 1994) is particularly useful). The PRO/NA produces excellent leaflets on different types of document (also available on its website).

Northamptonshire Record Office

Address: Wootton Hall Park, Northampton NN4 8BQ
Phone: 01604 762129
e-mail: archivist@northamptonshire.gov.uk
Website: [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/Community/Record Office](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/Community/RecordOffice)
Hours: Mon 10.30-4.45; Tues-Wed 9-4.45; Thurs 9-7.45; Fri 9-4.15;
two Sats each month 9-12.15
Readers' tickets: not required
Advance booking: advisable
Railway station: Northampton (then taxi or 40 minute walk)
Food: place to eat own food; hot drinks and water machine

Contains the records of the Spencer family (except the maps and family papers now in the British Library), including those for the manors of Wimbledon, Battersea and Wandsworth, Allfarthing and Downe. There are detailed calendars of these (though only summary lists for Battersea and Wandsworth manor), which you have to ask to see. Notable items are the surveys of Putney and Roehampton in 1497, Wimbledon manor in 1617 and Wandsworth in 1755, the books of reference to Corris's maps of the various parishes in 1787, the index of Allfarthing manor copyholders from the sixteenth to nineteenth centuries, and papers concerning the fight to save Wimbledon and Wandsworth Commons c.1870. Other Wandsworth material includes the papers of the Cokayne family of Putney and Roehampton, 1867-1932.

Surrey History Centre (formerly Surrey Record Office)

Address: 130 Goldsworth Road, Woking GU21 6ND
Phone: 01483 518737
e-mail: shs@surreycc.gov.uk
Website: www.surreycc.gov.uk/surreyhistoryservice
Hours: Tues, Wed, Fri 9.30-5; Thurs 9.30-7.30; Sat 9.30-4 (except bank holiday weekends); closed Mon and for 2 weeks in December
Readers' tickets: CARN ticket (issued by a network of record offices) required; proof of address needed on first visit
Advance booking: advisable
Railway station: Woking (then 10 minute walk; turn left from station)
Food: cafes etc. nearby

The collection includes:

- records of Surrey Quarter Sessions from 1659, including sessions rolls (calendared to the 1690s; earliest ones published – copies at WLHS), sessions papers (listed in detail and indexed in A2A) and deposited plans for railways and other public works;
- land tax records 1780-1831 (microfilms available at WLHS except for Streatham parish);

- electoral registers 1832-85;
- large numbers of property deeds (indexed);
- Midleton papers, including records of Dunsford manor (rough list available);
- Wimbledon manor court rolls 1669-1723;
- the map of Wandsworth in 1633.

There are good indexes.

Westminster Abbey Muniment Room and Library

Address: Westminster Abbey, London SW1P 3PA
 Phone: 020 7654 4830
 e-mail: library@westminster-abbey.org
 Website: www.westminster-abbey.org
 Hours: Mon-Fri 10-1, 2-4.45
 Readers' tickets: letter of introduction required for students
 Advance booking: required
 Railway station: Westminster; St James's Park
 Food: coffee stall in cloister

Has many documents relating to medieval Battersea and Wandsworth, which belonged to the Abbey until the 1530s. There are good indexes.

Other record offices and libraries

The list above is not intended to be exhaustive. Other useful places include:

- the British Library's Newspaper Library (Colindale Avenue, Colindale, London NW9 5HE; 020 7412 7353);
- the British Library of Political and Economic Science (London School of Economics, 10 Portugal Street, London WC2A 2HD), for the records of Charles Booth's survey of poverty in London in the late nineteenth century (some of which are now available at www.lse.ac.uk/booth);
- the Society of Genealogists' Library (14 Charterhouse Buildings, London EC1M 7BA; 020 7251 8799);
- the Principal Registry of the Family Division (formerly at Somerset House; now 42-49 High Holborn, London WC1V 6NP; 020 7947 7000), for wills from 1858 to date;
- Church of England Record Centre (020 7898 1030), for records of Church of England schools (at the time of writing records are ordered through the Centre but are produced at Lambeth Palace Library);
- The National Monuments Record (Kemble Drive, Swindon SN2 2GZ; 01793 414600) for views of buildings.

For records of higher education institutions, learned societies and royal colleges in the Greater London area (including local ones such as the colleges of University of Surrey Roehampton), see www.aim25.ac.uk. For locating elusive records, try the National Register of Archives at the PRO/NA; some of it is on the internet, at www.nra.nationalarchives.gov.uk/nra. Opening hours etc. of record offices are in the ARCHON directory on the PRO/NA's website.

Wandsworth Historical Society has a small research collection (card indexed), which can be seen at Wandsworth Museum.

