

A select Spitalfields bibliography

This is a brief guide to a selection of items in the Bishopsgate Library about Spitalfields. It is not comprehensive, but aims to give a flavour of the variety of topics surrounding Spitalfields and the different materials available in the library.

Books and pamphlets

The London Collection contains a total of 45,000+ books and pamphlets about all major aspects of the character of London and its social, economic and architectural development. Useful classification numbers for Spitalfields are:

D1 – Immigration

D31.4 – Markets, including Spitalfields

J – Trades

L26.24 – history and geography of the East End including: Stepney, Mile End, Whitechapel, Wapping, Shadwell, St George-in-East, Limehouse, Spitalfields, Norton Folgate.

Useful Journals

In addition to local history and London-wide journals, the following journals focus particularly on the East End:

Cockney Ancestor from 1978

East London History Society Newsletter from 1982

East London Papers 1958–1973

East London Record 1978–1998

Proceedings of the Huguenot Society of London 1885–1995

Rising East 1997–2001

The Cable (Jewish East End Celebration Society) from 2006

Newspaper cuttings and ephemera

The Library also collects cuttings from local and national newspapers and magazines and ephemera on the local area. There are files on Spitalfields, Spitalfields Market, the Silk Weavers and individual local streets.

Photograph and illustrations

The London Photographs Collection contains c.180 photographs of Spitalfields, from 1890 to the present, and c.70 photographs of Spitalfields Market, mainly from 1980s and 1990s.

Selected bibliography

The next four pages list a selection of items about Spitalfields, its history, development and people. If you have any enquiries about the Library collections please contact us.

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