

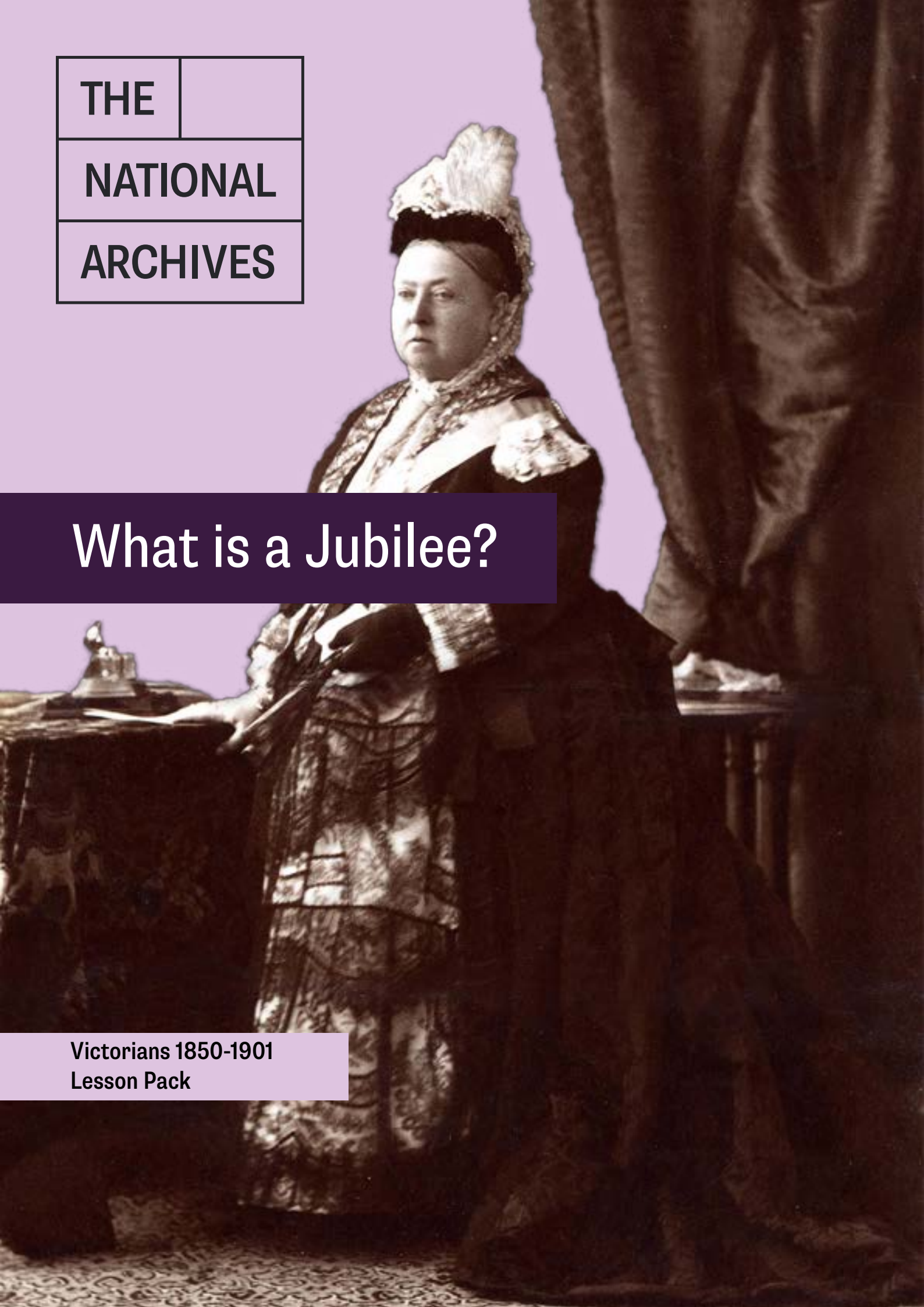
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What is a Jubilee?

Victorians 1850-1901
Lesson Pack



Teacher's Notes

Focus

To encourage pupils to use original sources to find out about how Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee was celebrated in 1897.

Part 1: Pupils engage with the starter source, a photograph of a building decorated to celebrate Queen Victoria's Jubilee with prompt questions for discussion. A second photograph expands discussion and encourages pupils to think about how Victoria's Jubilee was celebrated across the country. There is an opportunity to do a Creative Activity linked to this source.

