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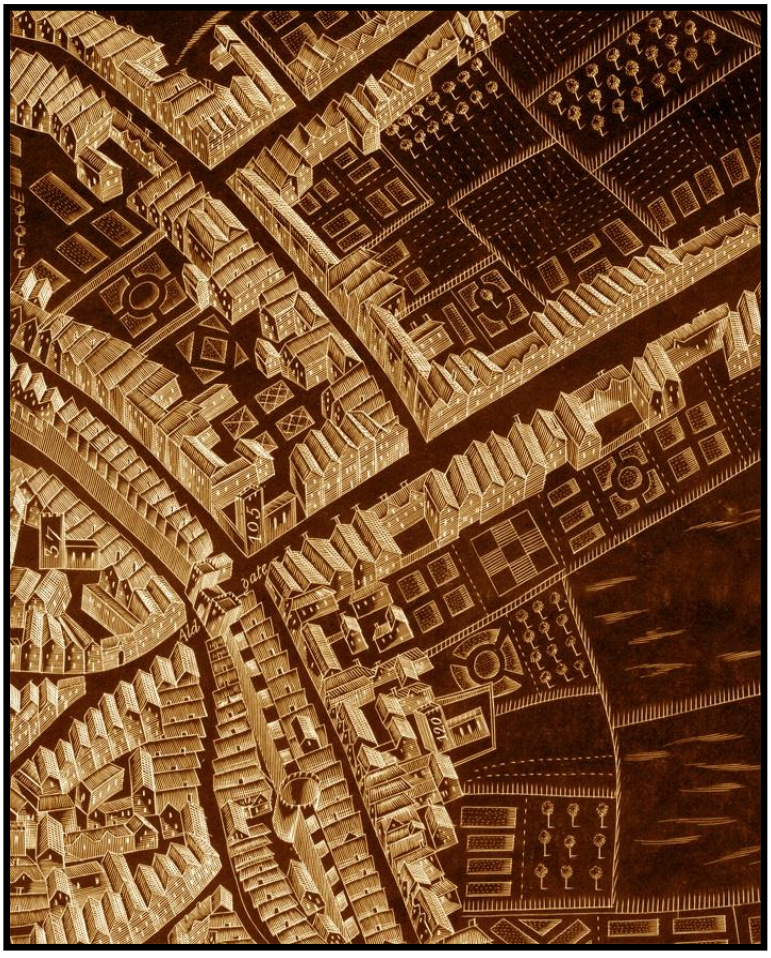

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The Project

The *Life in the suburbs: health, domesticity and status in early modern London* project (ESRC RES-062-23-1260) ran from June 2008 until May 2011. It investigated the character and development of London's eastern suburb by examining the life of the inhabitants of the extra-mural parishes of St Botolph Aldgate and Holy Trinity Minories from c.1550-c.1700. Covering just under 80 acres running south from the parish of St Botolph Bishopsgate to the Thames, this area experienced a population explosion during the early modern period, from c.3,500 inhabitants in 1540, over 11,000 by 1650, to nearly 20,000 by 1700. The area offers a population with a unique range of social and economic experiences which allow the greatest possible scope for studying suburban living in early modern London. Moreover, it also offers an unprecedented array of sources, including parish registers, records of poor relief, numerous taxation and household listings, and the observations of the parish clerks of St Botolph.

The project had three main aims. The first involved a full family reconstitution and demographic analysis of the area's parish registers - the largest reconstitution yet attempted from English registers. Issues investigated included seasonality of mortality across the period, and the impact of maternal feeding practices. The second area of research involved a study of the status, wealth and composition of the domestic groups within the two parishes. Major themes here concerned the levels of poverty and overseas immigration, the impact of London's growth on existing social structures and whether communities of wealth congregated in different areas of the suburb. Finally, the third project strand was concerned with the topographical development of the area, specifically the expansion of its housing stock. Subjects examined here included the residence patterns and spatial characteristics of the population, variables such as housing quality and amenity, and rental values. These analyses have informed large-scale explanations of the development of the early modern metropolis and its role in the 'modernisation' of English society.

Sources

The study area offers an unprecedented array of sources. Property-holding material collected by the earlier *Social and Economic Study of Medieval London* project by Derek Keene and Vanessa Harding,[1] was supplemented with deeds, leases, plans, maps and rentals for the period up to the early eighteenth century. The voluminous parish registers,

[1] http://www.history.ac.uk/projects/research/social-and-economic

which begin in 1558 and have been entered in their entirety to 1710 – approximately 170,000 separate entries – are for durations of this period rich in information about familial relationships, occupations and residence. Rather uniquely, St Botolph's also has a run of parish clerk's memorandum books, covering the period 1583 to 1625, which provide something approaching a day book of parish life, recording in extraordinary detail the comings and goings of the resident population. The nine volumes of this source consist of approximately 1.4 million words. In addition to this, there are vestry minutes and churchwardens' accounts, and a separate volume of churchwardens' poor accounts, which contains some 6000 relief payments made during a fifty year period in the seventeenth century. Information has also been collected from the wills of four hundred of the area's inhabitants. Finally, the project has made full use of national taxation records covering the period, including subsidies, tithe and hearth tax returns, and particular use has been made of the inhabitants-type listings of the late seventeenth century, the poll tax, the four shillings in the pound aid and the marriage duty assessment. The great majority of the sources are archived in the London Metropolitan Archives and The National Archive.

Collaboration

The project is the third phase of a collaboration between Birkbeck, University of London, and the Cambridge Group for the History of Population and Social Structure (University of Cambridge). It builds upon the work of previous projects: 'People in Place: families, households and housing in early modern London' (funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council), which examined family and household structure in five central London parishes in Cheapside, an eastern suburban precinct of St Botolph Aldgate and Clerkenwell in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries; and 'Housing Environments and Health in Early Modern London 1550-1750' (funded by the Wellcome Trust for the History of Medicine), which investigated the relationship between environment and health in these areas.[2]

The Datasets: Overview

The datasets in this collection are composed of data created from sources that fall into four categories:

1. The parish registers of St Botolph Aldgate and Holy Trinity Minories
2. Parochial records from the vestry of St Botolph Aldgate
3. Lists of inhabitants from local and national taxation records
4. Records of ownership and conveyance of properties within the parish of St Botolph Aldgate

In the following file-level documentation sections, each source-specific dataset is described individually.

[2] http://www.history.ac.uk/projects/research/people-in-place; http://www.history.ac.uk/projects/research/london-housing-and-health

Two principal approaches were taken to creating the data from sources in groups 1-3. For the parish register material, data was entered into a relational database, whilst for the parish records and lists of inhabitants 'semi-structured' transcriptions were made. These latter comprise verbatim transcriptions with core information – usually relating to named individuals or payments made and received – organised in a tabular structure, sometimes with (clearly identified) added analytical apparatus. In all cases all material has followed the original orthography. These source-specific datasets were subsequently processed and reconfigured for various research strands as required. The current data collection contains the pre-processed transcripts, subjected to editing and cleaning.

The filenames of the source-specific datasets use the conventions:

[Date/Period]_[Source Type]_[Geographical Coverage]

The geographical coverage will either be:

- PORTSOKEN: The ward of Portsoken in the City of London
- EASTSMITHFIELD: The Liberty of East Smithfield in the County of Middlesex
- STBOTOLPHALDGATE: The parish of St Botolph Aldgate, comprising both Portsoken and East Smithfield
- BARRS: the precinct of Barrs in the ward of Portsoken
- HOUNDSDITCH: the precinct of Houndsditch in the ward of Portsoken
- HIGHSTREET: the precinct of High Street in the ward of Portsoken

The transcriptions were created under the supervision of Mark Merry, Philip Baker (parish records and lists of inhabitants) and Gill Newton (parish registers). Subsequent processing was undertaken by Mark Merry and Gill Newton. Mark Latham was responsible for compiling the narrative histories of properties.

Datasets: Documentation

Parish Registers Aldgate, London 1558-1710

Description

This data collection contains five pipe (|) separated variable files that are the tables of a relational database representing a transcription of parish register baptism, marriage and burial events for the parishes of St Botolph Aldgate and Holy Trinity Minories, London. This data collection was created between June 2008 and June 2011 as part of the ESRC-funded research project 'Life in the suburbs: health, domesticity and status in early modern London'.

The sources of this data collection are the original manuscript parish registers of St Botolph Aldgate and Holy Trinity Minories held at Guildhall Library. The references are as follows:

St Botolph Aldgate parish registers GL MS 9220 bap 1558-1625 and mar 1558-1625; GL MS 9221 paper bap 1571-93 and paper bur 1571-93; GL MS 9222/1 bur 1558-1625; GL MS 9222/2 bur 1625-1665; GL MS 9223 paper bap 1593-99 and paper bur 1593-99; GL MS 9224 bap 1625-69 and mar 1625-56 and bur 1665-73; GL MS 9225/1 rough bap 1625-40 and bur 1558-1625; GL MS 9225/2 bap 1669-95; GL MS 9226 bap 1695-1711 and bur 1695-1711 and mar 1695-1711; GL MS 9229 mar 1653-75 and banns 1653-8; GL MS 9230/1 mar 1675-95; GL MS 9232/1 bur 1673-95.

Holy Trinity Minories parish registers GL MS 9238 bap, bur and mar 1563-1717; GL MS 9241/1 mar 1644-48/9; GL MS 9242A mar 1657/8-59; GL MS 9241/2 mar 1660-3; GL MS 9242B mar 1676-83; GL MS 9243 mar 1683-6; GL MS 9244 mar 1686-92; GL MS 9243 mar 1692-1754; GL MS 9245 mar 1693/4-1713.

These sources were digitally photographed by Stuart Basten and Oliver Dunn and input into Microsoft Access 2000 databases by Laurie Lindey, Jo Mattingley, Sue Parkinson, Gavin Robinson, Ivar Romo, Tiffany Schumaker and Eila Williamson. Most events post 1690 were at first input from microfilm copies of the parish registers obtained from the Genealogical Society of Utah and later checked against the digital images. Random samples of the input were checked for paleographic accuracy by Philip Baker at the Centre for Metropolitan History. The structure of the input was devised by Gill Newton at the Cambridge Group for the History of Population and Social Structure and Mark Merry at the Centre for Metropolitan History, and the data were concatenated, cleaned and checked for logical consistency by Gill Newton.

The dates covered are 1558-1710 for St Botolph Aldgate and 1563-1711 for Holy Trinity Minories, with additional baptisms and burials to 1718. It should be noted that there are some gaps in extant parochial registration during these periods, particularly in marriages in Holy Trinity Minories.

Structure and Related Datasets

Event.tab	17174957 bytes	173,296 lines + field names on first line
Person.tab	16214854 bytes	211,900 lines + field names on first line
Related_people.tab	11835982 bytes	159,496 lines + field names on first line
Condition.tab	1827587 bytes	70,037 lines + field names on first line
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There are five tables representing parish register Events as a whole, their component subject Persons and those Persons' Conditions or status, Related_people and those Related_people's Conditions or status. The tables are joined as indicated in the table and field descriptions given below. These tables are also related to the data collection 'Reconstituted families of Aldgate, London, 1558-1710', which contains family reconstitutions of these events. There are joins between the key field of tables in this database and foreign key fields of that database as indicated in that data collection.

An alternative version of this resource together with the related resource 'Reconstituted families of Aldgate, London, 1558-1710' exists as a Microsoft Access 2000 database. This also contains a version of the user interface Forms used for data input that may be used for viewing transcriptions of each parish register baptism, marriage and burial event. This database was created by Gill Newton. The .tab files of this data collection were generated from this database

Event.tab

Each record represents a baptism, marriage or burial Event recorded in one of the sources, which are usually parish registers. An Event must have one or more Persons, who is/are the subject(s) of that Event.

Event_id (Integer)

Unique identifier for each baptism, marriage or burial Event.