LOCATIONS OF RECORDS

Apprenticeship records

Many records of apprenticeships of people from the Wandsworth area have been printed. See C.H. Jenkinson (ed.), *Surrey apprenticeships from the registers in the Public Record Office* (Surrey Record Society, No. 30, 1929); Cliff Webb (ed.), *An index to Surrey apprenticeships, 1731-1749* (West Surrey Family History Society, Record series vol. 6, 1985); A. Daly (ed.), *Kingston upon Thames register of apprentices, 1563-1713* (Surrey Record Society, vol. 28, 1974); Cliff Webb (ed.), *London livery company apprenticeship registers* (Society of Genealogists, 37 vols. plus) (covering the period from the early seventeenth century to 1800).

The Society of Genealogists' Library has typescript indexes to the national lists of apprenticeships up to 1774. The Corporation of London Records Office has indexes to livery company grants of freedom from the late seventeenth century to date, and to apprenticeships from 1786. Many apprenticeships are recorded in poor law records (see the section below on parish records).

Births, marriages and deaths (including the IGI)

The indexes to births, marriages and deaths from 1837 to date are at the Family Records Centre, where certificates can be ordered. (Certificates can also be ordered at Wandsworth Register Office, but only for events which took place in the present Borough.) The national indexes for 1837-1983 are being placed on the internet, at freebmd.rootsweb.com, but there is some way to go. In addition, the indexes for 1837 to date are available at www.1837online.com, but this provides only images of the index pages (except from 1984 onwards) rather than a fully searchable index, and charges are made for using it.

The International Genealogical Index (IGI) is available at the Family Records Centre, Guildhall Library and LMA, and on the internet at www.familysearch.org. WLHS has the 1992 edition on microfiche.

Guildhall Library (printed books) has Boyd's marriage index for England 1538-1837. LMA has Surrey marriage allegations and bonds 1770-1850 on microfiche and indexed; however, marriage allegations and bonds for Putney parish are at Lambeth Palace Library instead. See also the sections below on cemetery records, parish records (including registers) and Poor Law Union records.

Cemetery records

WLHS has burial registers for the following cemeteries: Battersea Rise 1860-3 and 1875-81, Morden Cemetery, Battersea, 1892-1930, Putney Vale 1891-1930, and Wandsworth (Magdalen Road) 1878-1930. Registers of burials at Putney Lower Common 1855-1982 and the more recent registers for the other four cemeteries are at

the Central Cemeteries Office, Putney Vale Cemetery, Stag Lane, Putney SW15 3DZ (020 8788 2113), where there is a search fee. WLHS also has transcripts of monumental inscriptions at St Mary Battersea, Upper Richmond Road Burial Ground (Putney), St Nicholas Tooting, All Saints Wandsworth, Garratt Lane (Wandsworth), and Mount Nod (Wandsworth). See also the section on parish records below.

Census records

WLHS has microfilms or microfiches of all the censuses from 1841 to 1901, and has compiled street indexes. It also has personal name indexes for the 1851 and 1881 censuses and for the east Battersea part of the 1891 census. The censuses can also be consulted at the Family History Centre.

The 1881 census is indexed by name at www.familysearch.org. The 1891 census is indexed by name at www.ancestry.co.uk. The 1901 census is indexed at www.1901census.nationalarchives.gov.uk, though the more detailed information is charged for.

Deeds

These are scattered. There are good collections at Surrey History Centre (indexed), Lambeth Archives (indexed), LMA (mostly indexed) and WLHS (mostly not indexed). The indexes are generally by place rather than person.

Directories

These usually provide an index or list of local inhabitants and businesses and (from the 1880s) a house by house list for each street. Before the 1880s they were occasional and tended to list only tradesmen and the better-off.

The earliest are *The universal British directory*, vol. 4 (1798) for Putney (only a few names for other parishes); Pigot & Co.'s London directories (various titles) for 1823-4, 1826-7, 1832-4 and 1838 (wholly or largely tradespeople except in 1832-4, when 'nobility, gentry and clergy' are well covered); *Post Office directory of the six Home Counties* from 1845 onwards; *Whetstone & Co.'s court guide and directory* of 1847; *Post Office suburban directory* from 1860 onwards (sometimes with lists by street); and *The Metallurgicon local directory* of 1867. (Of these, WLHS has copies of those from 1798 to 1847 and the *Metallurgicon*.)

From 1884 to 1939 Kelly's directories cover all or most of the Borough, usually annually; they contain house by house lists as well as indexes of people and businesses and classified lists of businesses. The Borough is included in the main *Post Office London directory* from 1934; this continued annually until the 1990s, but with less and less detail (virtually none even for businesses after 1987).

There are excellent collections of directories at WLHS (though mostly from the period 1884-1939), Guildhall Library, the British Library, Lambeth Archives and LMA. See Rita Ensing, *Guide to Local History Sources - Directories* (Wandsworth Historical Society, 1985) (copy in WLHS), which gives detailed information on where to find directories.