Part 2: Pupils engage with a different source using a mystery document approach. This source concentrates on how the Queen herself celebrated her Jubilee. There is an opportunity to do a Creative Activity linked to this source.

Part 3: Pupils build on Part 1 by looking at further sources to show Queen Victoria Celebrated her Jubilee. They can explore differences between past and present. Are we celebrating Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee in the same way? What are we doing to celebrate Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee?

Teachers may prefer to use any of the original sources here to create their own resources and activities or adapt the activities provided here for use in their schemes of work.

Enquiry Question: What can we find out about Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee?

- Let's take a look at some photographs from the past to find out about Queen Victoria's Jubilee was celebrated
- What else can these photographs reveal about Victorian times?
- What other documents would help us find out more?
- Are we celebrating Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee in the same way?

This lesson can be found online here: nationalarchives.gov.uk/education/resources/platinum-jubilee/what-is-a-jubilee/

Suitable for:

Primary History

Time period:

Victorians
1850 - 1901

Connections to the Curriculum:

Events beyond living memory that are significant nationally or globally.

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Introduction:

Teacher explains the term 'jubilee' means a celebration to mark the number of years a monarch has been on the throne. We are celebrating our Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 as she has been on the throne for 70 years. Well over a hundred years ago, Queen Victoria celebrated her Diamond Jubilee in 1897 to celebrate 60 years as Queen.

Part 1: How can we use these photographs to find out about Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee?

1. Show the class on a whiteboard/printed copies: Photograph entitled: 'Dartford Bank House Club with Victoria Jubilee decoration' 1897, Catalogue ref: COPY 1/431/34

Ask the pupils the following questions:

- What can you see in the photograph?
 - Can you explain what the words mean?
 - Why is the building decorated like this?
 - The date of the photograph is 1897. Whose reign is this?
 - When did this reign begin? Clue: 60 years have passed!
2. Show the groups on a whiteboard/printed copies : Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations, Alston, Cumberland, June 1897, Catalogue ref: COPY 1/430/711

Divide the class into small groups/pairs. Print the questions below on separate cards. Give each group 2 questions each. Ask the pupils to discuss their answers and report back to the class.

- Where is this photograph taken?
- Did you spot the brass band?
- Why are some children wearing medals do you think?
- Can you describe the children's clothes?
- What type of clothing is it?
- Why might this photograph have been taken?
- What does this photograph tell us about Queen Victoria; children's lives, shopping, housing, cameras?
- Do you think this photograph is posed?
- If it is posed, does this make it less useful for finding out about the past?
- What is the message of the photograph?

Creative activities:

Project this photograph onto a large screen. Ask the pupils to draw/paint a part of the image focussing on particular person(s) or building(s). Display their work with the original photograph.

Creative writing: Imagine you a child standing in this crowd. What can you see and hear. Why are you there? How do you feel? Are you enjoying yourself?

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Part 2: How can we use this document to find out how Queen Victoria's celebrated her Jubilee?

Use the document entitled 'Buckingham Place, June 21st, 1897, Her Majesty Dinner' Catalogue Ref: LC 2/146

Introduce the source as a 'Mystery Document' to the class. As the pupils to examine the document as an object, they do not need to read it at first.

- What does it look like? (A diagram)
- How is the text set out?
- Is there a title? Point out key words.
- Carefully read the title together
- What do they think this source could be? (a banquet seating plan)
- Why was this an important event?
- What type of people are going to this dinner?
- Can the pupils give some examples?
- Name 6 countries which the guests come from
- How do we know they are important?
- What does the position of the tables suggest? (Queen at top table, her family nearest her, position reflects importance)

Creative activity:

Find some examples of menu cards on Google. Create your own illustrated menu for a celebration of your choice. What would different foods would you have to celebrate a birthday/festival/anniversary/wedding?

Part 3: How can we find out how the people celebrated Queen Victoria's Jubilee?