Event_date (Date)

The date of an Event as given in the sources, where dates are usually in the Julian calendar with each year beginning on 25 March. Where partially given in the source, derived from its position relative to other dated Events in the register, or where the day is unclear, set to the first day of the month, or where the month is unclear, set to the first month in the year. Unclear dates are annotated in the [Memo] field and the uncertainty associated with them is modelled by the [DateUncertainty] field.

Event_dateGREGORIAN (Date)

The date of an Event in the Gregorian calendar, derived from [Event_date].

DateUncertainty (Integer)

For partial or impossible dates (see [Event_date] above, this is used to represent the number of days which, when added to the date of an event as recorded in [Event_date] or [Event_dateGREGORIAN], represent the latest date on which the event is deemed to have taken place. Note that this field can include negative values.

Parish (String)

Indicates the parish in which the Event was recorded. which is usually a parish register. The options are:

St Botolph Aldgate	Listed in the parish registers of St Botolph Aldgate, London
Holy Trinity Minories	Listed in the parish registers of Holy Trinity Minories, London

Event (String)

The type of Event recorded in a register. Can be baptism, marriage or burial

Unrelated_memo (String)

Any marginalia or other comments in a register, appearing below or closest to the Event transcribed in the other fields of a record, but which do not concern the Event. All such notes are transcribed and are as given in the original orthography.

Marriage_authorisation (String)

Used only for marriage Events (see [Event] field). Indicates whether a marriage was authorised by the calling of banns, or by licence, where this information is given in a register. Can be banns, licence or banns and licence.

Licence_issuer (String)

Used only for marriage Events (see [Event] field).Where a marriage was authorised by licence (see [Marriage_authorisation] field), indicates from which Bishop or other source this licence was obtained, where this information is given in a register.

The options are:

Canterbury
Faculties
London

These are standardised descriptors used during data inputting.

Memo (String)

Used to record any comments or pertinent further information concerning an Event that is given in a register, transcribed in the original orthography and surrounded by quotation marks (“”). Also used for comments and queries by the data inputter that concern the whole Event or more than one of its subjects, particularly any problems concerning the dating of an Event (see also [Event_date] above), whether the Event was transcribed out of the order listed in the register (see also [Reg_Order_Num] below), whether the Event is crossed out in the register, and any ambiguities inherent in or inferences that may be made from the wording of the source.

Marriage_location (String)

Used only for marriage Events (see [Event] field). The location in which a marriage is stated to have taken place, where such information is given in a register. In the original orthography.

Reg_Order_Num (Integer)

A numeric sequence that allows Events to be sorted into the same order as in the original source registers, correcting any out of sequence data entry flagged in the [Memo] field.

Address (String)

In baptisms and burials, the street address or other current residential information of the family or subject of an event. Since brides and grooms are presumed to have different addresses, for marriages this is represented using the Person [Residence] field (see below). In the case of present and former address information such as “lodging at the White Horse but formerly from Eccles” the former residence is also given in the Person [Residence] field.

Person.tab

Each record represents a Person who is a subject of a baptism, burial or marriage Event as recorded in one of the sources, which are usually parish registers. Each record must have a corresponding Event record (see Event.tab). A Person may have one or more Conditions (see Condition.tab).

PID (Integer)

Unique identifier for each Person record.

Event_id (Integer)

Foreign key indicating the Event record to which a Person belongs (see Event.tab).

Birth_date (Date)

Used only for baptism Events (see Event table [Event] field). The date of birth where such information is given in the source. Dates are usually in the Julian calendar with each year beginning on 25 March. Where partially given in the source, where the day is unclear, set to the first day of the month, or where the month is unclear, set to the first month in the year.

Birth_place (String)

Used only for baptism Events (see Event table [Event] field). A Person's place of birth where such information is given in the source register. Most often given where the child is a foundling.

Baptism_place (String)

Used only for baptism Events (see Event table [Event] field). A Person's place of baptism where such information is given in the source register. Often a private dwelling.

Forename (String)

Forename of a Person in the original orthography as given in the source.

Surname (String)

Surname of a Person in the original orthography as given in the source.

Surname_interpolated (String)

This is a field added after data inputting, derived from the Person [Surname] and Related_people [Surname] fields where appropriate so as to provide a surname for persons where the Person [Surname] field was originally blank.

Stated_sex (String)

See also [Sex] field. A standardised form of any words used in the original source from which the gender of a Person may be inferred. Some of the descriptors used were automatically copied from the title field during data input. The options and their inferences are:

Descriptor	**sex**
Alderman	m
Baron	m
boy	m
brother	m
Captain	m
Colonel	m
Dame	f
daughter	f
Dr	m
Duchess	f
Duke	m

father	m
female	f
girl	f
Goodwife	f
grandson	m
her	f
his	m
husband	m
Justice	m
Lady	f
Lord	m
Madam	f
maid	f
Major	m
male	m
man	m
Master	m
Mistress	f
mother	f
Mr	m
Mr Alderman	m
Mr Doctor	m
Mrs	f
nephew	m
niece	f
Right Honourable	m
Sir	m
Sir Doctor	m

sister	f
son	m
unstated	x
wench	f
Widow	f
wife	f
woman	f
Worshipful	m

Sex (String)

The sex of a person, as stated in the source or as inferred from their name. See also [Stated_sex]. Can be “m” for males, “f” for females or “x” where the sex is unknown.

Death_date (String)

Used only for burial Events (see Event table [Event] field). The date of death where such information is given in the source. Dates are usually in the Julian calendar with each year beginning on 25 March. Where partially given in the source, where the day is unclear, set to the first day of the month, or where the month is unclear, set to the first month in the year.

Residence (String)

See also Event [Address]. In burials and baptisms, the original place of residence of a Person, as distinct from their current address, where such information is given in the source. In marriages, the current address or home parish of the bride or groom. Recorded in the original orthography as given.

Occupation (String)

Occupation or economic status of a Person, where such information is given in the source. Recorded in the original orthography as given in the source.

Age (String)

Age of a Person, where such information is given in the source. May be a precise age in years, days or months, or a general descriptor such as “aged”. Recorded in the original orthography as given in the source.

Cause_of_death (String)

The cause of death of a Person, where such information is given in the source. Recorded in the original orthography as given in the source.

Comment (String)

Any other information given in the original source which applies to a particular Person rather than to the whole Event (compare the Event table [Memo] field). In “” where quoting from the original source. Also used for comments and queries by the data inputter, to clarify what has been entered in the other fields of a Person record.

Burial_location (String)

Used only for burial Events (see Event table [Event] field). The location in which the body of a Person has been interred where such information is given, recorded in the original orthography. Usually a place within the parish church or churchyard.

Title (String)

Any titles, honorifics etc usually preceding a Person’s forename and surname where such information is given in the source. Standardised to one of the descriptors listed below during data inputting. Where the Title also indicates sex, automatically copied to the [stated_sex] field during data inputting. Where a Title indicates occupation or economic status the original orthography is also recorded in the [Occupation] field.

Title
Mr
Mrs
Sir
Lady
Baron
Dr
Sir Doctor
Captain
Colonel
Dame
Goodwife
Lord
Major
Master
Mistress

Widow
Mr Alderman
Mr Doctor
Mother
Alderman
Father
Duke
Justice
Duchess
Worshipful
Right Honourable
Mr Baron
Madam

Burial_type (String)

This is a field added after data inputting to burial records only. It subdivides the subject of the burial into one of several categories. The options are:

Burial type
adult
ambiguous
child
lodger adult
lodger ambiguous
lodger child
not a family member
parented child
parented stillborn
spouse

Related_people.tab

Each record represents an individual who is related to a Person who is the subject of an Event. This includes but is not limited to mothers and fathers, husbands and wives of the subject Person. Each related_people record must belong to a Person (see Person.tab). A Related_people individual may have one or more RP_Condition records (see RP_Condition.tab).

RPID (Integer)

Unique identifier for each Related_people record.

Relationship (String)

The relationship of a Person (see Person.tab) to a Related_people individual (not the relationship from the Related_people individual's perspective). Standardised during data inputting. The options are:

Relationship
apprentice of
brother of
child of
cousin of
daughter of
dwelling with
father of
godfather
godmother
granddaughter of
grandson of
gravemate
husband of
in-law-brother of
in-law-daughter of
in-law-father of
in-law-mother of

in-law-sister of
in-law-son of
journeyman of
kinsman of
kinswoman of
lodger of
maid of
mother of
nephew of
niece of
partner of
scholar of
servant of
sister of
sojourner of
son of
surety
twin to
unstated
widow of
wife of
witness

Related_to (Integer)

Foreign key identifying the Person record [PID] field (see Person.tab) to which a Related_people individual belongs.

Event_id (Integer)

Foreign key identifying the Event record (see Event.tab) to which a Related_people individual belongs.

Forename (String)

Forename of a Related_people individual in the original orthography as given in the source.

Surname (String)

Surname of a Related_people individual in the original orthography as given in the source.

Surname_interpolated (String)

This is a field added after data inputting, derived from the Related_people [Surname] and Person [Surname] fields where appropriate so as to provide a surname for individuals where the Related_person [Surname] field was originally blank.

Stated_sex (String)

A standardised form of any words used in the original source from which the gender of a Related_people individual may be inferred. Some of the descriptors used were automatically copied from the title field during data input. The options and their inferences are as given for the Person table [stated_sex] field (see Person.tab).

Residence (String)

Place of residence of a Related_people individual, where such information is given in the source. Recorded in the original orthography as given.

Occupation (String)

Occupation or economic status of a Related_people individual, where such information is given in the source. Recorded in the original orthography as given.

Age (String)

Age of a Related_people individual, where such information is given in the source. May be a precise age in years, days or months, or a general descriptor such as “aged”. Recorded in the original orthography as given in the source.

Comment (String)

Any other information given in the original source which applies to a particular Related_people individual rather than to the whole Event (compare the Event table [Memo] field). In “” where quoting from the original source. Also used for comments and queries by the data inputter, to clarify what has been entered in the other fields of a Related_people individual record.

Title (String)

Any titles, honorifics etc usually preceding a Related_people individual’s forename and surname where such information is given in the source. Standardised during data inputting to a descriptor for which possible values are as listed for the Person table [Title] field. Where the Title also indicates sex, automatically copied to the [stated_sex] field during data inputting. Where a Title indicates occupation or economic status the original orthography is also recorded in the [Occupation] field.

Parent_type (String)

This is a field added after data inputting to baptism and burial records where the Related_people individual is the mother or father of the subject Person of the Event. Can be “mother” or “father”.

condition.tab

Each record represents a Condition, or standardised piece of status information, belonging to a Person. A Person may have one or more Condition. Each Condition must have a corresponding Person (see person.tab).

FlagID (Integer)

Unique identifier for each Condition record.

PersonID (Integer)

Foreign key identifying the [PID] field of the Person to which a Condition belongs (see Person.tab)

Flags (String)

A standardised version of some piece of especially pertinent status information about a Person which is given in the source, usually also recorded in the original orthography elsewhere in the Person record (in the [Age], [Occupation], [Residence] or [comments] field. The options are:

Flags
abortive child
adult/non-infant
alias
apprentice
bachelor
black
child
chrisom
christened
deceased
doctor
esquire

foreigner
foundling
householder
illegitimate
implicit baptism
infant
inmate
junior/the younger
lodger
lodger/sojourner
maid
maid/maid servant
minister
parish child/child of the people
parson
pensioner
poor
poor/pauper
senior/ the elder
servant/belonging to/man of/nurse
spinster
stillborn
stranger
stranger/foreigner
travailer
twins/multiple birth
unchristened

widow(er)

RPCondition

Each record represents a Condition, or standardised piece of status information, belonging to a Related_people individual. A Related_people individual may have one or more Condition. Each Condition must have a corresponding Related_people individual (see Related_people.tab).

RFlagID (Integer)

Unique identifier for each Condition record.