Electoral registers

Those for 1832-85 are at Surrey History Centre; Lambeth Archives has them on microfilm for 1832-75. Those from 1898 to 1900 and 1907 - 2001 (1885 onwards in the case of Battersea) are at WLHS, on open shelves. Registers at LMA from 1890 to date largely fill the gaps. LMA also has Absent Voters Lists recording servicemen and women with their service numbers and regimental details (for Wandsworth 1918-20, Balham and Tooting 1932, Putney and Streatham 1934).

Hospital records

Most hospital records are at LMA, but some have been retained by the hospitals concerned, notably the Royal Hospital for Neuro-Disability, Bolingbroke, Springfield and Tooting Bec. There are records of St George's Hospital, Weir Maternity Hospital and Grove Hospital at St George's Hospital Medical School Library. For details, see Cliff Webb, *An index of London hospitals and their records* (Society of Genealogists Enterprises, 2002); also www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/hospitalrecords. Records relating to patients remain closed for 100 years.

In addition, WLHS has several scrapbooks relating to hospitals, and Queen Mary's Hospital is developing an archive (contact the Health Service Library, Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton SW15 5PN).

Illustrations

One of the best collections is at WLHS (card indexed). Other large collections are at:

- LMA (prints and photographs collections, both indexed);
- Guildhall Library (indexed and all prints and drawings viewable at <http://collage.cityoflondon.gov.uk>);
- Lambeth Archives (card indexed);
- the Museum of London's Picture Library (card indexed, and some now viewable at www.museumoflondon.org.uk);
- the National Monuments Record at Swindon (arranged by place);
- Wandsworth Museum (especially drawings).

An extremely extensive collection of postcards (chiefly from the early twentieth century), covering most streets in the Borough, has been amassed by Patrick Loobey (231 Mitcham Lane, SW16 6PY; 020 8769 0072; www.loobey.co.uk), from whom

copies can be purchased.

An increasingly useful website, with information about many London photograph collections, is www.photolondon.org.uk. For an exhaustive search, see M.W. Barley, *A guide to British topographical collections* (1974).

Manorial records

Putney and Roehampton were in the manor of Wimbledon (known in the medieval period as the manor of Mortlake). Battersea was in the manor of Battersea and Wandsworth. Wandsworth parish was divided untidily between Battersea and Wandsworth, Allfarthing, Dunsford and Downe manors. Tooting Graveney was a separate manor (corresponding to the parish of that name). Streatham parish included the manors of Tooting Bec and Balams. All the records of these manors are listed (though not in any detail) in the Manorial Documents Register at www.mdr.nationalarchives.gov.uk/mdr.

Wimbledon, Battersea and Wandsworth, Allfarthing and Downe

Most of the records are among the Spencer papers at Northamptonshire Record Office, apart from the maps, which are in British Library, Manuscripts Collection, Additional Manuscripts (Althorp Papers). Northamptonshire Record Office has detailed lists for all except Battersea and Wandsworth manor (for which there is only a summary list), but they are not on open shelves and you have to ask to see them.

There are some records in other archives: for Wimbledon, these include the surviving pre-1461 records (in Lambeth Palace Library), court rolls for 1543-7 (in the PRO/NA) and court rolls for 1669-1723 (in Surrey History Centre). There are some records relating to Downe in LMA (E/BER/S, listed in A2A). Medieval records for Battersea and Wandsworth, Allfarthing and Downe (up to the 1530s) are in Westminster Abbey Muniment Room, and the PRO/NA has surveys from c.1550, 1605 and 1610 (in series LR 2).

Extracts from the Wimbledon records have been published, in *Extracts from the court rolls of the manor of Wimbledon, 1461-1864* (3 vols. in 2, 1866-8); copy in WLHS.

Dunsford

Split between Lambeth Archives, LMA (Acc 1720, plus some in E/BER/S; listed in A2A) and Surrey History Centre (G145, Middleton papers; only rough list available).

Tooting Graveney

In LMA, including court rolls 1543-1709 (Acc 3185). There are also court rolls for 1396-1400 in the PRO/NA.

Tooting Bec

In LMA, including court rolls 1394-1834. Also earlier rolls (1246-1316) at King's College Cambridge. Rolls from 1394 to 1422 have been published in *Court rolls of Tooting Beck manor*, vol. 1 (London County Council, 1909) (copy in WLHS).

Balams

Records from 1587 to 1734 are in LMA (E/DCA; listed in A2A).

For an introduction to manorial records, see P.D.A. Harvey, *Manorial records* (British Records Association, Archives and the User No. 5, 1984); Denis Stuart, *Manorial records* (1992); or Mary Ellis, *Using manorial records* (PRO, 1997).