Photograph entitled: 'Queen Victoria Diamond Jubilee, 1897, Catalogue ref: COPY 1/431/3

Photograph entitled: Diamond Jubilee Bonfire, Chippenham, Wiltshire, 1897, Catalogue ref: COPY 1/431/4

Divide the class into small groups/pairs. Give them a print out of both photographs, or project the photographs on a white board so you can COMPARE them. Discuss the following questions:

- What can you see in each photograph?
- What do the photographs show about how people celebrated Queen Victoria's Jubilee?
- Discuss the original caption of each photograph
- How are the photographs different?
- Which photograph is more useful? Give your reasons.
- Can you make a list of other sources that would help us find out about the Queen

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Plenary:

Prompt questions:

- Are we celebrating Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee in the same way?
- What are we doing to celebrate Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee?
- What are the differences do you think?
- What sources could be used to remember Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee for children finding out about this event in the future?

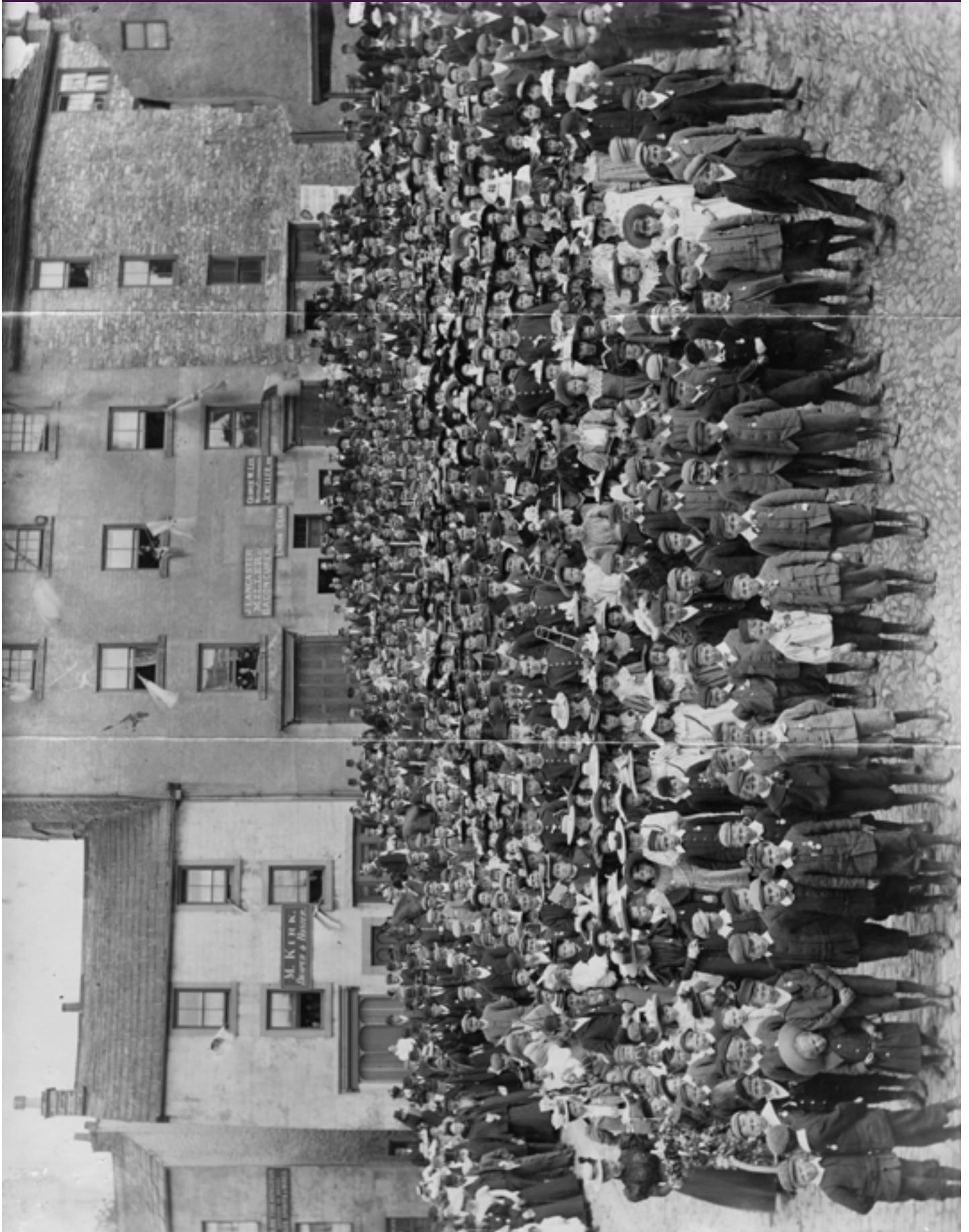
'Dartford Bank House Club with Victoria Jubilee decoration' 1897

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Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations, Alston, Cumberland, June 1897

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Transcript: 'Buckingham Place, June 21st, 1897, Her Majesty Dinner'

Catalogue ref: LC 2/146

[Tables transcribed left to right, seating transcribed clockwise.]