RPersonID (Integer)

Foreign key identifying the [RPID] field of the Related_people individual to which a Condition belongs (see Related_people.tab)

RFlags (String)

A standardised version of some piece of especially pertinent status information about a Related_people individual which is given in the source, usually also recorded in the original orthography elsewhere in the Related_people individual record (in the [Age], [Occupation], [Residence] or [comments] fields). The options are as given for the Condition table [Flags] field (see Condition.tab).

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Parish Records

1523-1598_Subsidies_EastSmithfield

This resource was divided into seven files. These files contain assessment listings from sixteenth-century lay subsidies for the Liberty of East Smithfield. The first two columns in each file provide the archival reference and contemporary description of source. The individual subsidy assessments employ some or all of the following fields:

Field	Function
image_no	Filename of manuscript/folio image used for transcription
mem_no	Membrane number for record
forename	Forename of individual
surname	Surname of individual
gender	Gender of the individual (interpreted)
notes_in_source	Contemporary notes/addenda/marginalia
rated_at	Rated wealth of the individual
subsidy	Subsidy assessment of the individual
stranger/english	Whether the individual is identified as a stranger
taxed_for	Whether the individual is to be taxed for goods or lands
editorial_notes	Notes added by transcriber

1523-1621_subsidies_portsoken

This workbook was divided into eight tables. The tables contain assessment listings from lay subsidies for the ward of Portsoken. The first two columns in each file provide the archival reference and contemporary description of source. The individual subsidy assessments employ some or all of the following fields:

Field	Function
image_no	Filename of manuscript/folio image used for transcription
mem_no	Membrane number for record
forename	Forename of individual
surname	Surname of individual
gender	Gender of the individual (interpreted)
notes_in_source	Contemporary notes/addenda/marginalia
rated_at	Rated wealth of the individual
subsidy	Subsidy assessment of the individual
£	The £ value of the assessment (as a numeric)
s	The shilling value of the assessment (as a numeric)
d	The pence value of the assessment (as a numeric)
stranger/english	Whether the individual is identified as a stranger
taxed_for	Whether the individual is to be taxed for goods or lands
editorial_notes	Notes added by transcriber

1547-1585_churchwardens_accounts_st_botolph_aldgate.xls

This workbook contains 36 worksheets. The worksheets contain each set of annual churchwardens' accounts recorded in GLMS9235/1. Within each set of accounts the text is divided up into folios, with a verbatim transcription; information about individuals (particularly in the accounts) has been transcribed in a semi-structured tabular fashion, along with the details of receipts or disbursements that they were involved in. These records will employ some or all of the following fields:

Field	Function
Receipt/Disbursement	Whether the payment was a receipt or disbursement
title	Title or honorific of an individual
forename	Forename of individual
surname	Surname of individual
occupation	Occupation of individual
office	Parochial office held by individual
status	Status/description of the individual
location	Place of residence of the individual
Institution name	The name of an institution if it is the subject of a receipt or disbursement
Reason	Description of the reason for the payment
Value £	The £ value of the payment (as a numeric)
Value S	The shilling value of the payment (as a numeric)
Value D	The pence value of the payment (as a numeric)
Notes	Notes regarding the payment or individual
Group	A numeric value to indicate payments that are grouped together in the records (i.e. records sharing the same Group value will be grouped together in the source)

1585-1620_churchwardens_accounts_st_botolph_aldgate.xls

This workbook contains 34 worksheets. The worksheets contain each set of annual churchwardens' accounts recorded in GLMS9235/2. Within each set of accounts the text is divided up into folios, with a verbatim transcription; information about individuals (particularly in the accounts) has been transcribed in a semi-structured tabular fashion, along with the details of receipts or disbursements that they were involved in. These records will employ some or all of the following fields:

Field	Function
Receipt/Disbursement	Whether the payment was a receipt or disbursement
title	Title or honorific of an individual
forename	Forename of individual
surname	Surname of individual
occupation	Occupation of individual
office	Parochial office held by individual
status	Status/description of the individual
location	Place of residence of the individual
Institution name	The name of an institution if it is the subject of a receipt or disbursement
Reason	Description of the reason for the payment
Value £	The £ value of the payment (as a numeric)
Value S	The shilling value of the payment (as a numeric)
Value D	The pence value of the payment (as a numeric)
Notes	Notes regarding the payment or individual
Group	A numeric value to indicate payments that are grouped together in the records (i.e. records sharing the same Group value will be grouped together in the source)

1583-1625_parish_clerk_memorandum_books_st_botolph_aldgate.xls

This workbook contains 40 worksheets, corresponding to Old Style years. Some years have been split between worksheets where this marks the shift from one manuscript volume to the next.

Aside from the final three worksheets which contain miscellaneous material, the transcripts are semi-structured in nature. The data are recorded in five columns:

Field	Function
Flags	Used to record folio number
Left column	Corresponding to the left margin of the folio
Content column	Corresponding to the central element of the folio (where the bulk of the text is found)
Right column	Corresponding to the right margin of the folio
Editorial notes	Notes added by transcriber

Transcribed entries follow the line breaks of the source, and all text follows the original orthography. Editorial insertions/comments are signified with square brackets ('[]'), often accompanied with an explanatory note in the Editorial Notes column.

The 9-volume series of Memorandum Books covers the period 1583-1625 with gaps as indicated below.

Volume	Book	Folios	Start Date[3]	End Date	Notes
GLMS 9234 vol 1	1	3 to 153v	11/12/1586	18/10/1587	
GLMS 9234 vol 1	2	5 to 117v	17/12/1587	09/09/1588	
GLMS 9234 vol 1	3	1 to 120v	15/12/1583	10/12/1584	
GLMS 9234 vol 2	1	1 to 132	15/12/1588	14/12/1589	
GLMS 9234 vol 2	2	1 to 120v	14/12/1589	12/12/1590	
GLMS 9234 vol 2	3	1 to 180v	12/12/1591	13/12/1592	
GLMS 9234 vol 3	n/a	2 to 143v	13/12/1590	11/12/1591	
GLMS 9234 vol 4	n/a	1 to 264	08/09/1593	18/12/1594	
GLMS 9234 vol 5	1	1 to 236v	18/12/1594	09/06/1596	
GLMS 9234 vol 5	2	1 to 273	29/11/1598	06/06/1600	
GLMS 9234 vol 6	n/a	1 to 317	11/06/1596	05/10/1597	
GLMS 9234 vol 7	n/a	1 to 180v	07/10/1597	29/11/1598	
GLMS 9234 vol 8	n/a	1 to 270v	01/01/1616	27/07/1625	
GLMS 9223	n/a	187 to 270	28/04/1614	31/12/1616	Appended to parish register volume

[3] All dates are old style.

Overall Continuous Coverage	
From	To
15/12/1583	10/12/1584
11/12/1586	18/10/1587
17/12/1587	09/09/1588
15/12/1588	13/12/1592
08/09/1593	09/06/1596
11/06/1596	05/10/1597
07/10/1597	06/06/1600
28/04/1614	27/07/1625

Gaps	
From	To
11/12/1584	10/12/1586
19/10/1587	16/12/1587
10/09/1588	14/12/1588
14/12/1592	07/09/1593
10/06/1596	10/06/1596
06/10/1597	06/10/1597
07/06/1600	27/04/1614

The Memorandum Books have been published online in an unstructured format (via http:// http://rescript.org/)

1622-1678_churchwardens_poor_accounts_vestry_minutes_st_botolph_aldgate.xls

This workbook contains 88 worksheets. The worksheets contain each set of churchwardens' poor accounts and each set of vestry minutes (usually one each per year, with some gaps) recorded in GLMS9237/1. Within each document (accounts or minutes) the text is divided up into folios, with a verbatim transcription; information about individuals (particularly in the accounts) has been transcribed in a semi-structured tabular fashion, along with the details of receipts or disbursements that they were involved in. These records will employ some or all of the following fields:

Field	Function
Receipt/Disbursement	Whether the payment was a receipt or disbursement
title	Title or honorific of an individual
forename	Forename of individual
surname	Surname of individual
occupation	Occupation of individual
office	Parochial office held by individual
status	Status/description of the individual
location	Place of residence of the individual
Institution name	The name of an institution if it is the subject of a receipt or disbursement
Reason	Description of the reason for the payment
Value £	The £ value of the payment (as a numeric)
Value S	The shilling value of the payment (as a numeric)
Value D	The pence value of the payment (as a numeric)
Notes	Notes regarding the payment or individual
Group	A numeric value to indicate payments that are grouped together in the records (i.e. records sharing the same Group value will be grouped together in the source)

1683-1715_churchwardens_accounts_st_botolph_aldgate .xls

This workbook contains 32 worksheets. The worksheets contain each set of annual churchwardens' accounts recorded in GLMS2626. Within each set of accounts the text is divided up into folios, with a verbatim transcription; information about individuals (particularly in the accounts) has been transcribed in a semi-structured tabular fashion, along with the details of receipts or disbursements that they were involved in. These records will employ some or all of the following fields:

Field	Function
Receipt/Disbursement	Whether the payment was a receipt or disbursement
title	Title or honorific of an individual
forename	Forename of individual
surname	Surname of individual
occupation	Occupation of individual
office	Parochial office held by individual
status	Status/description of the individual
location	Place of residence of the individual
Institution name	The name of an institution if it is the subject of a receipt or disbursement
Reason	Description of the reason for the payment
Value £	The £ value of the payment (as a numeric)
Value S	The shilling value of the payment (as a numeric)
Value D	The pence value of the payment (as a numeric)
Notes	Notes regarding the payment or individual
Group	A numeric value to indicate payments that are grouped together in the records (i.e. records sharing the same Group value will be grouped together in the source)

1687-1710_poor_rate_assessment_east_smithfield.xls

This workbook contains 28 worksheets. The worksheets contain the poor rate assessments for the Liberty of East Smithfield in the period 1687-1710, taken from GLMS2534. The assessments are divided by year and by the 'upper' and 'lower' parts of the Liberty in the source, and the structure has been preserved here. Note that the listings for each year are continuous in the worksheet, although those assessed to pay rates and those assessed to receive relief are usually separated by some folios.

Field	Function
Assessment ID	Unique ID for each assessment (note a shared Assessment ID value across records indicate individuals being jointly assessed)
Person ID	Unique ID for each individual assessed
Rate/Relief	Whether a person is assessed for rate or relief
Place	Place of residence of individual
Title	Title or honorific of individual
Forename	Forename of individual
Surname	Surname of individual
Gender	Gender of individual (interpreted)
Status	Status/description of individual
Occupation	Occupation of individual
£	The £ value of the assessment (as a numeric)
S	The shilling value of the assessment (as a numeric)
D	The pence value of the assessment (as a numeric)
No of Months	The number of months individual is assessed for
Struckthrough	Whether the record has been struckthrough
Comments	Contemporary notes/addenda/marginalia
EditorialNotes	Notes added by transcriber

Inhabitants Lists

1548-1704_pcc_wills_st_botolph_aldgate.tab

The data comprise a calendar of wills of all St Botolph Aldgate testators proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury in the period 1548-1704. The fields correspond to will characteristics (such as whether certain types of bequest were made), and testator characteristics (such as gender, status etc.). Original orthography has been used throughout.