Maps

The most useful collection of maps is in WLHS, which apart from original maps and copies has a microfilm covering most of the collection. Other good collections of published material such as Ordnance Survey maps are in Guildhall Library, LMA and the British Library Map Library. Manorial maps (many of them covering only small patches of ground) are in the British Library, Manuscripts Collection, Additional Manuscripts (Althorp Papers).

Copies of the map of Putney in 1636 can be purchased from St Mary's Church, Putney (by Putney Bridge), copies of the map of Wandsworth in 1787 at Wandsworth Museum, and copies of the south-west parts of Stanford's London map of 1862 from Wandsworth Historical Society. Many of the 25 inch to the mile Ordnance Survey maps are available in the Godfrey series of reprints.

The most important large-scale maps for each parish, showing individual houses and fields, up to and including the first Ordnance Survey 25 inch to the mile maps, are as follows (copies in WLHS unless indicated otherwise):

Whole Borough

1862 Stanford's *Library Map of London and its Suburbs*.

1865-70 Ordnance Survey 25 inch to the mile.

Putney

1636 estate map by Nicholas Lane, excluding Roehampton (original in Wandsworth Museum).

1787 manorial map by Corris, with book of reference (original map in Wandsworth Museum; other versions in Althorp Papers P2 and P13, part 1 section 1; see *Wandsworth Historian*, No. 67 (1995), pp. 4-10 for book of reference).

1834 parish map.

1849 tithe map, with book of reference.

Wandsworth

1633 manorial map of Allfarthing, i.e. eastern part of Wandsworth only (not in WLHS; original in Surrey History Centre, 3991/1).

c.1740 manorial map of Downe and Dunsford, i.e. western part of Wandsworth only (original in PRO/NA, MR 1/ 1152).

1755 map covering Bridge Field, the north-east part of the parish, only.

1787 manorial map by Corris, with book of reference (original map in British

Library, Althorp Papers, P13, part 1; see Dorian Gerhold, *John Corris's map of Wandsworth in 1787* (2002) for main part of book of reference).
1835/6 maps of Spencer freeholds offered for sale.
1838 tithe map, with book of reference.

Battersea

1760 map of northern part only (original in British Library, Crace, port. XVI, No. 71).
1787 manorial map by Corris (original in British Library, Althorp Papers, P13, part 1, section 1; book of reference in Northamptonshire Record Office – no copy in WLHS).
1838 tithe map, with book of reference.

Tooting

1767 manorial map of Tooting Graveney and part of Streatham parish (original in Lambeth Archives, 25/1767/MF).
1844 parish map.
1847 tithe map, with book of reference (on microfilm in WLHS).

Streatham

1729 manorial map of Tooting Bec and Furzedown (original in LMA, E/BER/S/E/5/3/1, with book of reference at E/BER/S/E/4/1) (not in WLHS).
1840 tithe map, with book of reference (on microfilm in WLHS).
1843 parish map.

Among the most important later maps are Charles Booth's poverty maps of 1889 and 1898-9, colour-coding streets according to the poverty or wealth of their inhabitants. The 1898-9 map covers most of the Borough, but the 1889 one only the northern part of Battersea. The 1889 map has been published by the London Topographical Society (No. 130, 1984); the 1898-9 map can be found in Charles Booth, *The life and labours of the people in London*, part 3, vol. 5 (1902).

Newspapers

These can be found in WLHS and the British Library Newspaper Library at Colindale. The latter collection can be searched by title and place of publication at www.bl.uk/catalogues/newspapers.html. The main runs of newspapers in WLHS are as follows:

Clapham Gazette & Local Advertiser 1853-9.
South London Press 1865-1998.
Wandsworth Borough News 1885 to date.
Wandsworth & Battersea District Times 1890-1905.
South Western Star 1890-1985.
Battersea Herald & Mid-Surrey Gazette 1890-1901.
Clapham Junction & District Review 1910-19.
Clapham Observer 1923 to date.

Tooting & Balham Gazette 1952-73 (and some earlier years back to 1907).
Balham & Tooting News & Mercury 1952-78 (with gaps).
Putney & Roehampton Herald 1955-76.

There are no comprehensive indexes, but many items are indexed in the main card index at WLHS (varying in coverage from one period to another).

Parish records (including registers)

These are split between WLHS and LMA, reflecting their division in the nineteenth century between those which remained with the churches and the more 'secular' records which passed to the civil parishes or District Boards and then to the Boroughs. In general LMA has the parish registers, churchwardens' accounts and the more church-related documents (though only the registers in the case of Battersea) and WLHS has the vestry minutes, poor law records and rate books. LMA also usually has the records of the new parishes created from 1845 onwards.