Queen's Table

The Queen
 The Prince of Naples
 Princess of Wales
 Grand Duke of Hesse
 Grand Duchess Elizabeth Feodorovna of Russia
 Prince Albert of Prussia, Regent of Brunswick
 Grand Duchess of Mecklenburg-Strelitz
 Grand Duke Serge of Russia
 Grand Duchess of Hesse
 Crown Prince of Siam
 Empress Frederic
 The Archduke Francis Ferdinand of Austria

Prince of Wales's Table

Prince of Wales
 Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein
 Grand Duke of Mecklenburg-Strelitz
 Princess Frederica of Hanover
 The Prince of Japan
 Princess of Bulgaria
 Duc d'Auerstadt (France), Special Ambassador
 Princess Henry of Prussia
 Prince Waldemar of Denmark
 Duchess of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha
 Prince Henry of Prussia
 The Princess of Naples

Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha's Table

Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha
 Duchess of Connaught
 Prince Rupert of Bavaria
 Duchess of York
 Duke of Oporto
 Princess Victoria of Wales
 The Hon. Whitelaw Reid, United States Special Ambassador
 Hereditary Princess of Saxe-Meiningen
 Prince Frederick Augustus, Duke of Saxony
 Princess Louise (Duchess of Fife)
 Grand Duke Cyril of Russia
 Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne)

Duke of Connaught's Table

Duke of Connaught
 Duchess of Albany
 Duke Albert of Wurtemberg
 Princess Charles of Denmark
 Crown Prince of Montenegro
 Prince Charles of Ligne, Belgian Ambassador Extraordinary
 Duke of Sotomayor, Spanish Special Ambassador
 Monsignore Sumbucetti, Archbishop of Corinth, Papal Envoy
 Hereditary Grand Duke of Luxemburg
 Princess Adolphe of Schaumburg-Lippe
 Prince Eugene of Sweden and Norway
 Princess Beatrice, Princess Henry of Battenberg

Duke of York's Table

Duke of York
 Princess Frederick Charles of Hesse
 Prince of Bulgaria
 Princess Louis of Battenberg
 Prince Alfred of Saxe-Coburg
 M. de Staal (Russian Ambassador)
 His Excellency Chang Ying Hun (China)
 Prince Mohammed Ali Pacha of Egypt
 Prince Amir Khan of Persia
 Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein
 Prince Charles of Denmark
 Duchess of Teck

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Duke of Cambridge's Table

Duke of Cambridge
Princess Feodore of Saxe-Meiningen
Prince Philip of Saxe-Coburg
Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar
Duke of Teck
Munir Pacha (Turkish Envoy)
Count van Lynden
Duchess of Buccleuch (Mistress of the Robes)
Prince Aribert of Anhalt
Princess Hatzfeldt, Mistress of the Robes (to
The Empress Frederic)
Prince Frederick Charles of Hesse
Princess Aribert of Anhalt

