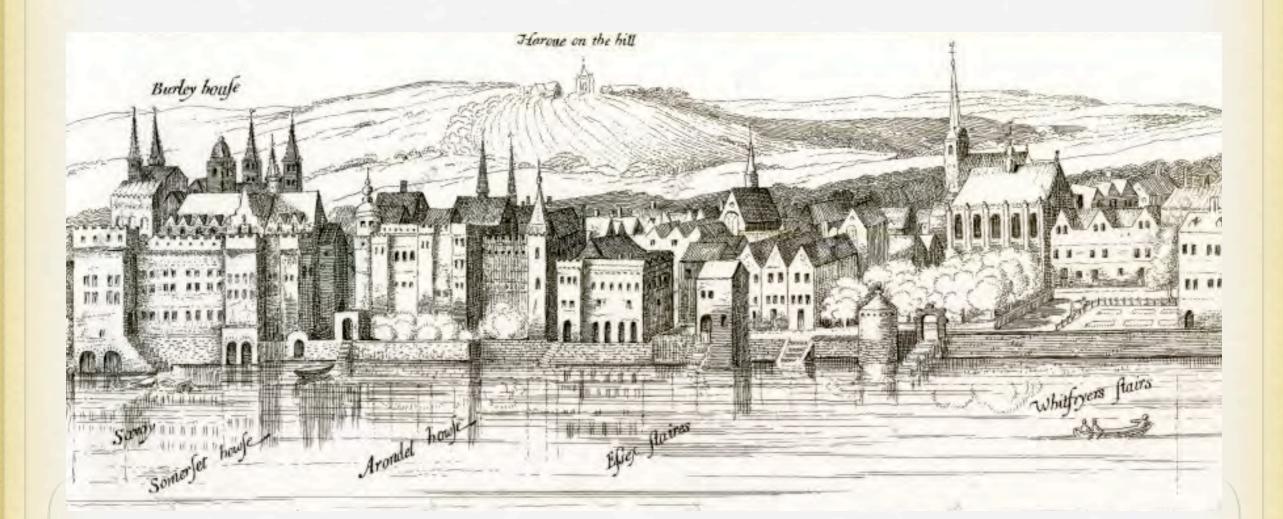
## A NETWORK OF UNEXPECTED CONNECTIONS



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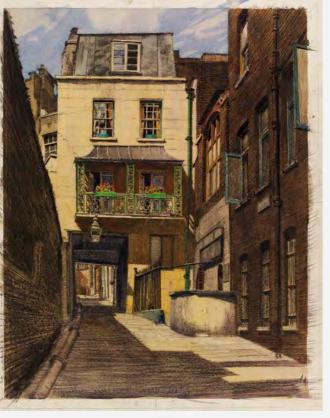
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The biography of a place: Places are not fixed in Time



The Watch House by John Crowther, 1880



The Watch House, Strand Lane, by Edward Walker, old print 1946



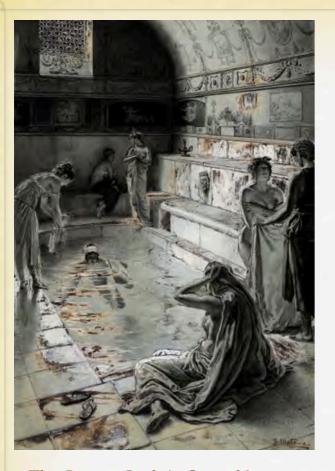
The Old Watch-House, Strand Lane by Patrick George, 1950s



The old Watch House in Strand Lane by Jackson, Peter (1922-2003)

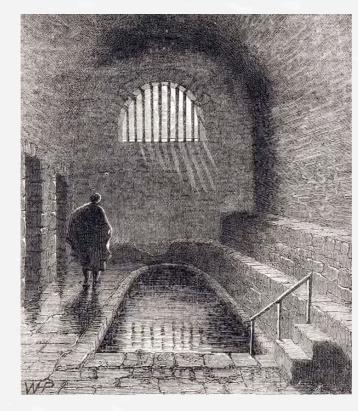
## A matter of personality





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

The biography of a place: Places can have complex identities



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.