Field	Function
will_id	Unique ID value for each will
tna_ref	The archival reference for the will
will_date	The full date of the will
probate_date	The full date of probate
will_year	The year of the will
title	Title or honorific of the testator
forename	Forename of testator
surname	Surname of testator
gender	Gender of testator
status	Description of testator's status (such as 'gent', 'widow' etc.)
co_member	The Livery Company the testator was a member of (if any).
occupation	Occupation of the testator
residence	The place of residence of the testator
london_midx	Whether the testator resided in the City of London or the County of Middlesex.[4]
burial_location	The description of the burial location requested by testator
surviving_spouse	Whether the testator leaves a surviving spouse
dead_spouse	Whether the testator refers to a deceased spouse
multiple_marriage	Whether the testator has been married multiple times
surviving_adult_children	Whether the testator has surviving adult children
surviving_minor_children	Whether the testator has surviving children below the age of majority
servants	Whether the testator has servants
apprentices	Whether the testator has apprentices
employees	Whether the testator has employees
sba_holdings	The number of property holdings explicitly identified as being located in the parish of St Botolph Aldgate. A value of 'y' indicates an indeterminate number of such holdings.
london_holdings_notsba	The number of property holdings explicitly identified as being located in London but not in the parish of St Botolph Aldgate
non_london_holdings	The number of property holdings explicitly identified as being located outside London. A value of 'y' indicates an indeterminate number of such holdings.
any_poor_relief	Whether any bequest is made to relieve the poor

[4] The value of 'sba' indicates that only the parish of St Botolph Aldgate is given as place of residence, and so it is unknown whether the testator lived in the ward of Portsoken (London) or the Liberty of East Smithfield (Middlesex).

named_poor	Whether any bequest is made to relieve explicitly named poor individuals
sba_poor_general	Whether any bequest is made to relieve the poor specifically of St Botolph Aldgate
other_london_poor	Whether any bequest is made to relieve the poor elsewhere in London
non_london_poor	Whether any bequest is made to relieve the poor outside of London
gowns_to_poor	Whether any bequest is made to provide gowns for the poor
christs_hospital	Whether any bequest is made to Christ's Hospital
marriage_portions	Whether any bequest is made to provide marriage portions for the poor
stranger_poor	Whether any bequest is made to relieve poor strangers
funeral_dole	Whether any bequest is made to provide a dole to the poor at the testator's funeral
goods_to_poor	Whether any bequest is made to provide goods (as opposed to cash) to the poor
area_specific	Whether any bequest is made to relieve the poor of a certain area within the parish of St Botolph Aldgate
fuel_to_poor	Whether any bequest is made to provide fuel for the poor
perpetual_gift	Whether any perpetual gift is made to relieve the poor
companies_non_poor	Whether any bequest is made to (non-poor) members of Livery Companies
sermon_cycles	Whether any bequest is made to provide a series of sermons in the parish church of St Botolph Aldgate
forgotten_tithes	Whether any bequest is made to pay forgotten tithes
gifts_servts_apprens	Whether any bequests are made to the testator's servants or apprentices
parish_officer	Whether any bequests are made to parish officers
gentry_aristo	Whether any bequests are made to members of the gentry or aristocracy
notes	Transcriber's notes

1587-1702_churchwardens_indemnity_bonds_st_botolph_aldgate.tab

The file comprises summaries of a number of individual original indemnity bonds, with the following information provided for each:

Field	Function
image_no	Filename of manuscript/folio image used for transcription
summary	A brief description of the nature of the bond, including its date

Structured records for the individuals mentioned in the bond are then provided, organised into fields:

Field	Function
date	The year of the bond
title	Title or honorific of the individual
forename	Forename of individual
surname	Surname of individual
status	Information about the status of the individual
occupation	Occupation of the individual
residence	Place of residence of the individual (usually a street-level location, often just the parish)
role	The role played in the bond by the individual (e.g. the witness, or the person being bound)
signature	How (or if) the person signed the bond
notes	Contemporary notes/addenda/marginalia
editorial_notes	Notes added by transcriber

1605-1720_dow_gift_recipients_st_botolph_aldgate

Note: This record was divided into two files (one contains the preamble of the source, GLMS 2632, the other contains the listings data).

Field	Function
image_no	Filename of manuscript/folio image used for transcription
folio_no	Folio reference for record
year	The year of the recipients' list
list_heading	The title of each of the yearly recipients' lists
district	Whether the list pertains to the ward of Portsoken or the Liberty of East Smithfield
title	Title or honorific of an individual
forename	Forename of individual
surname	Surname of individual
location	Street-level location indicators
notes_in_source	Contemporary notes/addenda/marginalia
annotation	Representation of contemporary annotations
editorial_notes	Notes added by transcriber

1637_survey_divided_inmated_houses_portsoken

Note: This record was divided into five tables (one for each precinct of Portsoken ward). The first two columns in each worksheet provide the archival reference and contemporary description of source. A transcript of this source, with a number of errors, can be found in the Guildhall Library: T. C. Dale (ed), *Returns of Divided Houses in the City of London* (c. 1937)

Field	Function
folio_no	Folio reference for record
precinct	The precinct of Portsoken Ward
location	Street-level location indicators
property_id	Unique ID value for property being assessed
property_status	Indicator of status of property – whether it is inmated, divided or neither (indicated by no value being given)
family_id	Unique ID value for family/household being assessed – note more than one family/household could occupy the same property
family_status	The occupancy status of the family as indicated in the assessment
title	Title or honorific of an individual
forename	Forename of individual
surname	Surname of individual
occupation	Occupation of individual as indicated in the assessment
marital_status	Marital status of individual
children	Number of children belonging to the individual
family	The value of 'y' is given to individuals who are described in the assessment by name "and family"
servants	Number of servants belonging to the individual
editorial_notes	Notes added by transcriber

1644-1720_webster_pensioners_portsoken

This record was divided into two files (one for the transcript of John Webster's gift, one for the list of recipients). The first column contains the archival reference.

Field	Function
precinct	The precinct of residence of the recipient within Portsoken ward
year	The year that Webster's gift was distributed
forename	Forename of the recipient
surname	Surname of the recipient
mark	Mark of the recipient (standardised)
notes_in_source	Contemporary notes/addenda/marginalia
residence	Residence of the recipient
editorial_notes	Notes added by transcriber

1663_hearth_tax_returns_portsoken

This resource was divided into four files (one for each precinct). The first two columns in each file provide the archival reference and contemporary description of source.

Field	Function
image_no	Filename of manuscript/folio image used for transcription
rot_no	Rotulet reference for record
precinct	The precinct of Portsoken Ward
person_id	Unique ID value for person in the tax assessment
listing_id	Unique ID value for listing in the tax assessment (a shared value across records indicates a joint listing)
forename	Forename of individual
surname	Surname of individual
title	Title or honorific of individual
notes_in_source	Contemporary notes/addenda/marginalia
hearths	Number of hearths
assessment	Tax assessed (in shillings)
editorial_notes	Notes added by transcriber

1666_hearth_tax_returns_east_smithfield

The first three columns provide the archival reference and contemporary description of source.

Field	Function
image_no	Filename of manuscript/folio image used for transcription
fol_no	Folio reference for record
location	Street-level location indicators[5]
person_id	Unique ID value for person in the tax assessment
listing_id	Unique ID value for listing in the tax assessment (a shared value across records indicates a joint listing)
title	Title or honorific of individual
forename	Forename of individual
surname	Surname of individual
gender	Gender of individual (interpreted)
occupation	Occupation of individual
notes_in_source	Contemporary notes/addenda/marginalia
hearths	Number of hearths
forges	Number of forges
editorial_notes	Notes added by transcriber

[5] The location indicators appear in the manuscript as marginal subheadings – it is assumed (but not explicitly represented in the transcribed data) that the locations pertain to each record until the next location is specified.

1666_royal_and _additional_aid_portsoken

This resource was divided two files (one for each precinct). The first two columns in each file provide the archival reference and contemporary description of source.

Field	Function
image_no	Filename of manuscript/folio image used for transcription
folio_no	Folio reference for record
precinct	The precinct of Portsoken Ward
person_id	Unique ID value for person in the tax assessment
listing_id	Unique ID value for listing in the tax assessment (a shared value across records indicates a joint listing)
title	Title or honorific of an individual
forename	Forename of individual
surname	Surname of individual
suffix	Suffix or additional identification of individual
notes_in_source	Contemporary notes/addenda/marginalia
inhabitants	Tax assessed under inhabitants' qualification (5th-6th quarters, Royal Aid and 1st-2nd quarters, Additional Aid respectively)
landlords	Tax assessed under landlords' qualification (5th-6th quarters, Royal Aid and 1st-2nd quarters, Additional Aid respectively)
editorial_notes	Notes added by transcriber

1667_royal_and_additional_aid_portsoken

The first column provides the archival reference of the source.

Field	Function
image_no	Filename of manuscript/folio image used for transcription
folio_no	Folio reference for record
precinct	The precinct of Portsoken Ward
person_id	Unique ID value for person in the tax assessment
listing_id	Unique ID value for listing in the tax assessment (a shared value across records indicates a joint listing)
title	Title or honorific of an individual
forename	Forename of individual
surname	Surname of individual
suffix	Suffix or additional identification of individual
notes_in_source	Contemporary notes/addenda/marginalia
inhabitants	Tax assessed under inhabitants' qualification (10th-12th quarters, Royal Aid and 6^{th}-8^{th} quarters, Additional Aid respectively)
landlords	Tax assessed under landlords' qualification (10th-12th quarters, Royal Aid and 6^{th}-8^{th} quarters, Additional Aid respectively)
editorial_notes	Notes added by transcriber

1667_royal_and_additional_aid_high_street

The first two columns in each worksheet provide the archival reference and contemporary description of source.

Field	Function
image_no	Filename of manuscript/folio image used for transcription
folio_no	Folio reference for record
precinct	The precinct of Portsoken Ward
person_id	Unique ID value for person in the tax assessment
listing_id	Unique ID value for listing in the tax assessment (a shared value across records indicates a joint listing)
title	Title or honorific of an individual
forename	Forename of individual
surname	Surname of individual
suffix	Suffix or additional identification of individual
notes_in_source	Contemporary notes/addenda/marginalia
inhabitants	Tax assessed under inhabitants' qualification (7th-9th quarters, Royal Aid and 3rd-5th quarters, Additional Aid respectively)
landlords	Tax assessed under landlords' qualification (7th-9th quarters, Royal Aid and 3rd-5th quarters, Additional Aid respectively)
editorial_notes	Notes added by transcriber

1667_poll_tax_defaulters_st_botolph_aldgate

This resource was divided into six tables (one for each precinct of Portsoken ward and one for the Liberty of East Smithfield). The first two columns in each table provide the archival reference and contemporary description of source.

Field	Function
image_no	Filename of manuscript/folio image used for transcription
mem_no	Membrane reference for record
person_id	Unique value for each individual
listing_id	Identifier for each listing (a shared value indicates a joint listing)
property_id	Unique ID value of property
forename	Forename of individual
surname	Surname of individual
title	Title or honorific of individual
gender	Gender of the individual (interpreted)
occupation	Occupation of the individual
notes_in_source	Contemporary notes/addenda/marginalia
£	The £ value of the assessment (as a numeric)
s	The shilling value of the assessment (as a numeric)
d	The pence value of the assessment (as a numeric)
editorial_notes	Notes added by transcriber

1668_11_month_tax_portsoken

Note: This resource was divided into two files (one for each separate manuscript). The first two columns in each file provide the archival reference and contemporary description of source.

Field	Function
image_no	Filename of manuscript/folio image used for transcription
folio_no	Folio reference for record
precinct	The precinct of Portsoken Ward
person_id	Unique ID value for person in the tax assessment
listing_id	Unique ID value for listing in the tax assessment (a shared value across records indicates a joint listing)
title	Title or honorific of an individual
forename	Forename of individual
surname	Surname of individual
suffix	Suffix or additional identification of individual
notes_in_source	Contemporary notes/addenda/marginalia
inhabitants	Tax assessed under inhabitants' qualification
landlords	Tax assessed under landlords' qualification
editorial_notes	Notes added by transcriber

1668-1674_hearth_tax_exemptions_portsoken

This resource was divided into three files. The first two columns in each file provide the archival reference and contemporary description of source.