Starting dates for parish registers (all at LMA) are as follows:

- Putney 1620. The registers for 1620-1812, plus marriages to 1870, have been published, with an excellent index (A.C. Hare (trans.), *The parish register of Putney*, Surrey Parish Register Society, vols. 11-13, 1913-16; copy in WLHS).
- Wandsworth 1603. The registers for 1603-1787 have been published, with an excellent index (J.T. Squire (ed.), *The registers of the parish of Wandsworth ... 1603-1787* (1889); copy in WLHS). WLHS has a transcript (indexed) of the marriages for 1789-1820. The gap in the burial registers in 1678-1721 can partly be filled from *Surrey Archaeological Collections*, vol. 14 (1899), pp. 134-163.
- Battersea 1559. WLHS has microfilms of the registers for 1559-1876 (marriages to 1878).
- Tooting Graveney 1555, but marriages only from 1649. WLHS has a typescript (indexed) of the registers for 1555-1841.
- Streatham 1539. LMA has an index to marriages 1538-1837 and baptisms 1813-37.

Bishops' transcripts are in LMA, with scarcely any before 1800, as follows: Putney 1813-57 (with gaps), Roehampton chapelry 1842-65, Wandsworth 1684-5, 1800-54, Battersea 1679-1718 (odd years only), 1778-81, 1800-83, Tooting Graveney 1684-5, 1800-44.

Churchwardens' accounts start as follows: Putney 1622, Wandsworth 1545, Battersea 1560, Tooting Graveney 1646 and Streatham 1721 (Battersea's in WLHS; the others in LMA). Wandsworth's from 1545 to 1638 have been published in *Surrey Archaeological Collections*, vols. 15, 17-20, 24 (1900-11).

Vestry minutes start as follows: Putney 1726, Wandsworth 1709, Battersea 1742,

Tooting Graveney 1765, Streatham 1722 (all these in WLHS). They all continue until 1900 (with a few gaps), though by then vestries had long since lost many of their powers. Some have contemporary indexes, of varying quality. Important vestry decisions before those dates were sometimes entered in the churchwardens' accounts.

For rate books, see the separate section below. Other important types of parish records include accounts of the overseers of the poor, examinations of paupers and workhouse and charity records (all in WLHS, except some charity records in LMA).

Poor Law Union records

The records of the Wandsworth and Clapham Poor Law Union 1836-1904 and the Wandsworth Poor Law Union 1904-29 are in LMA. They include registers of births, baptisms and deaths from 1866 and examinations of paupers from 1880. Some central government records at the PRO/NA provide local information, especially series MH 12 — correspondence between the central Poor Law Commission or Board and local poor law authorities 1834-c.1900 (see the PRO/NA's leaflet on poor law records). Earlier poor law records are among the parish records in WLHS.

Rate books

These list ratepayers house by house, though before house numbering began it is sometimes difficult to identify the precise dwelling. They are especially useful for determining when particular houses were built, where people lived and when they lived there.

Good runs of rate books, together with the similar records of the hearth taxes and land taxes, are as follows (all in WLHS unless indicated otherwise):

Whole Borough

1662-74 (hearth taxes, at the PRO/NA, series E 179; not in WLHS; see Jeremy Gibson, *The hearth tax ...* (1996) for exact references; only some of the lists, e.g. those for 1665, are arranged house by house).

1780-1831 (land taxes; at Surrey History Centre, but microfilms in WLHS for all except Streatham parish).

1913-53 (Borough Council rates).

Putney

1735-94, 1807-19.

1836-1900 (church rates, in LMA, P95/MRY1/57 to 117; Roehampton not covered after 1862; not in WLHS).

1890-8.

Wandsworth

Scarcely any rate books have survived, but there is a rate of c.1700 in LMA (P

95/ALL 1/45, pages at start) and one of 1836 in WLHS.

Battersea

1624-1732, 1751-78, 1792-1885, 1890-8.
1900-62 (Borough Council rates).

Tooting Graveney

1661-1726, 1757-66, 1771-86, 1793-8, 1801-11
(Some rates in the churchwardens' accounts 1646-1826 in LMA; not in WLHS.)

Streatham

1806-48.

Note that lists survive for odd years outside those dates, and that some of those above are in volumes labelled 'overseers' accounts' or 'poor relief'. See also the books of reference to Corris's maps of 1787 and the tithe maps of 1838-49, listed in the maps section above.

Sale catalogues

These are scattered. There is a good collection in WLHS, and there are some among the Spencer papers at Northamptonshire Record Office.

School records

School records, often including detailed log books and attendance registers, are most often at LMA, but records of Church of England schools are usually at the Church of England Record Centre. WLHS has the records of Battersea Grammar School. For a detailed list of school records, see Cliff Webb, *An index of London schools and their records* (Society of Genealogists, 2000).