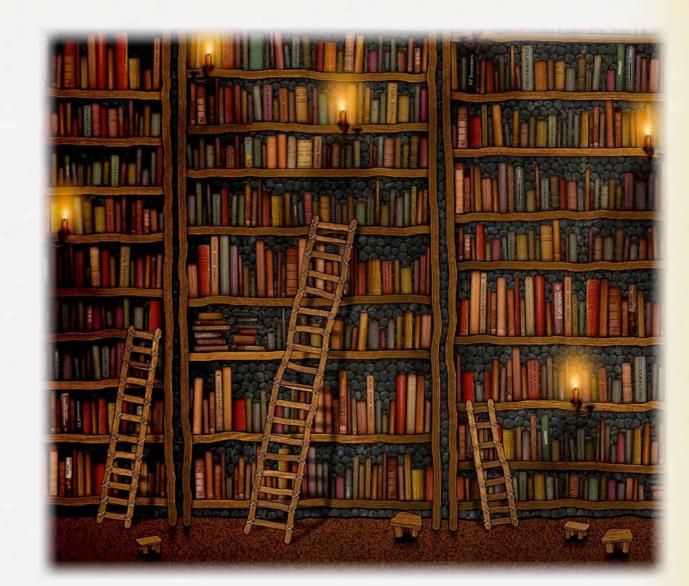
### 221 Baker Street



http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:221B\_Baker\_Street,\_London\_-\_Sherlock\_Holmes\_Museum.jpg

## 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, Advertisment)
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## 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.

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\* One place connecting many people.

What is a place?



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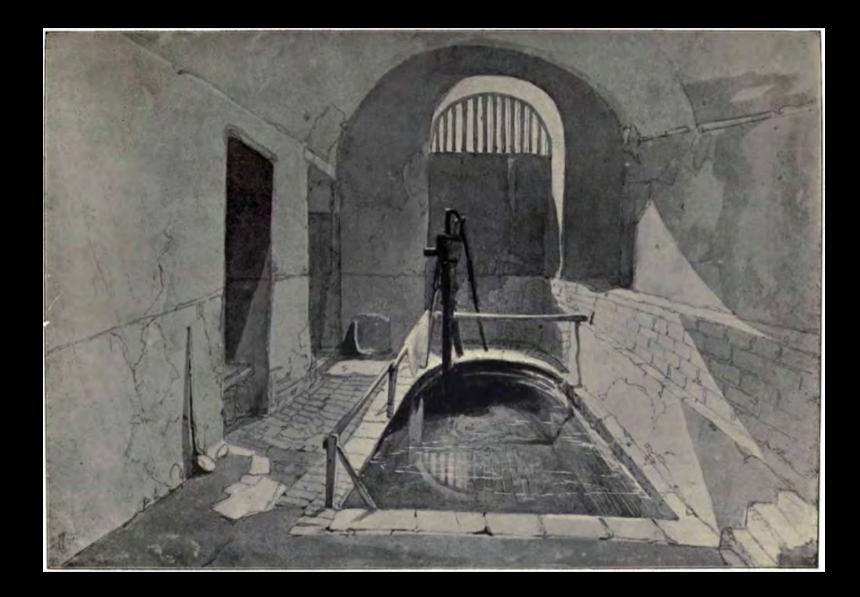
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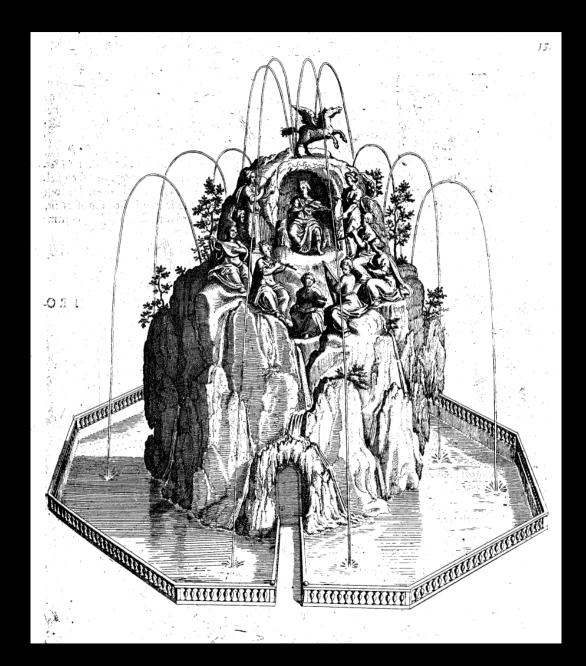
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a community-built gazetteer and graph of ancient places