Field	Function
image_no	Filename of manuscript/folio image used for transcription
folio_no	Folio reference for record
precinct	Precinct of the ward of Portsoken
person_id	Unique ID value for person in the tax assessment
listing_id	Unique ID value for listing in the tax assessment (a shared value across records indicates a joint listing)
group	Indicators of grouped records in the listings
title	Title or honorific of an individual
forename	Forename of individual
surname	Surname of individual
gender	Gender of individual (interpreted)
notes_in_source	Contemporary notes/addenda/marginalia
hearths	Number of hearths
editorial_notes	Notes added by transcriber

1670_hearth_tax_returns_portsoken

This resource was divided into five files (one for each precinct). The first two columns in each file provide the archival reference and contemporary description of source.

Field	Function
image_no	Filename of manuscript/folio image used for transcription
folio_no	Folio reference for record
precinct	The precinct of Portsoken Ward
person_id	Unique ID value for person in the tax assessment
listing_id	Unique ID value for listing in the tax assessment (a shared value across records indicates a joint listing)
title	Title or honorific of individual
forename	Forename of individual
surname	Surname of individual
suffix	Status or description of individual
hearths	Number of hearths
notes_in_source	Contemporary notes/addenda/marginalia
editorial_notes	Notes added by transcriber

1671-1674_hearth_tax_exemptions_east_smithfield

This resource was divided into three files. The first two columns in each file provide the archival reference and contemporary description of source.

Field	Function
image_no	Filename of manuscript/folio image used for transcription
folio_no	Folio reference for record
location	Street-level location indicators[6]
person_id	Unique ID value for person in the tax assessment
listing_id	Unique ID value for listing in the tax assessment (a shared value across records indicates a joint listing)
group	Indicators of grouped records in the listings
title	Title or honorific of an individual
forename	Forename of individual
surname	Surname of individual
gender	Gender of individual (interpreted)
notes_in_source	Contemporary notes/addenda/marginalia
hearths	Number of hearths
editorial_notes	Notes added by transcriber

[6] The location indicators appear in the manuscript as marginal subheadings – it is assumed (but not explicitly represented in the transcribed data) that the locations pertain to each record until the next location is specified.

1671_july_1_month_tax_barrs

Note: first two columns provide the archival reference and contemporary description of source.

Field	Function
image_no	Filename of manuscript/folio image used for transcription
folio_no	Folio reference for record
precinct	The precinct of Portsoken Ward
person_id	Unique ID value for person in the tax assessment
listing_id	Unique ID value for listing in the tax assessment (a shared value across records indicates a joint listing)
title	Title or honorific of an individual
forename	Forename of individual
surname	Surname of individual
suffix	Suffix or additional identification of individual
notes_in_source	Contemporary notes/addenda/marginalia
inhabitants	Tax assessed under inhabitants' qualification
landlords	Tax assessed under landlords' qualification
editorial_notes	Notes added by transcriber

1672_hearth_tax_returns_portsoken

This resource was divided into six files (one for each of the precincts and one for the parish of Holy Trinity Minories). The first two columns in each file provide the archival reference and contemporary description of source.

Field	Function
image_no	Filename of manuscript/folio image used for transcription
fol_no	Folio reference for record
precinct	The precinct of Portsoken Ward
location	Street-level location indicators[7]
person_id	Unique ID value for person in the tax assessment
listing_id	Unique ID value for listing in the tax assessment (a shared value across records indicates a joint listing)
group	Indicators of grouped records in the listings
title	Title or honorific of individual
forename	Forename of individual
surname	Surname of individual
suffix	Status or description of individual
hearths	Number of hearths
notes_in_source	Contemporary notes/addenda/marginalia
editorial_notes	Notes added by transcriber

[7] The location indicators appear in the manuscript as marginal subheadings – it is assumed (but not explicitly represented in the transcribed data) that the locations pertain to each record until the next location is specified.

1673_1_stqtr_18_months_tax_portsoken

Note: This resource was divided into five files (one for each separate manuscript). The first two columns in each table provide the archival reference and contemporary description of source.

Field	Function
image_no	Filename of manuscript/folio image used for transcription
folio_no	Folio reference for record
precinct	The precinct of Portsoken Ward
person_id	Unique ID value for person in the tax assessment
listing_id	Unique ID value for listing in the tax assessment (a shared value across records indicates a joint listing)
location	Street-level location indicators[8]
title	Title or honorific of an individual
forename	Forename of individual
surname	Surname of individual
suffix	Suffix or additional identification of individual
notes_in_source	Contemporary notes/addenda/marginalia
landlords	Tax assessed under landlords' qualification
empty_houses	Tax assessed for empty houses
inhabitants	Tax assessed under inhabitants' qualification
river_water	Tax assessed under water supply qualification
editorial_notes	Notes added by transcriber

[8] The location indicators appear in the manuscript as marginal subheadings – it is assumed (but not explicitly represented in the transcribed data) that the locations pertain to each record until the next location is specified.

1673_2nd_3rd_qtr_18_months_tax_portsoken

Note: This resource was divided into five files (one for each separate manuscript). The first two columns in each file provide the archival reference and contemporary description of source.

Field	Function
image_no	Filename of manuscript/folio image used for transcription
folio_no	Folio reference for record
precinct	The precinct of Portsoken Ward
person_id	Unique ID value for person in the tax assessment
listing_id	Unique ID value for listing in the tax assessment (a shared value across records indicates a joint listing)
location	Street-level location indicators[9]
title	Title or honorific of an individual
forename	Forename of individual
surname	Surname of individual
suffix	Suffix or additional identification of individual
notes_in_source	Contemporary notes/addenda/marginalia
landlords	Tax assessed under landlords' qualification
inhabitants	Tax assessed under inhabitants' qualification
editorial_notes	Notes added by transcriber

[9] The location indicators appear in the manuscript as marginal subheadings – it is assumed (but not explicitly represented in the transcribed data) that the locations pertain to each record until the next location is specified.

1673_4th_qtr_18_months_tax_portsoken

Note: This resource was divided into five files (one for each separate manuscript). The first two columns in each file provide the archival reference and contemporary description of source.

Field	Function
image_no	Filename of manuscript/folio image used for transcription
folio_no	Folio reference for record
precinct	The precinct of Portsoken Ward
person_id	Unique ID value for person in the tax assessment
listing_id	Unique ID value for listing in the tax assessment (a shared value across records indicates a joint listing)
location	Street-level location indicators[10]
title	Title or honorific of an individual
forename	Forename of individual
surname	Surname of individual
suffix	Suffix or additional identification of individual
notes_in_source	Contemporary notes/addenda/marginalia
landlords	Tax assessed under landlords' qualification
inhabitants	Tax assessed under inhabitants' qualification
editorial_notes	Notes added by transcriber

[10] The location indicators appear in the manuscript as marginal subheadings – it is assumed (but not explicitly represented in the transcribed data) that the locations pertain to each record until the next location is specified.

1674_hearth_tax_returns_portsoken

This resource was divided into five files (one for each precinct). The first two columns in each file provide the archival reference and contemporary description of source.

Field	Function
image_no	Filename of manuscript/folio image used for transcription
rot_no	Rotulet reference for record
precinct	The precinct of Portsoken Ward
location	Street-level location indicators[11]
person_id	Unique ID value for person in the tax assessment
listing_id	Unique ID value for listing in the tax assessment (a shared value across records indicates a joint listing)
title	Title or honorific of individual
forename	Forename of individual
surname	Surname of individual
gender	Gender of the individual (interpreted)
notes_in_source	Contemporary notes/addenda/marginalia
hearths	Number of hearths
editorial_notes	Notes added by transcriber

1674_5th_qtr_18_months_portsoken

Note: This resource was divided into five files (one for each separate manuscript). The first two columns in each table provide the archival reference and contemporary description of source.

Field	Function
image_no	Filename of manuscript/folio image used for transcription
folio_no	Folio reference for record
precinct	The precinct of Portsoken Ward
person_id	Unique ID value for person in the tax assessment
listing_id	Unique ID value for listing in the tax assessment (a shared value across records indicates a joint listing)
title	Title or honorific of an individual
forename	Forename of individual
surname	Surname of individual
suffix	Suffix or additional identification of individual
notes_in_source	Contemporary notes/addenda/marginalia
landlords	Tax assessed under landlords' qualification
inhabitants	Tax assessed under inhabitants' qualification
editorial_notes	Notes added by transcriber

[11] The location indicators appear in the manuscript as marginal subheadings – it is assumed (but not explicitly represented in the transcribed data) that the locations pertain to each record until the next location is specified.

1675_hearth_tax_returns_portsoken

The first two columns provide the archival reference and contemporary description of source.

Field	Function
image_no	Filename of manuscript/folio image used for transcription
fol_no	Folio reference for record
precinct	The precinct of Portsoken Ward
location	Street-level location indicators[12]
person_id	Unique ID value for person in the tax assessment
listing_id	Unique ID value for listing in the tax assessment (a shared value across records indicates a joint listing)
group	Indicators of grouped records in the listings
title	Title or honorific of individual
forename	Forename of individual
surname	Surname of individual
gender	Gender of the individual (interpreted)
notes_in_source	Contemporary notes/addenda/marginalia
hearths	Number of hearths
assessment	Assessment (in shillings)
editorial_notes	Notes added by transcriber

[12] The location indicators appear in the manuscript as marginal subheadings – it is assumed (but not explicitly represented in the transcribed data) that the locations pertain to each record until the next location is specified.

1678_PollTax_Portsoken

This resource was divided into five worksheets (one for each precinct). The first two columns in each file provide the archival reference and contemporary description of source.

Field	Function
image_no	Filename of manuscript/folio image used for transcription
folio_no	Folio reference for record
precinct	The precinct of Portsoken Ward
location	Location of the property
property_id	Unique ID value of property
house	Assessment based on property
money	Assessment based on wealth
rent	Assessment based on rent
wages	Assessment based on wages
title	Title or honorific of an individual
forename	Forename of individual
surname	Surname of individual
suffix	Suffix or additional identification of individual
occupation	Occupation of the individual
spouse	Whether the individual has a spouse
children	Whether the individual has children
apprentice	Whether the individual has an apprentice
servants	Whether the individual has servants
related_kin	Whether the individual is living with other kin
relationship	The relationship of the individual to the head of household
notes_in_source	Contemporary notes/addenda/marginalia
assessment	The individual's poll tax assessment (a value preceded by 'g' indicates an assessment for a group rather than a single individual)

1678_poll_tax_defaulters_st_botolph_aldgate

This resource was divided into five files (for four of the precincts of Portsoken ward and the Liberty of East Smithfield). The first two columns in each file provide the archival reference and contemporary description of source.

Field	Function
image_no	Filename of manuscript/folio image used for transcription
mem_no	Membrane reference for record
location	Place of residence of individual
person_id	Unique value for each individual
listing_id	Identifier for each listing (a shared value indicates a joint listing)
forename	Forename of individual
surname	Surname of individual
title	Title or honorific of individual
gender	Gender of the individual (interpreted)
occupation	Occupation of the individual
status	Description of the individual (these are given as subheadings in the listings)
notes_in_source	Contemporary notes/addenda/marginalia
£	The £ value of the assessment (as a numeric)
s	The shilling value of the assessment (as a numeric)
d	The pence value of the assessment (as a numeric)
editorial_notes	Notes added by transcriber

1680_6_months_tax_portsoken

Note: This resource was divided into five files (one for each precinct). The first two columns in each file provide the archival reference and contemporary description of source.

