

This document has been created by AHDS History and is based on information supplied by the depositor

SN 5124 - Digital Library of Historical Directories, 1750-1919: London, 1808-1891

Study Documentation

The Digital Library of Historical Directories is an online teaching and research resource produced and owned by the University of Leicester, located at www.historicaldirectories.org. It makes available high quality digitised reproductions of some 600 local and trade directories for England and Wales, for the period 1750-1919. For the purposes of deposit in the UK Data Archive, the collection has been divided into 35 studies on a regional basis. Digitisation involved scanning the hard-copy source to produce a graphic image of each page and then processing those images to generate a machinereadable text file (used on the website as the basis for searches). Both kinds of file have been deposited in the Data Archive. For each directory, the Archive therefore contains (1) a set of page images in the form of monochrome TIFF files, and (2) a single text file resulting from OCR of the TIFFs. In view of the large number of pages processed - totalling over 360,000 - it was impracticable to attempt any checking and correction of the OCR results. The accuracy of the text files is consequently rather variable. The directories contained in the present study are detailed in the following pages. The descriptions have been generated from those on the website and use similar fields, as follows:

SOURCE The title of the original volume.

PUBLISHED Publication details (place, publisher and year).

REPOSITORY The library or archive from which the volume was obtained.

VOLUME NOTE A comment on the volume used for digitisation (where appropriate), e.g. to note any missing pages.

DIGITISATION NOTE .. A comment on the digitisation of the volume (where appropriate), e.g. to indicate that the digitised version of a large directory has been divided into two or more parts so as to facilitate online reference.

HEADINGS A series of up to 10 section headings, to outline the main content and structure of the directory. In the website version these also serve as hyperlinks for quick access to the relevant section.

CONTENT NOTE Additional description of the content (where appropriate)

FEATURES An indication of up to 3 features that inputters thought might be of interest to the user, e.g. illustrations.

FEATURES NOTE Additional comment on features such as illustrations (where appropriate).

ID An ID string for the digitised directory, consisting of a 3-letter repository code followed by numbers indicating

the batch in which the directory was processed and the item number within the batch.

IMAGE FILES Details of the number and size of the TIFF image files. The files have automatic sequential filenames assigned by the OCR software, e.g. 0000BH7S.tif, 0000BH7T.tif ...

TEXT FILE Name and size of the text file resulting from OCR of the page images.

SN 5124 - Digital Library of Historical Directories, 1750-1919: London, 1808-1891

Page 1 of 9

Source The Post-Office Annual Directory for 1808. Being a list of upwards of 16,000 merchants, traders, &c. of London, and parts adjacent ... / by B.Critchett

Published London: pr. by T. Maiden for Critchett, 1808

Repository Birmingham Central Library, Chamberlain Square, Birmingham, B3 3HQ.

Volume Note 9th edition.

Digitisation Note .. The imperfect typography and tight binding of the original have an impact upon the quality of the digitisation in places. This will reduce the reliability of searches.

Headings Title Page, Preface & Indexes // Late Additions // Alphabetical Directory, A-K // Alphabetical Directory, L-Z // Public Notaries // London Bankers // Country Bankers // Postal Information // Public Officials & Company Directors

Content Note

Features

Features Note

ID BCL15001

Image Files 385 files totalling 21.66 MB in folder BCL15001.tif

Text File BCL15001_ocr.txt, 1.29 MB

Post Office Annual Directory, 1808

Source The Post Office London Directory, 1841. Comprising, amongst other information, street directory, commercial directory, trades' directory ... [Part 1: Street, Commercial, & Trades Directories]

Published London: Kelly, 1841

Repository Birmingham Central Library, Chamberlain Square, Birmingham, B3 3HQ.

Volume Note Lacks title page. This edition includes for the first time a Street Directory and a Court Directory, the latter consisting of everyone in the Street Directory who is not engaged in trade.

Digitisation Note .. The original directory was very large. The digitised version has been divided into 2 parts to help with online reference. This is Part 1 of 2.

Headings Preface // Almanac // Additions & Corrections // Contents // Index to Street Directory // Street Directory // Commercial & Professional Directory // Index to Trades Directory // Trades Directory

Content Note
Features
Features Note
ID BCL13001A
Image Files 890 files totalling 164.71 MB in folder
BCL13001Atif
Text File BCL13001A_ocr.txt, 10.38 MB
Post Office London Directory, 1841. [Part 1: Street, Commercial, &
Trades Directories)

Page 2 of 9

Source The Post Office London Directory, 1841.
Comprising, amongst other information, street directory, commercial
directory, trades' directory ... [Part 2: Law, Court, & Parliamentary
Directories, etc.]

