A NETWORK OF UNEXPECTED CONNECTIONS

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Biographies:
People are not fixed in Time
The biography of a place:
Places are not fixed in Time

The Watch House by John Crowther, 1880
The Watch House, Strand Lane, by Edward Walker, old print 1946
The Old Watch-House, Strand Lane by Patrick George, 1950s
The old Watch House in Strand Lane by Jackson, Peter (1922-2003)
A matter of personality
The biography of a place: Places can have complex identities

The Roman Bath, by F. W. Fairholt 1880

The Roman Bath in Strand Lane, by F. Matania. Wellcome Images

Strand Lane, Westminster: Roman Bath, Photograph 1948. London Metropolitan Archives

The Roman Bath, by F. W. Fairholt 1880

Drawing of Roman Bath in the Strand by John Wykeham Archer, 1841. Featured in 'Mediæval London' by William Benham and Charles Welch, 1901

The Roman Bath as monument of the National Trust.
We live in an invisible web of connections
221 Baker Street
Digital and non digital resources

- Old Bailey’s Records
- BBC Paintings
- Flickr
- King’s Collections Online
- Strand Lines
- London Lives
- City of London Archive
- British Library Digital Archive
- London Digital Maps
- Gutenberg.org (Essays, Touristic Guides, Fiction, Advertisement)
- Archive.org (Essays, Touristic Guides, Fiction, Advertisement)
Everything is connected:
The Strand Bath and Kevin Bacon

Roman Bath, Strand Lane. Illustration for Early London by Sir Walter Besant (A&C Black, 1908)

Kevin Bacon at Comic-Con 2013.
(Photo: Kevin Roche/WBTV via Getty Images)
Selecting information: 
**Objects, Buildings, People**

- Objects that travelled from one place or person to another.
- Buildings connected to other buildings.
- One person connecting many objects or places.
- One place connecting many people.
What is a place?

http://www.oldtowns.co.uk/LondonSheets/London-Morden-1700.jpg
A gazetteer approach?
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<td>April 27-30</td>
<td>Hooker splits his army and tries to &quot;double envelop&quot; Lee with two forces, one approaching from the north by way of Chancellorsville and the other from the east at Fredericksburg.</td>
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<td>April 30</td>
<td>Lee splits his army, sending Jubal Early to hold off Sedgwick at Fredericksburg and moving the rest of his force west to engage Hooker at Chancellorsville.</td>
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**May 2, 7:30 a.m.**

Lee splits his army again, sending Jackson's Second Corps on a 12-mile, 18-hour flanking march around the Union positions around Chancellorsville and the Wilderness.
Oct 20 1944
Forces land in the Philippines; General MacArthur keeps his promise: “I shall return.”

Oct 20 1944
The whole Japanese Combined Fleet sets sail, intent on stopping the Allied landings on the Philippines.

Oct 28 1944
The Battle of Leyte Gulf begins in earnest. It will be the largest naval battle of World War Two.

Nov 1 1944
Kamikaze attacks intensify around Leyte Gulf off the Philippines.

Nov 7 1944
US General George Patton’s army crosses the Moselle River, heading for the heart of the German Reich.

Nov 7 1944
The Chinese cross the Arnewald River near Stogis, France.

Nov 7 1944
The Japanese hang the spy Nachard Sorge at Sugamo Prison, Tokyo.

Nov 7 1944
Anne Frank is deported from Auschwitz concentration camp to Bergen-Belsen.

Nov 7 1944
The Japanese attack Japanese aircraft in two months.
THANK YOU
For your attention