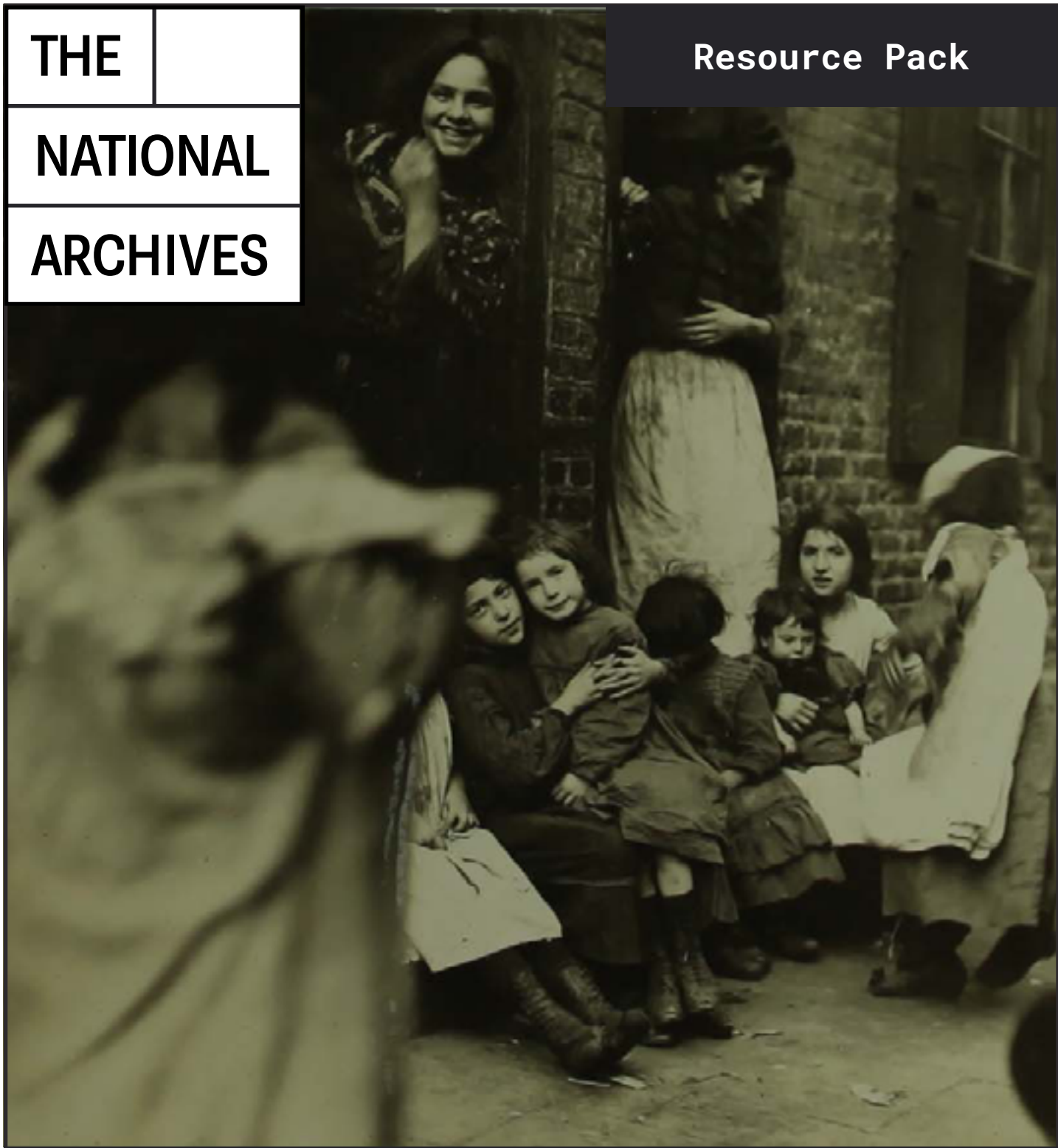


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19th Century Whitechapel

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Teacher's Notes

Students do not need to do any work in preparation for this virtual session. This workshop operates well as an introduction to learning about Whitechapel in the late 19th century.