Published London: Kelly, 1841

Repository Birmingham Central Library, Chamberlain Square,
Birmingham, B3 3HQ.

Volume Note This edition includes for the first time a Street
Directory and a Court Directory, the latter consisting of everyone in
the Street Directory who is not engaged in trade. Lacks pages after
1392 (sections on Assurance Companies and Dock Companies)

Digitisation Note .. The original directory was very large. The
digitised version has been divided into 2 parts to help with online
reference. This is Part 2 of 2.

Headings Preface // Additions & Corrections // Contents //
Law Directory // Court Directory // Parliamentary Directory // City
Directory // Post Office Directory // Conveyance Directory // Banking
Directory

Content Note

Features

Features Note

ID BCL13001B

Image Files 383 files totalling 57.43 MB in folder
BCL13001Btif

Text File BCL13001B_ocr.txt, 4.01 MB

Post Office London Directory, 1841. [Part 2: Law, Court, &
Parliamentary
Directories, etc.]

Page 3 of 9

Source The Small Edition of the Post Office London
Directory, 1852. Comprising, amongst other information, official
directory; commercial directory; court directory; parliamentary
directory; postal directory; banking directory; &c.

Published London: Kelly, 1851

Repository Institute of Historical Research, Senate House,
Malet Street, London WC1E 7HU

Volume Note This directory was once bound with others under
the general title "Post Office Directory of London, with Essex,
Hertfordshire, Kent, Middlesex, Surrey and Sussex"

Digitisation Note ..
Headings Title Page, Preface & Indexes // Late Names & Alterations // Official Directory // Commercial & Professional // Court Directory // Parliamentary Directory // Postal Directory // Banking Directory // Advertisements
Content Note
Features Almanac // Table of Railway Mails
Features Note
ID IHR11005
Image Files 941 files totalling 154.96 MB in folder IHR11005.tif
Text File IHR11005_ocr.txt, 9.56 MB
Post Office London Directory (Small Edition), 1852

Source The Post Office London Directory for 1882, comprising, amongst other information, official, street, commercial, trades, law, court, parliamentary, postal, city & clerical, conveyance & banking directories. [Part 1: Official & Street Directories]
Published London: Kelly, 1882
Repository Birmingham Central Library, Chamberlain Square, Birmingham, B3 3HQ.

Volume Note
Digitisation Note .. The original directory was very large. The digitised version has been divided into 4 parts to help with online reference. This is Part 1 of 4.

Headings Title Page & Introduction // Almanac // Contents & Index // New Names & Alterations // Official Directory, A - H // Official Directory, I - Z // Official Directory: Classified Lists // Index to Street Directory // Street Directory, A - K // Street Directory, L - Z
Content Note
Features
Features Note

ID BCL15005A
Image Files 713 files totalling 130.63 MB in folder BCL15005A.tif
Text File BCL15005A_ocr.txt, 12.11 MB
Post Office London Directory, 1882. [Part 1: Official & Street Directories]

Page 4 of 9
Source The Post Office London Directory for 1882, comprising, amongst other information, official, street, commercial, trades, law, court, parliamentary, postal, city & clerical, conveyance & banking directories. [Part 2: Commercial & Professional Directory]
Published London: Kelly, 1882
Repository Birmingham Central Library, Chamberlain Square, Birmingham, B3 3HQ.
Volume Note

Digitisation Note .. The original directory was very large. The digitised version has been divided into 4 parts to help with online reference. This is Part 2 of 4.

Headings Title Page, Introduction & Indexes // Late, New Names & Alterations // Commercial Directory. A - D // Commercial Directory. E - G // Commercial Directory. H - K // Commercial Directory. L - N // Commercial Directory. O - R // Commercial Directory. S - T // Commercial Directory. U - Z // Advertisements

Content Note

Features

Features Note

ID BCL15005B

Image Files 711 files totalling 150.54 MB in folder BCL15005B.tif

Text File BCL15005B_ocr.txt, 10.68 MB

Post Office London Directory, 1882. [Part 2: Commercial & Professional Directory]

Page 5 of 9

Source The Post Office London Directory for 1882, comprising, amongst other information, official, street, commercial, trades, law, court, parliamentary, postal, city & clerical, conveyance & banking directories. [Part 3: Trades & Professional Directory]

Published London: Kelly, 1882

Repository Birmingham Central Library, Chamberlain Square, Birmingham, B3 3HQ.

Volume Note

Digitisation Note .. The original directory was very large. The digitised version has been divided into 4 parts to help with online reference. This is Part 3 of 4.

