

Camden & Islington Family History Map

With so many centres for family history this close in Camden and Islington, you can trace your ancestors and get some exercise at the same time!

The coloured routes will take you between the centres. Average walking times are shown.



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1 The British Library

Oriental and India Office Reading Room
Open Mon 10.00am – 5.00pm
Tues–Sat 9.30am – 5.00pm
See www.bl.uk or call +44 (0)870 444 1500 for opening hours of other reading rooms.

2 BT Archives

Tues 10.00am – 4.00pm
Thurs 10.00am – 4.00pm
Please call to make an appointment.

3 Camden Local Studies and Archives Centre

Mon & Thurs 10.00am – 7.00pm
Tues & Fri 10.00am – 6.00pm
Sat 10.00am – 1.00pm, 2.00pm – 5.00pm

4 Family Records Centre (FRC)

Mon, Wed, Fri 9.00am – 5.00pm
Tues 10.00am – 7.00pm
Thurs 9.00am – 7.00pm
Sat 9.30am – 5.00pm

5 Islington Local History Centre

Mon & Thurs 9.30am – 1.00pm, 2.00pm – 8.00pm
Tues & alternate Saturdays 9.30am – 1.00pm, 2.00pm – 5.00pm
Fri 9.30am – 1.00pm
Please call to make an appointment.

6 London Metropolitan Archives (LMA)

Mon, Weds, Fri 9.30am – 4.45pm
Tues & Thurs 9.30am – 7.30pm
Selected Saturdays 9.30am – 4.45pm – call +44(0)20 7332 3820 for dates.

7 Royal Mail Archive (Postal Heritage Trust)

Mon–Fri 10.00am – 5.00pm
Thurs 10.00am – 7.00pm
Selected Saturdays 10.00am – 5.00pm – call +44(0)20 7239 2570 for dates.

8 Society of Genealogists

Tues–Sat 10.00am – 6.00pm
Thurs 10.00am – 8.00pm
Saturday Library tours – call +44(0)20 7251 8799 for details.

10 The Court Service (Principal Registry of the Family Division)

Wills and divorce records for England and Wales from 1858. Call +44(0)20 7947 6000 for opening times and information.