Teacher Preparation

- Print out enough copies of the Mystery Document for the class.
- Print out the sorting activity (no need to cut out).
- Print out enough of Documents 1, 2 and 3 for the class, along with the help sheets. You may also want to print transcripts to suit your student's learning needs. The class will be split into three groups, each looking at a different document.

If there are students who have visual impairments and may have difficulty viewing the screen during the session, please enlarge copies of the documents for them to refer to.

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Mystery document



Which type of document would be MOST USEFUL for finding out about: The people and area of Whitechapel in 1888.

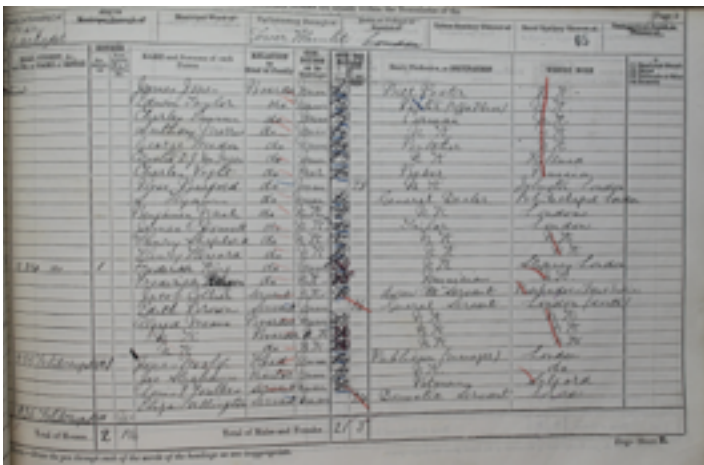
1. Map of Whitechapel 1892



4. Police records on 'Habitual Drunkards' for 1903



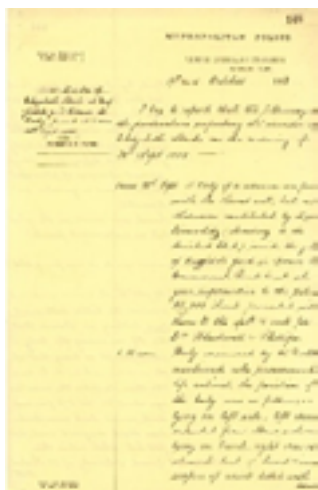
2. 1881 Whitechapel census record.



5. Photograph of Whitechapel street. Late 19th Century.



3. Coroner's report into the death of Mary Anne Kelly.



6. Register for Whitechapel casual ward (temporary homeless shelter) in 1888.



Document One - RG 11/444

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London Sanitary District of
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Urban Sanitary District of
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Parliamentary Borough of
Tower Hamlets London

Municipal Ward of
Tower Hamlets London

Manor or Village or Hamlet of
Tower Hamlets London

Parliamentary Borough of
Tower Hamlets London

Urban Sanitary District of
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Parliamentary Borough of
Tower Hamlets London