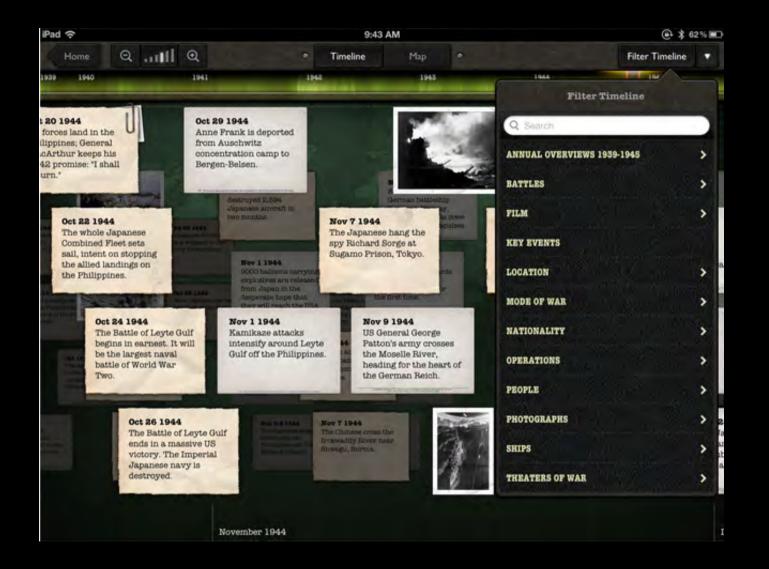


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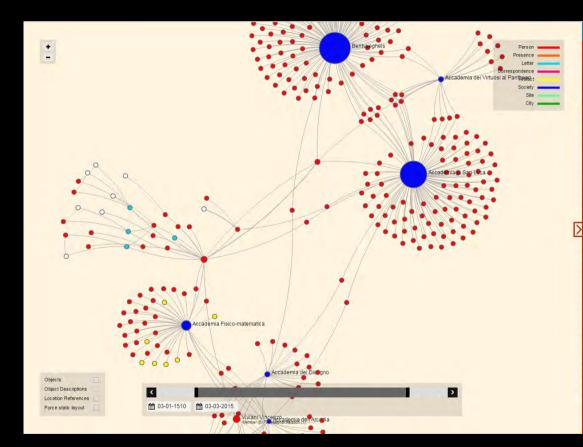








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### Mapping Notes and Nodes in Networks

Exploring potential relationships in biographical data and cultural networks in the creative industry in Amsterdam and Rome in the Early Modern Period. - Colophon -

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#### **Cornelis Meijer**

A dimension we cannot neglect is the analysis of the network as a whole, the so-called topology of the network - both because of its importance within the humanities and because our data lends itself perfectly for it. In particular we were interested in various clustering patterns of societies in hubs and in intermediary persons with lew connections but linking various communities -weak less - who were relevant for the transfer of knowledge from one network to another. This aspect was studied combining data from the cases of Cornelis Meijer and Cosimo III de Medici to do research on the intellectual and artistic organisations part excellence in early modern Italy: the Accademic These institutions gathered those interested in a particular field and were hubs for dissemination and promotion of culture. A visualization of networks around them shows they were rather isolated groups. To display this network (tick on Social Visualization).

Despite their evident lendency to be secluded groups, these Accademie were connected thanks to weak links, people that functioned as bridges between them. An example of a weak link is Cornelis Meijer. Although not a weak link in the most shirt sense of the term because he was acquainted with more than one member of the same society, he was positioned between popes, statesmen, intellectuals and artists. Meijer arrived in Rome in 1675 and in 1680 he was already made member of the Accademia Fisico-mathematica, the most important scientific society in Rome at the time. He made designs for making the river Tiber navigable in Rome and for constructions to prevent flooding in the neighbourdood of the Vai Filaminia. Nowadays we would not reckon his engineering work to the creative industry, but he commissioned various Dutch and Piernish artists in Rome to make drawings and engravings after his designs.

