

Employment

Working women

Andrew August. *Poor Women's Lives: Gender, Work and Poverty in late-Victorian London*.

p74 – Somers Town 44% women over 15 were employed

p153 From census 1881 enumerators' books, looking at a defined area of Somers Town

men	%	women	%
building	15	domestic	38
Road transport	10	clothing	22
Labourer	9		
Food	6		
Furniture	5		
Railways	4		
Musical instrument making	3.5		

Women's jobs were poorer paid and with less tenure and irregular hours⁷⁵- domestic work for day servants, charwomen and laundresses was 'episodic'. Only a few areas – such as bookfolding and artificial flower making developed as women's trades

Alison Kay. *The foundations of female entrepreneurship*. London, Routledge, 2009.

At the height of the Victorian age, enterprising women were engaged in business.

.. trade for a respectable middle-class woman was better than manual work. And could often be done from within the home, maintaining independence and respectability, drawing on contacts and networks¹³⁴.

p68 Elizabeth Warren's '*How I managed my household on £200 a year was the domestic bible of many middle-class women*' budgeted £10 for laundry. Washers earned 2/6 a day, ironers 3/- --

'who that washes on a Saturday is a slut to the bone'

Ten most popular retail trades for women's business insurance:
Milliner/dress maker, coffee-house keeper, victualler, linen draper, laundry keeper,
grocer, chandler, stationer, tobacconist, haberdasher⁶⁷

Women let out second properties

Much accommodation – 1870s, post office directories, 40 of lodging houses had
female proprietors

Working men

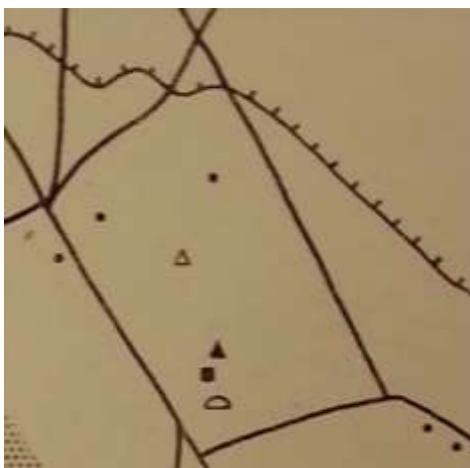
Douglas Smith. *The industries of greater London : being a survey of the recent industrialisation of the northern and western sectors of greater London*.
London: King & son, 1933.

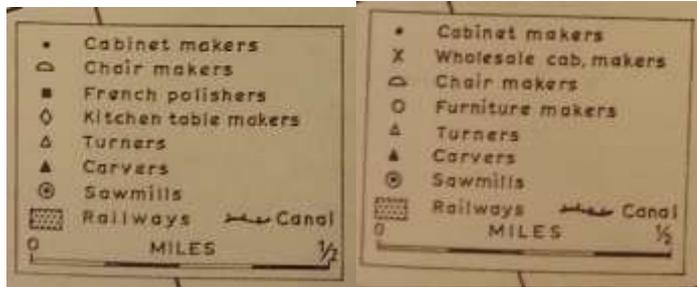
Maps of distribution of 'old' and 'new' industries. Camden Town shown in furniture industry. And pianos.

Hall, Peter. *The industries of London since 1861*. Hutchinson University Library,
1962.

Chapters on population; work; wealth; (capital and labour); retailing;
leisure/pleasure; housing; transport; utilities; manufacturing; professional and
domestic services; financial; welfare & social; political.

FM Sheppard. *London 1808-1870: the infernal wen*





(Figs 15 - 17 – data from directories: 1861, 1901, 1951)

Map shows:
 Dalziel's printing works;
 Hecksher's 'organ manufactory'
 A 'glass works'
 Timber yard where later Taxidermy
 Archer Street piano works