For the numerous other sources, see W.B Stephens and R.W. Unwin, *Materials for the local and regional study of schooling, 1700-1900* (British Records Association, Archives and the User No. 8, 1987); also leaflets produced by LMA and the PRO/NA. Major sources include:

- lists of schools in each parish and information about them published in *Parliamentary Papers* from 1803 to 1899 (see Stephens and Unwin, *Materials*, pp. 5-19 to identify the volume numbers, or W.B. Stephens, *Sources for English local history* (3rd edn. 1994)).
- records of the School Board for London 1870-1904, London County Council 1904-65 and Inner London Education Authority 1965-90, all at LMA (see the LMA's leaflet on education records).
- records of central government, at the PRO/NA (usually prefixed ED), often providing detailed information about individual schools (see Stephens and

Unwin, *Materials*, pp. 19-22, or the PRO/NA's leaflet to identify the most promising series).

- for most Church of England schools, the records of the National Society for Promoting Religious Education (held by the Society); also parish magazines.
- census records, especially for boarding schools.
- newspaper articles: see the main card index at WLHS.

Transport records

Important sources include:

- railway company and other transport records at the PRO/NA (much of the London material is listed in Peter Bancroft (comp.), *London Transport records at the Public Record Office* (part 1, 1996)).
- records of London Transport and its predecessor companies at LMA, together with those of some other companies, such as that which ran Battersea Bridge.
- photos, printed works and other material in the reference collections at London's Transport Museum.
- maps and transcripts of evidence taken in connection with plans for new railways and other works, at the House of Lords Record Office (which has a database of witnesses, searchable by place, personal name or subject).
- journals: the more important items in 20 urban transport journals 1870-1939 are catalogued at www.tramway.co.uk.

Wills and inventories

Wills could be proved in one of several courts:

All parishes

Prerogative Court of Canterbury (PCC): 1383-1858, at the PRO/NA. At first only the wills of wealthier people were proved here, but by the late eighteenth century most were. Names, places and occupations for all PCC wills can be searched for in the DocumentsOnline part of the PRO/NA's website, where, for a fee, it is also possible to view the wills themselves. Older finding aids include indexes by person from 1383 to 1800 and by place from 1383 to 1700 (some of these published). For administrations, there are indexes up to 1660 (mostly published by the British Record Society), and see Cliff Webb (ed.), *Surrey administrations in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury 1760-1781* (West Surrey Family History Society, Record series vol. 17, 1993); for other years only annual lists are available.

Principal Registry of the Family Division: 1858 onwards. The indexes, annual by person, can be seen (and copies of the wills can be ordered) at 42-49 High Holborn. (Guildhall Library (printed books) also has copies of the indexes for 1858-1943.)

Consistory Court of the Bishop of London: 1846-58, at LMA (probably few).

Putney

Deanery of Croydon: 1614-1821, in Lambeth Palace Library, indexed by person.

All parishes except Putney

Commissary Court of the Bishop of Winchester in the Archdeaconry of Surrey: 1662-1846, at LMA (manuscript calendars by year 1662-1751; index published by West Surrey Family History Society, Record series vol. 3 (1992) for 1752-1858). These will eventually be on the LMA's London Signatures database.

Archdeaconry Court of Surrey: 1480-1846, at LMA (index published by West Surrey Family History Society, Record series vol. 1 (1994) for 1752-1858). These will eventually be on the LMA's London Signatures database. There are abstracts of all these wills up to 1821 at LMA, indexed and giving all the information in summary form.

All Surrey wills up to 1649, whatever the court, are indexed in Cliff Webb (ed.), *Union index of Surrey probate records which survive from before the year 1650* (British Record Society, vol. 99, 1990) (copy in WLHS).

Inventories, listing a deceased person's possessions, usually room by room, survive for the PCC and the Deanery of Croydon. All are indexed in Joan Holman and Marion Herridge (ed.), *Index of Surrey probate inventories 16th-19th centuries* (Domestic Buildings Research Group (Surrey), 1986). The only exceptions are a few for local inhabitants who were also citizens of London; these were made for the Court of Orphans in the late seventeenth or early eighteenth centuries and are now in the Corporation of London Records Office (personal name index only). Most of the PCC ones are included in the PRO/NA's on-line index, except the largely eighteenth-century inventories in series PROB 31, for which there is a card index at the PRO/NA. There are virtually no inventories for the area covered here earlier than the 1660s.

Note that the wealthier inhabitants often had houses in the City of London or Westminster, and their wills might therefore be proved in a London court: for these, see the leaflets produced by LMA and the Guildhall Library, and J.S.W. Gibson, *Probate jurisdictions: where to look for wills* (4th edn, 1994). Note also that many people, especially the poorer, never made a will, and that even for some of the wealthy there is only an administration or 'admon', appointing their executors.