HOUSES	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON-DITION as to Marriage	AGE last Birthday	Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN	(1) Dead-and-Dumb (2) Blind (3) Imbecile or Idiot (4) Lunatic	
234 a	Jimmie Jew	Head	Married	28	Bill Poster	N.Y.		
	Edwin Taylor	do	Married	24	Printer (Puff Blow)	N.Y.		
	Charles Eyman	do	Married	24	Carpenter	N.Y.		
	Arthur Mether	do	Married	24	Printer	N.Y.		
	George Meadon	do	Married	24	Printer	N.Y.		
	Cornelia J. W. Jones	do	Married	24	Printer	N.Y.		
	Charles Vogel	do	Married	24	Printer	N.Y.		
	Rose Barford	do	Married	24	Printer	N.Y.		
	F. Hyman	do	Married	24	Printer	N.Y.		
	Benjamin Nash	do	Married	24	Printer	N.Y.		
	James Powell	do	Married	24	Printer	N.Y.		
	Henry Shepherd	do	Married	24	Printer	N.Y.		
	Henry Howard	do	Married	24	Printer	N.Y.		
	Fredrick Tins	do	Married	24	Printer	N.Y.		
	Fredrick Pagan	do	Married	24	Printer	N.Y.		
235 Whitechapel	Geoff Collier	Servant	Single	24	General Servant	N.Y.		
	Ealth Brown	Servant	Married	24	General Servant	N.Y.		
	Alfred Means	Boarder	Married	24	Printer	N.Y.		
	Y. H.	Boarder	Married	24	Printer	N.Y.		
	H. H.	do	Married	24	Printer	N.Y.		
	Jones P. Wolf	Head	Married	24	Publican (Manager)	N.Y.		
	Joe Abraham	Visitor	Married	24	Printer	N.Y.		
	Samuel Foulkes	Servant	Married	24	Printer	N.Y.		
	Elizabeth H. King	Servant	Married	24	Domestic Servant	N.Y.		
	Total of Houses...						2	1/2
	Total of Males and Females...						21	3

Eng- Sheet E.

Draw the pen through each of the words of the headings as are inappropriate.

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Tower Hamlets London

ROAD, STREET and No or NAME of HOUSE	Houses		NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CONDITION as to Marriage	AGE		Rank, Profession or OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN
	Inhabited	Uninhabited				Male	Female		
Continued			James Jones	Boarder	Unm	46		Bill Poster	NK
			Edwin Taylor	do	Unm	31		Porter (coffee house)	NK
			Charles Emmo	do	Unm	28		Carman	NK
			Anthony Morris	do	Unm	74		NK	NK
			George Weedon	do	Unm	40		Butcher	NK
			Cornelis DJ Van Ingen	do	Unm	23		NK	Holland
			Charles Vaght	do	Mar	46		Baker	Prussia
			Rose Barford	do	Unm		28	NK	Islington London
			S Hyams	do	Unm	21		General Dealer	Whitechapel London
			Benjamin Nash	do	NK	27		NK	London
			James O Donnell	do	NK	49		Tailor	London
			Henry Shepherd	do	NK	22		NK	NK
			Henry Howard	do	NK	28		NK	NK
234 do	/		Frederick King	do	Unm	30		NK	Stepney London
			Frederick Peterson	do	Unm	35		Musician	NK
			Jacob Collier	Servant	Unm	40		dom Servant	Barbados West Indies
			Edith Brown	Servant	Unm		16	General Servant	London (south)
			Alfred Means	Boarder	Unm	41		NK	NK
			NK	Boarder	NK	26		NK	NK
			NK	do	NK	20		NK	NK
235 Whitechapel Rd			Jonas Woolf	Head	Unm	24		Publican (manager)	London
			Joe Abrahams	Visitor	Unm	19		NK	do
			Louis F Foulkes	Servant	Unm	23		Potman	Salford
			Eliza Wellington	Servant	Unm		24	Domestic servant	London
236 Whitechapel Rd		U							
Total of Houses	2	1 U	Total of Males and Females			21	3		

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A) James Jones is a **'boarder'**. This is some one who rents a room in a house.

'Do' means ditto (the same as before).

- How many other people are boarders?
- What does that suggest about housing in Whitechapel?

B) These people are from **'Holland'** (Netherlands) and **'Barbadoes'**.

- Where else are people born?
- Why do you think it says 'NK' for several people?
- What does this reveal about the population of Whitechapel?

C) This census page contains information about **2 houses/buildings**.