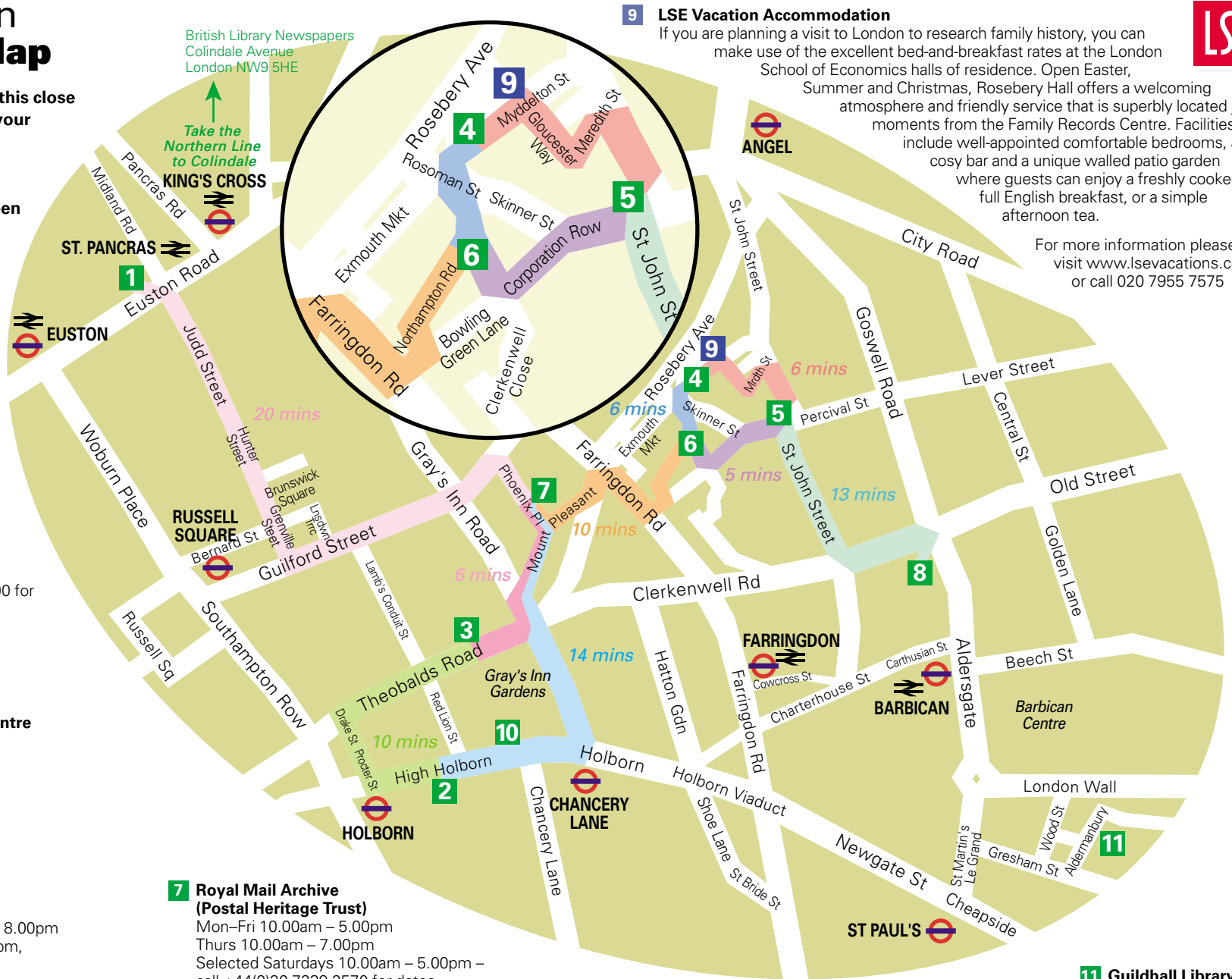
11 Guildhall Library

City of London parish registers, maps, directories and more. Call +44 (0)20 7332 1868 for opening times and information.

9 LSE Vacation Accommodation

If you are planning a visit to London to research family history, you can make use of the excellent bed-and-breakfast rates at the London School of Economics halls of residence. Open Easter, Summer and Christmas, Rosebery Hall offers a welcoming atmosphere and friendly service that is superbly located just moments from the Family Records Centre. Facilities include well-appointed comfortable bedrooms, a cosy bar and a unique walled patio garden where guests can enjoy a freshly cooked full English breakfast, or a simple afternoon tea.

For more information please visit www.lsevacations.co.uk or call 020 7955 7575



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The British Library

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The principal resources used for family history are in the India Office Records, for ancestors in British India, and in the newspapers at the Newspaper Library in Colindale. Extensive collections (606km) include directories, oral history, pedigrees, maps and patents.

Check website for catalogues and opening hours of different reading rooms.

BT Archives

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F +44 (0)20 7242 1967
E archives@bt.com
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BT Archives preserves the documentary heritage of BT and its predecessors. A major resource for family historians is the near-complete set of UK telephone directories dating from the first directory produced in 1880 to the present.

Camden Local Studies and Archives Centre

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Holborn Library, 32–38 Theobalds Road, London WC1X 8PA
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The Camden Local Studies and Archives Centre contains archives, printed material, illustrations and maps about the history of the area from the 17th century until the present day. Sources for family history research include ratebooks, electoral registers, local directories, local newspapers, monumental inscriptions and Highgate Cemetery registers.

Family Records Centre (FRC)

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E frc@nationalarchives.gov.uk
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The FRC holds indexes of births, marriages and deaths in England and Wales from 1837, census returns for England and Wales (1841–1901), PCC wills and administrations, and other records including death duty registers and non-conformist registers. We provide access to many online resources including the 1901 census, PCC wills, and other family history websites.

Islington Local History Centre

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W www.islington.gov.uk/libraries



Family history sources include census returns for Islington & Finsbury (1841–1901), electoral registers (from 1870s onwards), parish registers for St. Mary Islington, ratebooks, maps, photographs and a range of archive and published material. Please book an appointment to visit.

London Metropolitan Archives (LMA)

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E ask.lma@corpoflondon.gov.uk
W www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/lma

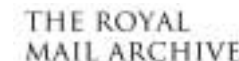


LMA is the largest local authority record office in the UK, with 55km of records dating back nearly 900 years. LMA has records from the former county councils of London, Middlesex and Greater London. Main sources for family history include registers from over 800 parishes, poor law records and registers of electors; plus maps, plans, prints and photographs.

Royal Mail Archive (Postal Heritage Trust)

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The Royal Mail Archive contains records for the history of The Post Office over four centuries. For family history research the main sources are the appointment books (1734–1774, 1831–1956) and establishment books (1742–1946). There are also records of pensions, postmasters/postmistresses, packet boat agents and captains and many other supporting sources.

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The Society has the largest family history library in the UK. It holds copies of family history sources, finding aids, indexes and unique research materials. The Library also has free Internet access to some major genealogical websites. The Society is also proud to boast the largest collection of copies of parish registers in the UK.



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