TRACING THE HISTORY OF A HOUSE OR STREET

The most useful sources (from the Victorian period onwards) are the following:

- maps (especially large-scale Ordnance Survey maps from 1865 onwards);
- directories (annual from 1884);
- electoral registers;
- drainage plans in WLHS (from the 1860s, indexed; the plans accompany notices of intention to build, though the intentions were not always carried out);
- rate books (especially before directories are available);
- London County Council, *List of the streets and places within the Administrative County of London* (1929) (giving dates of new streets or street numbering, not necessarily the dates of buildings in those streets; copy in WLHS; later editions in 1955 and 1969).

The following may provide more detail:

- district surveyors' returns, in LMA, 1845-52 and 1871-1939, listing street name, person giving notice, builder, owner, nature of the work, and height and number of storeys (hard to use unless you know the approximate date already);
- deeds;
- sale catalogues;
- census records;
- photographs.

See Keith Bailey, *Building and architectural history* (Wandsworth Historical Society, Guides to Local History Sources No. 2, 1985 – copy in WLHS). For local authority housing, see Alan Cox, *Sources for the study of public housing* (1993) (relating exclusively to London). There are several general works, such as N.W. Alcock, *Documenting the history of houses* (British Records Association, Archives and the User No. 10, 2003).

BOOKS AND ARTICLES ETC.

There is obviously no point in duplicating work which has already been done. One way of finding out what has been written is to visit the WLHS and enquire. Other useful sources are three recent parish histories: Dorian Gerhold (ed.), *Putney and Roehampton past* (1994); Dorian Gerhold, *Wandsworth past* (1998); Patrick Loobey (ed.) *Battersea past* (2002). The first two of these have notes at the back listing most of the existing works and the third has a bibliography. For Tooting Graveney the best introduction is the history by W.E. Morden listed below. It is worth consulting the indexes to the publications of the Wandsworth Historical Society (particularly *The Wandsworth Historian*), available from the Society in two parts — for 1955-84 and 1984-2000. See also Heather Creaton (ed.), *Bibliography of printed works on London history to 1939* (1994) (now on the internet, updated, at www.history.ac.uk/cmh/lpol).

The following list includes the more substantial works, concentrating on the more general studies rather than those on individual buildings, organisations or individuals (for these, see the indexes to Wandsworth Historical Society publications and the main card index in WLHS). In the list, *WH* is *The Wandsworth Historian*, *WHS* is Wandsworth Historical Society, and *WBC* is Wandsworth Borough Council.

Whole Borough

- The reports made to the Charity Commissioners*, Parliamentary Papers 1901 vol. 51 (detailed reports on the charities of each parish, incorporating earlier reports).
- Victoria History of the Counties of England – Surrey*, vol. 4 (1912) (not always reliable).
- Keith Bailey, *House building and builders in Wandsworth c1850-1915* (WHS, Wandsworth Paper 13, forthcoming).
- Charles Booth, *The life and labours of the people in London*, part 3, vol. 5 (1902) (on religious life c.1900; includes his 'poverty maps' covering most of the Borough).
- Pamela Greenwood, 'Prehistoric Wandsworth', *WH*, No. 48 (1986), pp. 1-8, No. 50 (1986), pp. 1-8, No. 52 (1987), pp. 15-22.
- Patrick Loobey —
- Flights of fancy: early aviation in Battersea and Wandsworth* (WBC, 1981).
- 'The automobile industry in the Borough of Wandsworth', *WH*, No. 55 (1988), pp. 8-15.
- Cinemas and theatres of Wandsworth and Battersea* (2004).
- Patrick Loobey and Jon Mills, *The Boroughs of Wandsworth & Battersea at war* (1996) (photographs).
- Jean M. Lucas, *The Wandsworth story* (1990) (political history from the 1960s onwards, especially the rise of Conservative Wandsworth).
- Daniel Lysons, *The environs of London*, vol. 1 (1792; Putney, Wandsworth, Battersea, Tooting Graveney and Streatham chapters republished 1991, as *Lysons's history of ...*, with relevant parts of Lysons' *Supplement* of 1811).

- Richard Milward, *The Spencers in Wimbledon: 1744-1994* (1996) (relevant despite the title).
- Janet Roebuck, *Urban development in 19th-century London: Lambeth, Battersea and Wandsworth 1838-1888* (1979).
- R.A. Shaw, R.D. Gwynn and P. Thomas, *Huguenots in Wandsworth* (1985).
- Anthony Shaw and John Mills, *We served: war-time Wandsworth and Battersea* (WBC, 1989).
- Tim Sherwood: *Change at Clapham Junction* (WBC, 1994) (despite the title, a history of the Borough's railways).
- Jo Stanley and Bronwen Griffiths, *For love and shillings: Wandsworth women's working lives* (London History Workshop, 1990).
- Peter Thomas, articles on Mayors of Wandsworth and of Battersea, in *WH* from No. 33 (1982) to No. 51 (1986/7).
- Michael Ward, *Red flag over the workhouse* (1983) (history of the organised unemployed in south-west London, especially Battersea and Wandsworth, between the wars).