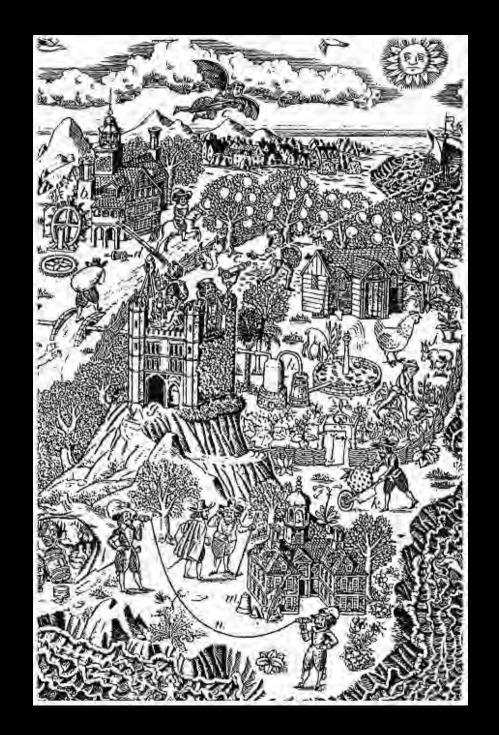
Data from the correspondence of Cosimo III included references to objects, such as books, that circulated throughout networks and reveal new nodes. When visualizing Metter's technical publications within this correspondence including dedicatese, engravers, printers and letters mentioning Meijer's work, new nodes of his networks are shown. To explore these click on 'Object Descriptions'.

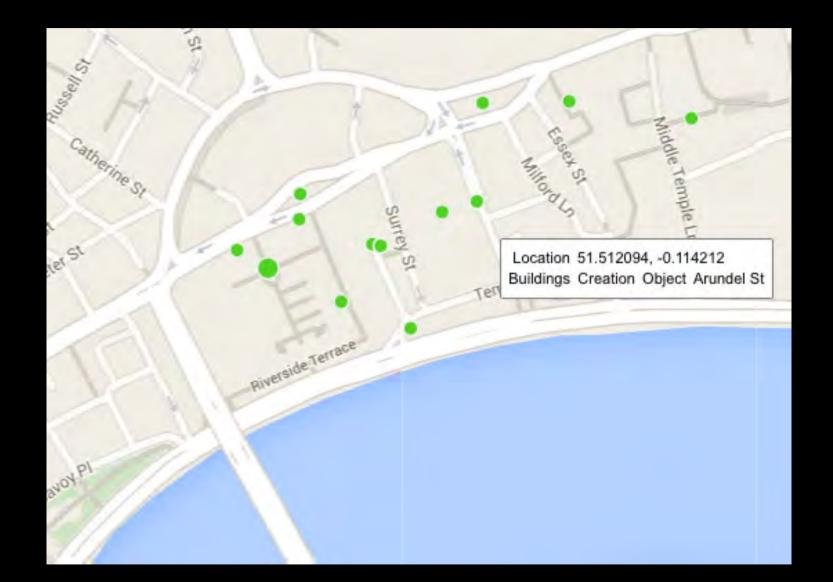
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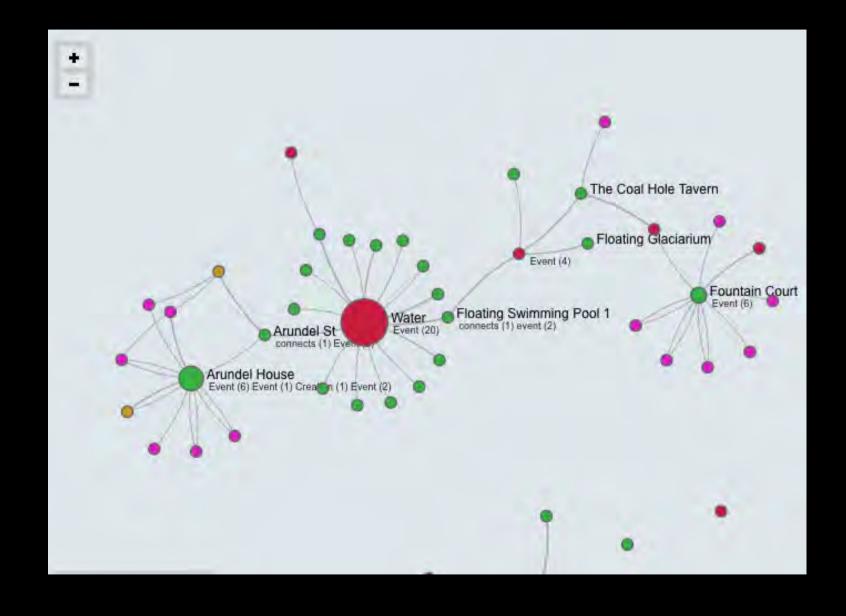