Marquis of Lorne's Table

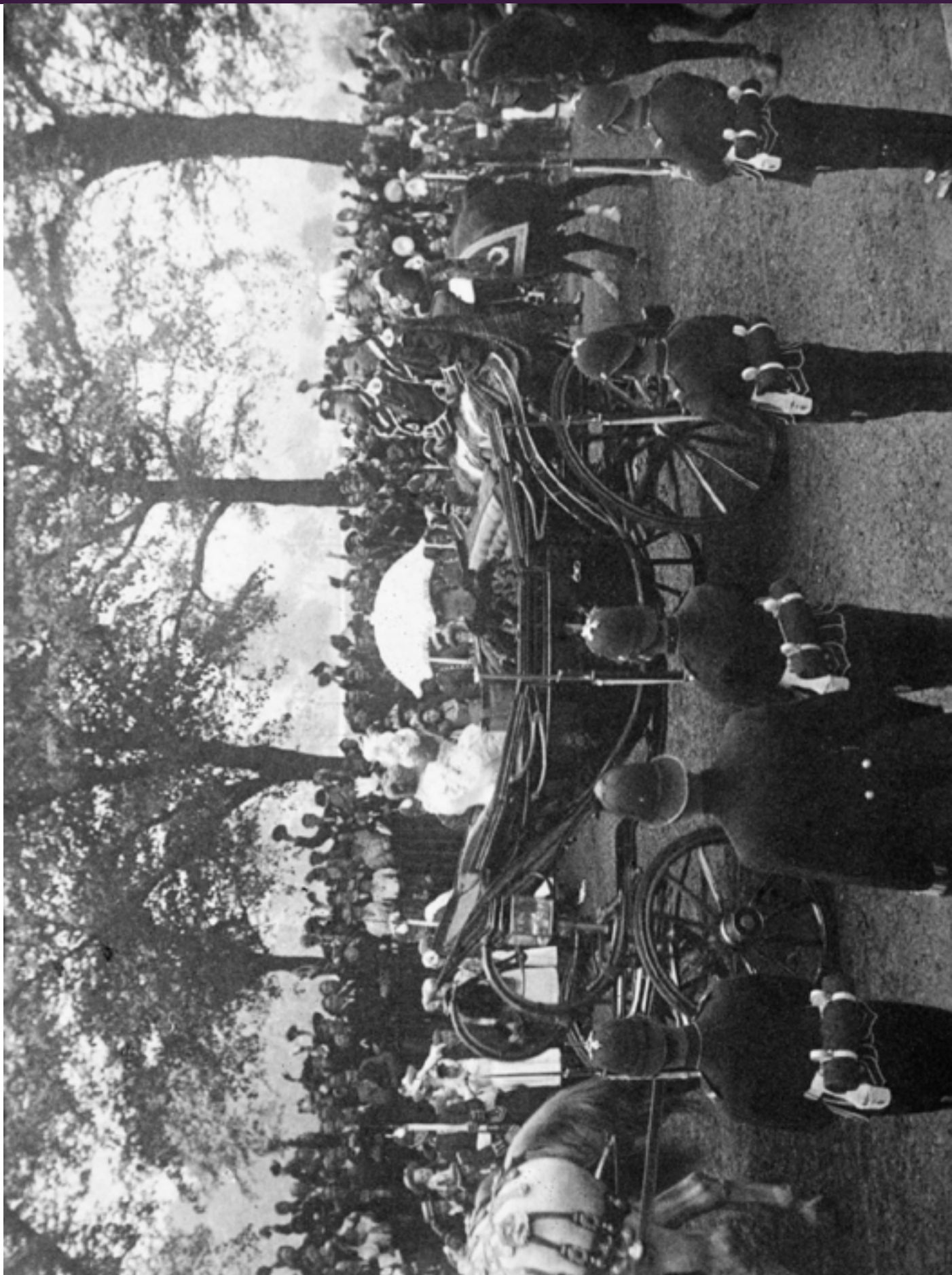
Marquis of Lorne
Count de Casa Valencia (Spanish Ambassador)
Prince Adolphus of Teck
Lord Chamberlain
Prince Francis of Teck
Baron von Pawel Rammingen
Anthopoulo Pacha (Turkish Ambassador)
Prince Alexander of Teck
Min Young hwan (Corean Envoy)
Duke of Fife
Prince Albert of Schleswig-Holstein
Countess Victoria Gleichen

Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein's Table

Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein
Countess Feodore Gleichen
Prince Hermann of Saxe-Weimar
Count Deym (Austro-Hungarian Ambassador)
Prince Louis of Battenberg
Herr von Brauer
M. de Courcel (French Ambassador)
The Marquis of Salisbury
Mr Hay, United States Ambassador
General Ferero (Italian Ambassador)
The Archbishop of Finland
The Lord Steward
Prince Christian Victor of Schleswig-Holstein
Count Hatzfeldt (German Ambassador)
Prince Adolphe of Schaumburg-Lippe
Princess Victor of Hohenlohe

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