Field	Function
image_no	Filename of manuscript/folio image used for transcription
folio_no	Folio reference for record
precinct	The precinct of Portsoken Ward
person_id	Unique ID value for person in the tax assessment
listing_id	Unique ID value for listing in the tax assessment (a shared value across records indicates a joint listing)
title	Title or honorific of an individual
forename	Forename of individual
surname	Surname of individual
suffix	Suffix or additional identification of individual
notes_in_source	Contemporary notes/addenda/marginalia
landlords	Tax assessed under landlords' qualification
inhabitants	Tax assessed under inhabitants' qualification
editorial_notes	Notes added by transcriber

1682-89_churchwardens_vouchers_receipts_st_botolph_aldgate

Note: the first columns provides the archival reference. The file comprises a semi-structured transcript of individual original churchwardens' vouchers and receipts. Each individual receipt is presented in two forms:

1) A field labelled **Transcript** which contains the verbatim transcript of the voucher/receipt
2) A table which details the individuals mentioned in the document, with the fields:

Field	Function
receipt_id	Unique ID value for each document
image_id	Filename of folio image used for transcription
date	The date of the document
title	Title or honorific of an individual
forename	Forename of individual
surname	Surname of individual
suffix	Suffix or additional identification of individual
occupation	Occupation of the individual
editorial_notes	Notes added by transcriber

1689_2nd_qtr_6_months_tax_portsoken

Note: This resource was divided into five files (one for each precinct). The first two columns in each file provide the archival reference and contemporary description of source.

Field	Function
image_no	Filename of manuscript/folio image used for transcription
folio_no	Folio reference for record
precinct	The precinct of Portsoken Ward
person_id	Unique ID value for person in the tax assessment
listing_id	Unique ID value for listing in the tax assessment (a shared value across records indicates a joint listing)
title	Title or honorific of an individual
forename	Forename of individual
surname	Surname of individual
suffix	Suffix or additional identification of individual
notes_in_source	Contemporary notes/addenda/marginalia
landlords	Tax assessed under landlords' qualification
inhabitants	Tax assessed under inhabitants' qualification
editorial_notes	Notes added by transcriber

1689_poll_tax_portsoken

This resource was divided into three files (one for each precinct). The first two columns in each file provide the archival reference and contemporary description of source.

Field	Function
image_no	Filename of manuscript/folio image used for transcription
folio_no	Folio reference for record
precinct	The precinct of Portsoken Ward
location	Location of the property
property_id	Unique ID value of property
stocks	Assessment based on stock
rent	Assessment based on rent
wages	Assessment based on wages
title	Title or honorific of an individual
forename	Forename of individual
surname	Surname of individual
suffix	Suffix or additional identification of individual
occupation	Occupation of the individual
spouse	Whether the individual has a spouse
children	Whether the individual has children
apprentice	Whether the individual has an apprentice
servants	Whether the individual has servants
related_kin	Whether the individual is living with other kin
relationship	The relationship of the individual to the head of household
notes_in_source	Contemporary notes/addenda/marginalia
assessment	The individual's poll tax assessment (a value preceded by 'g' indicates an assessment for a group rather than a single individual)

1690_poll_tax_portsoken

This resource was divided into five files (one for each precinct). The first two columns in each file provide the archival reference and contemporary description of source.

Field	Function
image_no	Filename of manuscript/folio image used for transcription
folio_no	Folio reference for record
precinct	The precinct of Portsoken Ward
location	Location of the property
property_id	Unique ID value of property
stocks	Assessment based on stock
rent	Assessment based on rent
title	Title or honorific of an individual
forename	Forename of individual
surname	Surname of individual
suffix	Suffix or additional identification of individual
occupation	Occupation of the individual
spouse	Whether the individual has a spouse
children	Whether the individual has children
apprentice	Whether the individual has an apprentice
servants	Whether the individual has servants
related_kin	Whether the individual is living with other kin
relationship	The relationship of the individual to the head of household
notes_in_source	Contemporary notes/addenda/marginalia
assessment	The individual's poll tax assessment (a value preceded by 'g' indicates an assessment for a group rather than a single individual)

1692_poll_tax_barrs

The first two columns provide the archival reference and contemporary description of source.

Field	Function
image_no	Filename of manuscript/folio image used for transcription
folio_no	Folio reference for record
precinct	The precinct of Portsoken Ward
property_id	Unique ID value of property
stock	Assessment based on stock
title	Title or honorific of an individual
forename	Forename of individual
surname	Surname of individual
suffix	Suffix or additional identification of individual
occupation	Occupation of the individual
spouse	Whether the individual has a spouse
children	Whether the individual has children
apprentice	Whether the individual has an apprentice
servants	Whether the individual has servants
related_kin	Whether the individual is living with other kin
relationship	The relationship of the individual to the head of household
notes_in_source	Contemporary notes/addenda/marginalia
assessment	The individual's poll tax assessment (a value preceded by 'g' indicates an assessment for a group rather than a single individual)

1692-1720_recipients_of_clarks_gift_st_botolph_aldgate

The first two columns provide the archival reference and contemporary description of source.

Field	Function
year	The year that Clark's gift was distributed
forename	Forename of the recipient
surname	Surname of the recipient
notes_in_source	Contemporary notes/addenda/marginalia
editorial_notes	Notes added by transcriber

1693_1st_qtr_land_tax_portsoken

This resource was divided into five files (one for each precinct of Portsoken ward). The first two columns in each file provide the archival reference and contemporary description of source.

Field	Function
image_no	Filename of manuscript/folio image used for transcription
folio_no	Folio reference for record
precinct	The precinct of Portsoken Ward
location	Street-level location indicators[13]
person_id	Unique ID value for person in the tax assessment
listing_id	Unique ID value for listing in the tax assessment (a shared value across records indicates a joint listing)
title	Title or honorific of an individual
forename	Forename of individual
surname	Surname of individual
gender	Gender of individual (interpreted)
occupation	Occupation of individual
notes_in_source	Contemporary notes/addenda/marginalia
rent_landlords	Tax assessed under rent/landlord qualification
stocks_inhabitants	Tax assessed under stock/inhabitants qualification
editorial_notes	Notes added by transcriber

[13] The location indicators appear in the manuscript as marginal subheadings – it is assumed (but not explicitly represented in the transcribed data) that the locations pertain to each record until the next location is specified.

1693_2nd_qtr_land_tax_portsoken

This resource was divided into five files (one for each precinct of Portsoken ward). The first two columns in each file provide the archival reference and contemporary description of source.

Field	Function
image_no	Filename of manuscript/folio image used for transcription
folio_no	Folio reference for record
precinct	The precinct of Portsoken Ward
location	Street-level location indicators[14]
person_id	Unique ID value for person in the tax assessment
listing_id	Unique ID value for listing in the tax assessment (a shared value across records indicates a joint listing)
title	Title or honorific of an individual
forename	Forename of individual
surname	Surname of individual
gender	Gender of individual (interpreted)
occupation	Occupation of individual
notes_in_source	Contemporary notes/addenda/marginalia
rent_landlords	Tax assessed under rent/landlord qualification
stocks_inhabitants	Tax assessed under stock/inhabitants qualification
editorial_notes	Notes added by transcriber

[14] The location indicators appear in the manuscript as marginal subheadings – it is assumed (but not explicitly represented in the transcribed data) that the locations pertain to each record until the next location is specified.

1693_3rd_qtr_land_tax_portsoken

This resource was divided into five files (one for each precinct of Portsoken ward). The first two columns in each file provide the archival reference and contemporary description of source.

Field	Function
image_no	Filename of manuscript/folio image used for transcription
folio_no	Folio reference for record
precinct	The precinct of Portsoken Ward
location	Street-level location indicators[15]
person_id	Unique ID value for person in the tax assessment
listing_id	Unique ID value for listing in the tax assessment (a shared value across records indicates a joint listing)
title	Title or honorific of an individual
forename	Forename of individual
surname	Surname of individual
gender	Gender of individual (interpreted)
occupation	Occupation of individual
notes_in_source	Contemporary notes/addenda/marginalia
rent_landlords	Tax assessed under rent/landlord qualification
stocks_inhabitants	Tax assessed under stock/inhabitants qualification
editorial_notes	Notes added by transcriber

[15] The location indicators appear in the manuscript as marginal subheadings – it is assumed (but not explicitly represented in the transcribed data) that the locations pertain to each record until the next location is specified.

1693_4th_qtr_land_tax_portsoken

This resource was divided into five files (one for each precinct of Portsoken ward). The first two columns in each file provide the archival reference and contemporary description of source.

Field	Function
image_no	Filename of manuscript/folio image used for transcription
folio_no	Folio reference for record
precinct	The precinct of Portsoken Ward
location	Street-level location indicators[16]
person_id	Unique ID value for person in the tax assessment
listing_id	Unique ID value for listing in the tax assessment (a shared value across records indicates a joint listing)
title	Title or honorific of an individual
forename	Forename of individual
surname	Surname of individual
gender	Gender of individual (interpreted)
occupation	Occupation of individual
notes_in_source	Contemporary notes/addenda/marginalia
rent_landlords	Tax assessed under rent/landlord qualification
stocks_inhabitants	Tax assessed under stock/inhabitants qualification
editorial_notes	Notes added by transcriber

[16] The location indicators appear in the manuscript as marginal subheadings – it is assumed (but not explicitly represented in the transcribed data) that the locations pertain to each record until the next location is specified.

1693_houses_on_city_lands_portsoken

The first two columns provide the archival reference and contemporary description of source.

Field	Function
image_no	Filename of manuscript/folio image used for transcription
tenant_id	Unique ID value for each tenant
tenant_title	Title or honorific of tenant
tenant_forename	Forename of tenant
tenant_surname	Surname of tenant
tenant_status	Status of tenant
property_info	Description of property where given
property_location	Location of property
tenant_rent_per_annum	Value of annual rent paid by tenant
landlord_id	Unique ID value for each landlord
landlord_title	Title or honorific of landlord
landlord_forename	Forename of landlord
landlord_surname	Surname of landlord
landlord_status	Status of landlord
landlord_occupation	Occupation of landlord
landlord_residence	Residence of landlord
lease_details	Details of the lease
city_rent	Rent paid to City by landlord – a value preceded by ‘g’ (e.g. ‘g£10’) indicates that the property with this City rent is occupied by more than one individual
notes_in_source	Contemporary notes/addenda/marginalia
editorial_notes	Notes added by transcriber

1693_4th_qtr_4_shillings_in_the_pound_portsoken

This resource was divided into five files (one for each separate manuscript). The first two columns in each file provide the archival reference and contemporary description of source.

Field	Function
image_no	Filename of manuscript/folio image used for transcription
folio_no	Folio reference for record
precinct	The precinct of Portsoken Ward
person_id	Unique ID value for person in the tax assessment
listing_id	Unique ID value for listing in the tax assessment (a shared value across records indicates a joint listing)
title	Title or honorific of an individual
forename	Forename of individual
surname	Surname of individual
suffix	Suffix or additional identification of individual
notes_in_source	Contemporary notes/addenda/marginalia
rent	Tax assessed under rent qualification
stock	Tax assessed under stock qualification
editorial_notes	Notes added by transcriber

1693_poll_tax_portsoken

This resource was divided into four files (one for each precinct). The first two columns in each file provide the archival reference and contemporary description of source.

Field	Function
image_no	Filename of manuscript/folio image used for transcription
folio_no	Folio reference for record
precinct	The precinct of Portsoken Ward
location	Location of the property
property_id	Unique ID value of property
title	Title or honorific of an individual
forename	Forename of individual
surname	Surname of individual
suffix	Suffix or additional identification of individual
occupation	Occupation of the individual
spouse	Whether the individual has a spouse
children	Whether the individual has children
apprentice	Whether the individual has an apprentice
servants	Whether the individual has servants
related_kin	Whether the individual is living with other kin
coach	Whether the individual has a coach
relationship	The relationship of the individual to the head of household
notes_in_source	Contemporary notes/addenda/marginalia
assessment	The individual's poll tax assessment (a value preceded by 'g' indicates an assessment for a group rather than a single individual)

1694_poll_tax_houndsditch

The first two columns provide the archival reference and contemporary description of source.