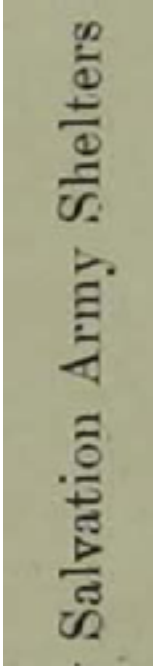
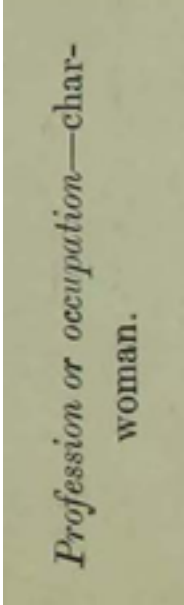
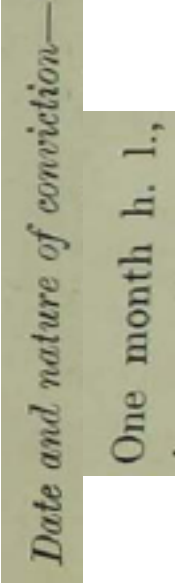
- How many people are living in these 2 houses?
- What does this suggest about living conditions in Whitechapel?

If you finish

Look closely at the rest of the document.

- What else can you find out about the people and area of Whitechapel?
- What other document could help you learn more about this street?

Document Two – MEPO 6/77

 <p>Salvation Army Shelters</p>	<p>A) Catherine mostly lives in Salvation Army Shelters. These were run by a charity and were for destitute (extremely poor) people. These shelters were not free, people had to pay a small fee per night.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ What does that suggest about Catherine's life? ■ What does that reveal about types of housing in Whitechapel?
 <p>Profession or occupation—char-woman.</p>	<p>B) Catherine's occupation is a 'char-woman'. This usually referred to a cleaner who only had casual or part-time work. This was different to a housemaid who had a steady wage and could often live in the house.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ What does this reveal about Catherine's life? ■ What does it suggest about work for women at this time?
 <p>Date and nature of conviction— One month h. l.,</p>	<p>C) Catherine has been convicted of a crime and sentence to one month h.l (hard labour). Hard labour was a punishment for prisoners consisting of repetitive, often pointless activities designed to stop re-offending.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ What crime do you think Catherine has committed? ■ Why do you think she might keep returning to prison?
<p>If you finish</p> <p>Look closely at the rest of the document.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ What else can you find out about the area and people in Whitechapel? ■ What is missing from this document? 	

Document Two - MEPO 6/77

No. 3.

Name and alias—Catherine Westoby, aliases Burns and Hill.

Residence—no fixed abode. Usually Salvation Army Shelters in Whitechapel.

Place of business or where employed—none.

Age—62.

Height—4ft. 6in.

Build—slight.

Complexion—sallow.

Hair—grey.

Eyes—blue.

Shape of nose—straight.

Shape of face—oval.

Peculiarities or marks—nil.

Profession or occupation—char-woman.



Date and nature of conviction—5th January, 1903. One month h. l., and ordered to find one surety in £10 for 12 months, in default 6 month's impr. (Surety not found.)

Court at which convicted—Worship-street.

Remarks—Frequents the Whitechapel district.

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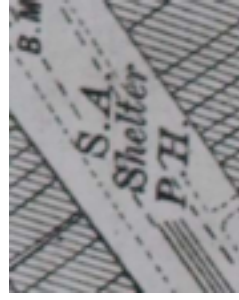
A) PH stands for **public house** (a pub).

- How many other public houses can you spot?
- What does this suggest about the area of Whitechapel?



B) Look closely at this area of housing.

- What do you notice about the way the houses are laid out?
- How does this compare to the rest of the buildings on the map?
- What does this suggest about housing in Whitechapel?



C) SA Shelter stands for **Salvation Army shelter**. These were run by a charity and were for destitute (extremely poor) people. These shelters were not free, people had to pay a small fee per night.

- Why do you think people needed to use Salvation Army shelters?
- What does this reveal about the area of Whitechapel?

If you finish

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