Headings Title Page, Introduction & Indexes // New & Late Names & Alterations // Trades Directory. A - C // Trades Directory. D - G // Trades Directory. H - K // Trades Directory. L - O // Trades Directory. P - S // Trades Directory. T - Z // Advertisement

Content Note Trades and professions are arranged in alphabetical order, from Absorbent Cotton Wool Manufacturers to Zincographic Printers.

Features

Features Note

ID BCL15005C

Image Files 600 files totalling 126.1 MB in folder BCL15005C.tif

Text File BCL15005C_ocr.txt, 9.12 MB

Post Office London Directory, 1882. [Part 3: Trades & Professional Directory]

Page 6 of 9

Source The Post Office London Directory for 1882, comprising, amongst other information, official, street, commercial, trades, law, court, parliamentary, postal, city & clerical, conveyance

& banking directories. [Part 4: Law, Court & Parliamentary Directories, etc.]

Published London: Kelly, 1882

Repository Birmingham Central Library, Chamberlain Square, Birmingham, B3 3HQ.

Volume Note

Digitisation Note .. The original directory was very large. The digitised version has been divided into 4 parts to help with online reference. This is Part 4 of 4.

Headings Title Page, Introduction & Indexes // New Names & Alterations // Law Directory // Court Directory. A - I // Court Directory. J - Z // Parliamentary Directory // Postal Directory // City, Clerical & Parochial Directory // Conveyance & Banking Directories // Advertisements

Content Note

Features

Features Note

ID BCL15006

Image Files 1030 files totalling 146.7 MB in folder BCL15006.tif

Text File BCL15006_ocr.txt, 10.7 MB

Post Office London Directory, 1882. [Part 4: Law, Court & Parliamentary Directories, etc.]

Page 7 of 9

Source The Business Directory of London and provincial and foreign trade guide (l'Annuaire du Commerce de Londres), 1884. [Part 1: Alphabetical Section]

Published London: Morris, 1884

Repository University of Leicester Library, P.O. Box 248, University Road, Leicester, LE1 9QD

Volume Note 22nd annual edition.

Digitisation Note .. The original directory was very large. The digitised version has been divided into 2 parts to help with online reference. This is Part 1 of 2. The text quality is affected in places by poor printing.

Headings Title Page, Notice & Preface // AAR - DYU // EAB - HYT // IAK - LYM // MAA - OYS // PAA - RYM // SAB - UZI // VAA - WYT // YAB - ZYN // Chambers of Commerce & Trade Protection Associations

Content Note The directory is listed alphabetically, starting with Aaron Sons & Co wholesale and export umbrella and parasol makers, and finishing with Zyngomalass Nicholas G merchant. All entries contain the nature of business and the location.

Features

Features Note

ID LUL19022A

Image Files 739 files totalling 116.3 MB in folder LUL19022A.tif

Text File LUL19022A_ocr.txt, 8.09 MB

Business Directory of London, 1884. [Part 1: Alphabetical Section]

Source The Business Directory of London and provincial and foreign trade guide (l'Annuaire du Commerce de Londres), 1884. [Part 2: Classified Section and Provincial & Foreign Register]

Published London: Morris, 1884

Repository University of Leicester Library, P.O. Box 248, University Road, Leicester, LE1 9QD

Volume Note 22nd annual edition.

Digitisation Note .. The original directory was very large. The digitised version has been divided into 2 parts to help with online reference. This is Part 2 of 2. The text quality is affected in places by poor printing.

Headings Title Page & Preface // List of Trades // Classified Directory, A - H // Classified Directory, I - O // Classified Directory, P - Z // Provincial Register // Foreign Register // Advertisements // Indexes to Advertisements // Almanack

Content Note The List of Trades is in French and English. The directory lists London businesses from Account Book Makers to Zinc Rolling Mills. There are separate registers of provincial and foreign businesses, listed by town.

Features

Features Note

ID LUL19022B

Image Files 1101 files totalling 151.32 MB in folder LUL19022B.tif

Text File LUL19022B_ocr.txt, 11.8 MB

Business Directory of London, 1884. [Part 2: Classified Section and Provincial & Foreign Register]

Source The Post Office London Trades' Directory for 1891

Published London: Kelly, 1891

Repository University of Leicester Library, P.O. Box 248, University Road, Leicester, LE1 9QD

Volume Note

Digitisation Note ..

Headings Title Page & Indexes // Trades & Professions // Advertisements

Content Note The directory gives an A-Z of London trades and traders, from Absorbent Cotton Wool Manufacturers to Zincographic Printers.

Features Orange Peel Cutters

Features Note

ID LUL4019

Image Files 994 files totalling 192.92 MB in folder LUL4019.tif

Text File LUL4019_ocr.txt, 11.55 MB

Post Office London Trades Directory, 1891