Field	Function
image_no	Filename of manuscript/folio image used for transcription
folio_no	Folio reference for record
precinct	The precinct of Portsoken Ward
property_lid	Unique ID value of property
title	Title or honorific of an individual
forename	Forename of individual
surname	Surname of individual
suffix	Suffix or additional identification of individual
occupation	Occupation of the individual
spouse	Whether the individual has a spouse
children	Whether the individual has children
apprentice	Whether the individual has an apprentice
servants	Whether the individual has servants
related_kin	Whether the individual is living with other kin
coach	Whether the individual has a coach
relationship	The relationship of the individual to the head of household
notes_in_source	Contemporary notes/addenda/marginalia
assessment	The individual's poll tax assessment (a value preceded by 'g' indicates an assessment for a group rather than a single individual)

1694_2nd_qtr_4_shillings_in_the_pound_portsoken

Note: This resource was divided into five files (one for each separate manuscript). The first two columns in each file provide the archival reference and contemporary description of source.

Field	Function
image_no	Filename of manuscript/folio image used for transcription
folio_no	Folio reference for record
precinct	The precinct of Portsoken Ward
person_id	Unique ID value for person in the tax assessment
listing_id	Unique ID value for listing in the tax assessment (a shared value across records indicates a joint listing)
title	Title or honorific of an individual
forename	Forename of individual
surname	Surname of individual
suffix	Suffix or additional identification of individual
notes_in_source	Contemporary notes/addenda/marginalia
rent	Tax assessed under rent qualification
stock	Tax assessed under stock qualification
editorial_notes	Notes added by transcriber

1694_4_shillings_in_the_poumd_east_smithfield

Note: first two columns provide the archival reference and contemporary description of source.

Field	Function
image_no	Filename of manuscript/folio image used for transcription
page_no	Page reference for record
location	Street-level location indicators[1]
person_id	Unique ID value for person in the tax assessment
listing_id	Unique ID value for listing in the tax assessment (a shared value across records indicates a joint listing)
title	Title or honorific of an individual
forename	Forename of individual
surname	Surname of individual
suffix	Suffix or additional identification of individual
notes_in_source	Contemporary notes/addenda/marginalia
landlords_tax	Tax assessed under landlords' qualification
tenants_tax	Tax assessed under tenants' qualification
editorial_notes	Notes added by transcriber

1695_marriage_duty_assessment_portsoken

This resource was divided into six files. The first column of each file contains the archival reference. The data have been organised to resemble the structure and layout of the source as closely as possible.

Field	Function
precinct	The precinct of Portsoken ward
location	Street-level location indicators[17]
property_id	Unique ID value for each distinct property
title	Title or honorific of an individual
forename	Forename of individual
surname	Surname of individual
suffix	Suffix or additional identification of individual
value	Contemporary indication of whether the individual is subject to surcharge based on status or wealth
occupation	Occupation of individual
groups1	Bracket values used to indicate where individuals have been bracketed together in the listings
relationship	Contemporary description of relationship of individual to head of household
groups2	Bracket values used to indicate where individuals have been bracketed together in the listings (in this instance the contemporary brackets are often used to indicate lodgers)
status	Contemporary description of individuals grouped together by *group2* bracket values
burials	The individual's tax assessment in the event of burials
baptisms	The individual's tax assessment in the event of baptisms
marriages	The individual's tax assessment in the event of marriages
bachelors/widowers	The individual's tax assessment for being a bachelor over 25 years of age or a childless widower
editorial_notes	Notes added by transcriber

[17] The location indicators appear in the manuscript as marginal subheadings – it is assumed (but not explicitly represented in the transcribed data) that the locations pertain to each record until the next location is specified.

1696_marriage_duty_act_collectors_return_portsoken

This resource was divided into two files (one for moneys received by collectors, and one recording individuals who were too poor to pay their tax). The first two columns in each file provide the archival reference and contemporary description of source.

Field	Function
image_no	Filename of manuscript/folio image used for transcription
page_no	Page reference for record
title	Title or honorific of an individual
forename	Forename of individual
surname	Surname of individual
occupation	Occupation of individual
baptisms	Money collected for baptisms during the year
burials	Money collected for burials during the year
marriages	Money collected for burials during the year
bachelors/widowers	Money collected for being a bachelor over 25 years of age or a childless widower
notes_in_source	Contemporary notes/addenda/marginalia
editorial_notes	Notes added by transcriber

1697_marriage_duty_act_collectors_return_portsoken

This resource was divided into eight files (four for moneys received by collectors, and four recording individuals who were too poor to pay their tax). The first two columns in each file provide the archival reference and contemporary description of source.

baptisms_received

Field	Function
image_no	Filename of manuscript/folio image used for transcription
folio_no	Page reference for record
month	Month in 1697 that baptism took place
baptised_person_forename	Forename of the child baptised
baptised_person_surname	Surname of the child baptised
relationship	Relationship of baptised child to the Marriage Duty Act tax payer
title	Title of the Marriage Duty Act tax payer
assessed_person_forename	Forename of the Marriage Duty Act tax payer
assessed_person_surname	Surname of the Marriage Duty Act tax payer
residence	Residence of the Marriage Duty Act tax payer
baptism_tax	Sum received for baptism
notes_in_source	Contemporary notes/addenda/marginalia
editorial_notes	Notes added by transcriber

burials_received

Field	Function
image_no	Filename of manuscript/folio image used for transcription
folio_no	Page reference for record
month	Month in 1697 that burial took place
title	Title of the Marriage Duty Act tax payer
forename	Forename of the subject of the burial
surname	Surname of the subject of the burial
burial_tax	Sum received for burial
notes_in_source	Contemporary notes/addenda/marginalia
editorial_notes	Notes added by transcriber

marriages_received

Field	Function
image_no	Filename of manuscript/folio image used for transcription
folio_no	Page reference for record
title	Title of the Marriage Duty Act tax payer
forename	Forename of the subjects of the marriage
surname	Surname of the subjects of the marriage
marriage_tax	Sum received for marriage
notes_in_source	Contemporary notes/addenda/marginalia
editorial_notes	Notes added by transcriber

bachelors_and_widowers_received

Field	Function
image_no	Filename of manuscript/folio image used for transcription
folio_no	Page reference for record
title	Title of the Marriage Duty Act tax payer
forename	Forename of the bachelor/widower
surname	Surname of the bachelor/widower
bachelorwidower_tax	Sum received from the bachelor/widower
notes_in_source	Contemporary notes/addenda/marginalia
editorial_notes	Notes added by transcriber

baptisms_not_received

Field	Function
image_no	Filename of manuscript/folio image used for transcription
folio_no	Page reference for record
baptised_person_forename	Forename of the child baptised
baptised_person_surname	Surname of the child baptised
relationship	Relationship of baptised child to the Marriage Duty Act tax payer
title	Title of the Marriage Duty Act tax payer
assessed_person_forename	Forename of the Marriage Duty Act tax payer
assessed_person_surname	Surname of the Marriage Duty Act tax payer
baptism_tax	Sum owed for baptism
notes_in_source	Contemporary notes/addenda/marginalia
editorial_notes	Notes added by transcriber

burials_not_received

Field	Function
image_no	Filename of manuscript/folio image used for transcription
folio_no	Page reference for record
title	Title of the Marriage Duty Act tax payer
forename	Forename of the subject of the burial
surname	Surname of the subject of the burial
burial_tax	Sum owed for burial
notes_in_source	Contemporary notes/addenda/marginalia
editorial_notes	Notes added by transcriber

bachelors_and_widowers_not_received

Field	Function
image_no	Filename of manuscript/folio image used for transcription
folio_no	Page reference for record
title	Title of the Marriage Duty Act tax payer
forename	Forename of the bachelor/widower
surname	Surname of the bachelor/widower
bachelorwidower_tax	Sum owed from the bachelor/widower
notes_in_source	Contemporary notes/addenda/marginalia
editorial_notes	Notes added by transcriber

marriages_not_received

Field	Function
image_no	Filename of manuscript/folio image used for transcription
folio_no	Page reference for record
title	Title of the Marriage Duty Act tax payer
forename	Forename of the subjects of the marriage
surname	Surname of the subjects of the marriage
marriage_tax	Sum owed for marriage
notes_in_source	Contemporary notes/addenda/marginalia
editorial_notes	Notes added by transcriber

1698_poll_tax_portsoken

This resource was divided into five worksheets (one for each precinct). The first two columns in each file provide the archival reference and contemporary description of source.

Field	Function
image_no	Filename of manuscript/folio image used for transcription
folio_no	Folio reference for record
precinct	The precinct of Portsoken Ward
property_id	Unique ID value of property
title	Title or honorific of an individual
forename	Forename of individual
surname	Surname of individual
suffix	Suffix or additional identification of individual
occupation	Occupation of the individual
spouse	Whether the individual has a spouse
children	Whether the individual has children
apprentice	Whether the individual has an apprentice
servants	Whether the individual has servants
related_kin	Whether the individual is living with other kin
relationship	The relationship of the individual to the head of household
notes_in_source	Contemporary notes/addenda/marginalia
assessment	The individual's poll tax assessment (a value preceded by 'g' indicates an assessment for a group rather than a single individual)

1703_land_tax_portsoken

This resource was divided into five files (one for each precinct of Portsoken ward). The first two columns in each file provide the archival reference and contemporary description of source.

Field	Function
image_no	Filename of manuscript/folio image used for transcription
folio_no	Folio reference for record
precinct	The precinct of Portsoken Ward
location	Street-level location indicators[18]
person_id	Unique ID value for person in the tax assessment
listing_id	Unique ID value for listing in the tax assessment (a shared value across records indicates a joint listing)
title	Title or honorific of an individual
forename	Forename of individual
surname	Surname of individual
gender	Gender of individual (interpreted)
notes_in_source	Contemporary notes/addenda/marginalia
rents_tax	Tax assessed under rent qualification
editorial_notes	Notes added by transcriber

[18] The location indicators appear in the manuscript as marginal subheadings – it is assumed (but not explicitly represented in the transcribed data) that the locations pertain to each record until the next location is specified.

1713_LandTax_Portsoken

This resource was divided into five files (one for each precinct of Portsoken ward). The first two columns in each file provide the archival reference and contemporary description of source.

Field	Function
image_no	Filename of manuscript/folio image used for transcription
folio_no	Folio reference for record
precinct	The precinct of Portsoken Ward
location	Street-level location indicators[19]
person_id	Unique ID value for person in the tax assessment
listing_id	Unique ID value for listing in the tax assessment (a shared value across records indicates a joint listing)
title	Title or honorific of an individual
forename	Forename of individual
surname	Surname of individual
gender	Gender of individual (interpreted)
notes_in_source	Contemporary notes/addenda/marginalia
personal_estate	Assessment under personal wealth qualification
rents	Tax assessed under rent qualification
editorial_notes	Notes added by transcriber

[19] The location indicators appear in the manuscript as marginal subheadings – it is assumed (but not explicitly represented in the transcribed data) that the locations pertain to each record until the next location is specified.

Property Histories

The property narrative histories were compiled by Dr Mark Latham to provide a context for the demographic and social analysis of the project. They draw upon a wide range of parish records, property surveys, conveyance records and institutional accounts.

Reconstituted families of Aldgate, London, 1558-1710: Documentation

Written by Gill Newton, August 2011

Description

This data collection contains four tab delimited text files that are the tables of a relational database representing nuclear biological families reconstituted from parish register baptism, marriages and burial events for the parishes of St Botolph Aldgate and Holy Trinity Minories, London between 1558 and 1710. The family reconstitution was created using algorithms written in the programming language Python. These algorithms operated on highly structured and normalized data based on the transcribed parish registers of the data collection 'Parish Registers of Aldgate, London'.

This data collection was created by Gill Newton at the Cambridge Group for the History of Population and Social Structure between June 2008 and June 2011 as part of the ESRC-funded research project 'Life in the suburbs: health, domesticity and status in early modern London'.

An alternative version of this resource together with the related resource 'Parish Registers of Aldgate, London' exists as a Microsoft Access 2000 database containing user interface Forms for viewing reconstituted families and transcriptions of the underlying parish register baptism, marriage and burial events. This database was created by Gill Newton. The .tab files of this data collection were generated from this database.