Putney

- A charge on the parish: the treatment of poverty in Putney 1620-1834* (WHS, Wandsworth Paper 1, 1974).
- Putney – 1851* (WHS, Wandsworth Paper 6, 1981).
- C.T. Davis, *Putney notabilities* (1912).
- George and Michael Dewe, *Fulham Bridge 1729-1886* (1986) (i.e. the first Putney Bridge).
- Dorian Gerhold —
- ‘Tudor Putney’, *WH*, No. 43 (1984), pp. 15-22.
- ‘Seventeenth century Putney’, *WH*, No. 49 (1986), pp. 1-7.
- ‘A map of Putney in 1787’, *WH*, No. 61 (1990), pp. 9-17.
- (ed.) *Putney and Roehampton past* (1994).
- Putney in 1636: Nicholas Lane's map* (WHS, Wandsworth Paper 7, 1994).
- ‘Putney property holders in 1787’, *WH*, No. 67 (1995), pp. 4-10.
- Villas and mansions of Roehampton and Putney Heath* (WHS, Wandsworth Paper 9, 1997).
- Roehampton in 1617: the village surveyed* (WHS, Wandsworth Paper 8, 2001).
- Dorian Gerhold and Michael Bull (comp.), *William Field's photographs of Putney* (WHS, 1997).
- Pat Heery, *The Putney Velodrome and the Velodrome Estate: Earldom, Landford and Hotham Roads* (1999).
- Jacqueline Loose, *Roehampton: the last village in London* (1979) (unreliable).
- Norman Plastow (ed.), *A history of Wimbledon and Putney Commons* (1986).

Wandsworth

- Wandsworth notes and queries*, Nos. 1-13 (1898-9) (articles on many subjects, and transcripts of records).
- Keith Bailey, *The building of the Southfields Grid c1860-1910* (WHS, Wandsworth Paper 12, 2003).
- Simon Catling, *The changing face of Southfields* (1978).
- C.T. Davis —
- Industries of Wandsworth* (1898; republished by WBC with a valuable new introduction, 1983).
- Dictionary of Wandsworth* (1900).
- Wandsworth Borough News Handbooks* (1911-13) (articles on Huguenots, Fishmongers Co. almshouses, mills and old houses).
- Rita Ensing —
- ‘Some field and place names of Wandsworth’, *WH*, No. 53 (1987), p. 10-19.
- ‘Dunsford Manor and the Brodrick family in Wandsworth’, *WH*, No. 42 (1984), pp. 15-22, No. 44 (1985), pp. 8-14.
- ‘The River Wandle in 1633’, *WH*, No. 65 (1992), pp. 8-12.
- Tony Evans (comp.), *Local and family history from fire insurance policies (for the 18th & 19th centuries): 1. Wandsworth* (WHS, Wandsworth Paper 10, 2001) (index by name and place and abstract of fire insurance policies for Wandsworth parish, c.1718-1865).
- Nicholas Fuentes, ‘Roman Wandsworth: Part 2, Wandsworth town’, *WH*, No. 62 (1991), pp. 16-26.
- Dorian Gerhold —
- Wandsworth past* (1998).
- John Corris’s map of Wandsworth in 1787* (WHS, Wandsworth Paper 11, 2002).
- Dorian Gerhold and Rita Ensing, ‘Wandsworth’s water mills to 1700’, *WH*, No. 70 (1999), pp. 15-21.
- Helen Osborn, *Britain’s oldest brewery: the story behind the success of Young’s of Wandsworth* (1999).
- Shirley Passmore, *Wandsworth Common* (typescript in WLHS, 1995).
- Neil Robson, *Roomy villas: the story of Southfields Grid and its surroundings* (2000).
- Walter Rye, *Some notes on the deeds relating to the parish and other charities of Wandsworth* (1881).

Battersea

- Keith Bailey —
- Battersea New Town: a study of local building development 1790-1870* (WHS, Wandsworth Paper 5, 1980).
- ‘Battersea in 1751’, *WH*, No. 41 (1984), pp. 6-14.
- The Carter Estate, Battersea* (1986).
- ‘Battersea and the Thames, 1851’, *WH*, No. 47 (1986), pp. 13-17.
- ‘The Battersea estate of Frederick Haines’, *WH*, No. 73 (2001), pp. 10-16.

- 'Morrison's brickfield and its successors: development of a Battersea estate 1840-1890', *WH*, No. 75 (2002), pp. 15-20.
- 'The Ponton estate at Nine Elms, 1860-1890', *WH*, No. 77 (2003), pp. 4-9.
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