Structure and Related Datasets

m_lines.tab	1412308 bytes	31336 lines + field names on first line	text values in ""
h_lines.tab	1246682 bytes	30910 lines + field names on first line	text values in ""
w_lines.tab	788871 bytes	25806 lines + field names on first line	text values in ""
c_lines.tab	4260421 bytes	53304 lines + field names on first line	text values in ""

There are four tables representing reconstituted families as stem Marriages (or dummy marriages) and their component Wives, Husbands and Children. The tables are joined by the [fam_num] field of each, as indicated in the table and field descriptions given below.

These tables are related to the data collection ‘Parish registers of Aldgate, London’, which contains full transcriptions of parish register baptism, marriage and burial events for the parishes of St Botolph Aldgate and Holy Trinity Minories, London. There are joins between the key field of tables in that database and foreign key fields of this database as indicated in the field descriptions below.

The structure and fields of this database are, broadly, a subset of those used in the data collection ‘Reconstituted families of Cheapside, London’ created in 2003-2006. However, most of the calculated fields in that dataset do not exist in this one, and there are some differences between the scope of the fields shared by both datasets.

m_lines.tab

Each record represents a reconstituted family, stemming from an actual or assumed marriage. Not every marriage in the parish registers is included, but rather only those that have been linked unambiguously to: parents given in baptism or burial records of children; or the marriage of a baptised child him or herself; or the remarriage of a parent. There are 7 fields as follows:

fam_num (Integer)

Unique identifier for each reconstituted family.

place (String)
Locational scope of the family reconstitution, ie Aldgate.

datesort (Date)

Duplicates [actual_mar_date] field where not null, or else [dummy_mar_date] field, to allow events to be displayed in date order.

actual_mar_date_ns (Date)

Date of marriage, where a link to a registered marriage has been made. Drawn from the marriage Event table record for a family's Husband and Wife. In the Gregorian calendar.

dummy_mar_date_ns (Date)

Date of first Event table record belonging to a reconstituted family, where no marriage link has been made. Usually drawn from the earliest dated child baptism Event table record belonging to a family. In the Gregorian calendar.

mar_event_id (Integer)

Foreign key identifying the Event table (from the related resource ‘Parish registers of Aldgate, London’) record of marriage for a family's Husband and Wife, where a link to a registered marriage has been made.

family_surname (String)

A family’s surname. Usually the same as the field [surname] in the h_lines table, described below.

h_lines.tab

Each record represents a reconstituted family’s Husband. A Husband is the father (or presumed father) of children linked to a reconstituted family and/or the spouse (or presumed spouse) of a family’s Wife. There are 15 fields as follows:

fam_num (Integer)

Unique identifier for each Husband and also a foreign key indicating the reconstituted family (m_lines table) to which a Husband belongs.

surname (String)

Surname of a family's Husband. An unstandardised string usually drawn from the earliest Event table record belonging to a family where the husband's surname is given.

forename (String)

Forename of a family's Husband. An unstandardised string usually drawn from the first Event table record belonging to a family where the husband's forename is given. Null where not given in any family event.

bap_date_ns (Date)

Date of a family's Husband's baptism, where a link to a registered baptism has been made. Drawn from the Person table record of a Husband's baptism. In the Gregorian calendar.

bap_event_id (Integer)

Foreign key identifying the Event table (from the related resource 'Parish registers of Aldgate, London') record of a Husband's baptism, where a link to a registered baptism has been made.

bap_pid (Integer)

Foreign key identifying the Person table (from the related resource 'Parish registers of Aldgate, London') record of a Husband's baptism, where a link to a registered baptism has been made.

bur_date_ns (Date)

Date of Husband's burial, where a link to a registered burial has been made. Drawn from the Person table record of a Husband's burial. In the Gregorian calendar.

bur_event_id (Integer)

Foreign key identifying the Event table (from the related resource 'Parish registers of Aldgate, London') record of a Husband's burial, where a link to a registered burial has been made.

bur_pid (Integer)

Foreign key identifying the Person table (from the related resource 'Parish registers of Aldgate, London') record of a Husband's burial, where a link to a registered burial has been made.

bur_score (Integer)

Numeric value indicating the strength of the record link to a husband's burial, where one has been made. The options are 100, 50, 20 and 10, in decreasing order of strength.

earlier_fam_num (Integer)
Foreign key (corresponding to m_lines table [fam_num] field) identifying a previous family for which the Husband in this family is also the Husband, but with a different wife, where a link to another reconstituted family has been made.

earlier_mar_pid (Integer)
Foreign key identifying the Person table (from the related resource 'Parish registers of Aldgate, London') record of a Husband's earlier marriage to a different wife, where a link to another marriage has been made.

later_fam_num (Integer)
Foreign key (corresponding to m_lines table [fam_num] field) identifying a subsequent family for which the husband in this family is also the Husband, but with a different wife, where a link to another reconstituted family has been made.

later_mar_pid (Integer)
Foreign key identifying the Person table (from the related resource 'Parish registers of Aldgate, London') record of a Husband's later marriage to a different wife, where a link to another marriage has been made.

occupation (String)
Standardised form of the husband's occupation, where this is entirely consistent in every record attached to a family. "(various)" indicates that there is more than one standardised occupation, but note that these can be very closely related. A null field indicates no occupational information is present in any record attached to a family.

w_lines.tab

Each record represents a reconstituted family's Wife, who is the mother (or presumed mother) of children linked to a family and the spouse (or presumed spouse) of a family's Husband. There are 14 fields as follows:

fam_num (Integer)
Unique identifier for each Wife and also a foreign key indicating the reconstituted family to which a Wife belongs.

pre_marriage_surname (String)

Surname of a wife prior to marriage. An unstandardised string drawn from the Person record of the wife's marriage, where a link to a registered marriage has been made, or drawn from a Wife's baptism Person record where a link to a registered baptism has been made. Null where not known.

forename (String)
Forename of a family's Wife. An unstandardised string usually drawn from the first Event table record belonging to a family where the Wife's forename is given. Null where not given in any family event.

bap_date_ns (Date)

Date of a family's Wife's baptism, where a link to a registered baptism has been made. Drawn from the Person table record of a Wife's baptism. In the Gregorian calendar.

bap_event_id (Integer)

Foreign key identifying the Event table (from the related resource 'Parish registers of Aldgate, London') record of a Wife's baptism, where a link to a registered baptism has been made.

bap_pid (Integer)

Foreign key identifying the Person table (from the related resource 'Parish registers of Aldgate, London') record of a Wife's baptism, where a link to a registered baptism has been made.

bur_date_ns (Date)

Date of family's Wife's burial, where a link to a registered burial has been made. Drawn from the Person table record of a Wife's burial. In the Gregorian calendar.

bur_event_id (Integer)

Foreign key identifying the Event table (from the related resource 'Parish registers of Aldgate, London') record of a Wife's burial, where a link to a registered burial has been made.

bur_pid (Integer)

Foreign key identifying the Person table (from the related resource 'Parish registers of Aldgate, London') record of a Wife's burial, where a link to a registered burial has been made.

bur_score (Integer)

Numeric value indicating the strength of the record link to a husband's burial, where one has been made. The options are 100, 40, 20 and 10, in decreasing order of strength.

earlier_fam_num (Integer)

Foreign key (corresponding to m_lines table [fam_num] field) identifying a previous reconstituted family for which the Wife in this family is also the Wife, but with a different Husband, where a link to another reconstituted family has been made.

earlier_mar_pid (Integer)
Foreign key identifying the Person table (from the related resource 'Parish registers of Aldgate, London') record of a Wife's earlier marriage to a different husband, where a link to another marriage has been made.

later_fam_num (Integer)

Foreign key (corresponding to m_lines table [fam_num] field) identifying a subsequent family for which the Wife in this family is also the Wife, but with a different Husband, where a link to another reconstituted family has been made.

later_mar_pid (Integer)
Foreign key identifying the Person table (from the related resource 'Parish registers of Aldgate, London') record of a Wife's later marriage to a different husband, where a link to another marriage has been made.

c_lines.tab

Each record represents a Child that has been linked to a reconstituted family. A family may have one, many or no Child records. Most registered baptisms (95% of the total) have been assigned to a family and are therefore present in c_lines.tab. Those baptisms which could not be assigned unambiguously to one family are excluded, together with any other baptisms to which they themselves could be linked. Also excluded are: adult baptisms, foundlings, parentless parish children and children without surnames. There are 18 fields as follows:

fam_num (Integer)

Foreign key identifying the reconstituted family (m_lines table) to which a Child belongs, and also the Husband and Wife of that family, where applicable.

child_index (Integer)

Unique identifier for each Child belonging to a family.

datesort (Date)

Repeats information in a Child's [bap_date_ns], [birth_date_ns], [bur_date_ns] or [death_date_ns] field to allow the Children to be sorted into date order.

Type (String)

Type of link that has been made between a reconstituted family and a Child, used to indicate a number of inferences that may have been made. CBAP is the standard and most common type, representing a link to a registered baptism (which may or may not also be linked in turn to a registered burial, registered marriage and/or subsequent family). The full list of options and their meanings is:

CBAP	link is to a registered baptism
CBAPNONINFANT	link is to a registered baptism that took place in childhood rather than in infancy
CBURDUMMYBAP	link is to a registered burial for which no corresponding baptism has been found. The burial date fits into the sequence of baptisms belonging to a family, with acceptable birth intervals, so the child may be considered to have died in the interval between birth and baptism.
CBURSTILLBORN	link is to a registered burial described as a stillborn, for which no baptism has been found but which implies the existence of a pregnancy that terminated before baptism.

sex (String)

The sex of the Child. Usually as given in the Person table record of a Child's registered baptism or burial. m for males, f for females, x where the sex is unknown.

bap_event_id (Integer)

Foreign key identifying the Event table (from the related resource 'Parish registers of Aldgate, London') record of a Child's baptism, where a link to a registered baptism has been made.

bap_pid (Integer)

Foreign key identifying the Person table (from the related resource ‘Parish registers of Aldgate, London’) record of a Child’s baptism, where a link to a registered baptism has been made.

bap_date_ns (Date)

Date of a Child’s baptism, where a link to a registered baptism has been made. Usually drawn from the Person table record of a Child’s baptism. In the Gregorian calendar.

birth_date_ns (Date)

Date of a Child’s birth, where a link to a registered baptism has been made and the date of birth is stated. Usually drawn from the Person table record of a Child’s baptism. In the Gregorian calendar.

bur_event_id (Integer)

Foreign key identifying the Event table (from the related resource ‘Parish registers of Aldgate, London’) record of a Child’s burial, where a link to a registered burial has been made.

bur_date_ns (Date)

Date of a Child’s burial, where a link to a registered burial has been made. Usually drawn from the Person table record of a Child’s burial. In the Gregorian calendar.

bur_pid (Integer)

Foreign key identifying the Person table (from the related resource ‘Parish registers of Aldgate, London’) record of a Child’s burial, where a link to a registered burial has been made.

death_date_ns (Date)

Date of a Child's death, where a link to a registered burial has been made and the date of death is stated. Usually drawn from the Person table record of a Child's burial. In the Gregorian calendar.

forename (String)

Forename of a Child. An unstandardised string usually drawn from the Person table record of a Child's baptism, or else from the person table record of a Child's burial. Null where not stated in any registered event.

own_fam_num (Integer)

Foreign key identifying a Child's own family (m_lines table), ie the family of which he or she is Wife or Husband, where a link to a registered marriage has been made.

own_fam_pid (Integer)

Foreign key identifying the Person table (from the related resource 'Parish registers of Aldgate, London') record of a Child's marriage, where a link to a registered marriage has been made.

mar_date_ns (Date)

A Child's date of marriage, where a link to a registered marriage has been made. In the Gregorian calendar.

status (String)

A field which indicates whether a Child is registered as a twin/multiple birth, or is presumed to be a twin or multiple birth from contextual information. Possible values are "twin/mulitple birth" or assumed "twin/multiple birth".