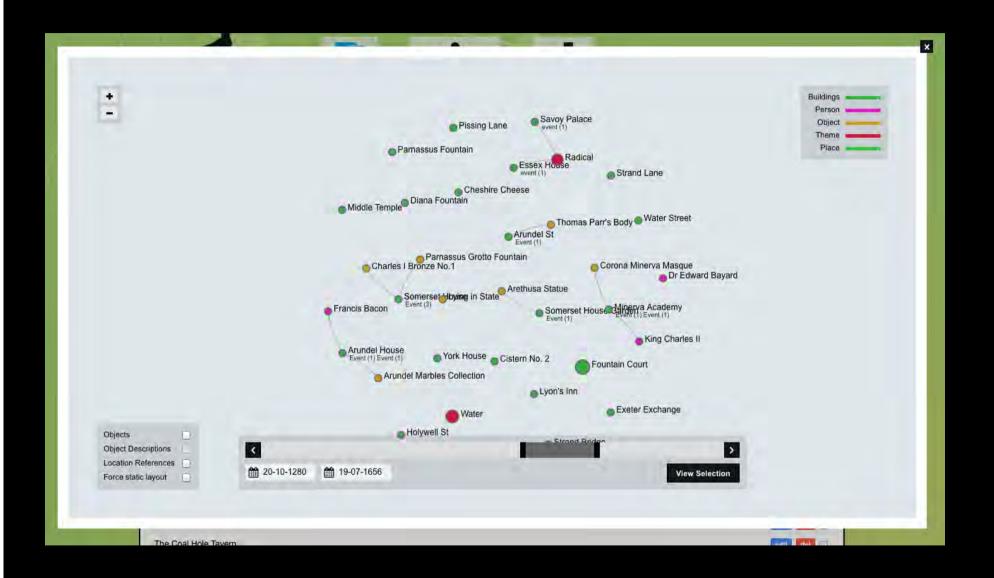








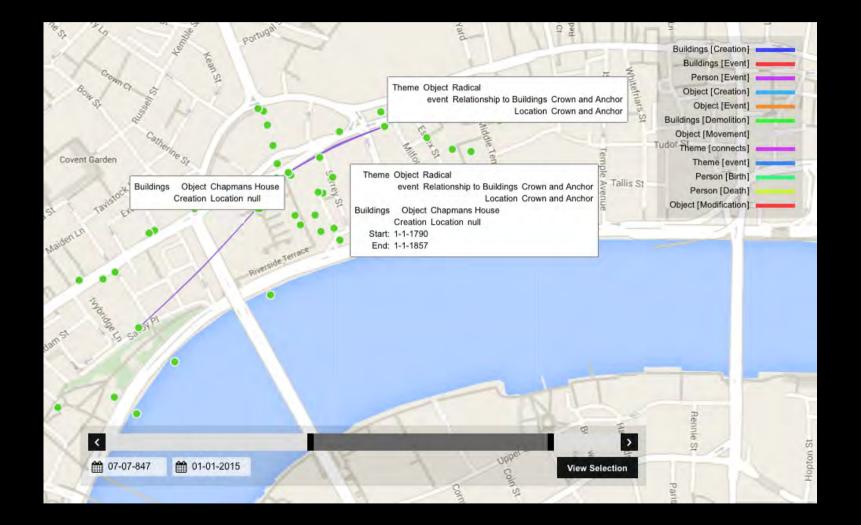




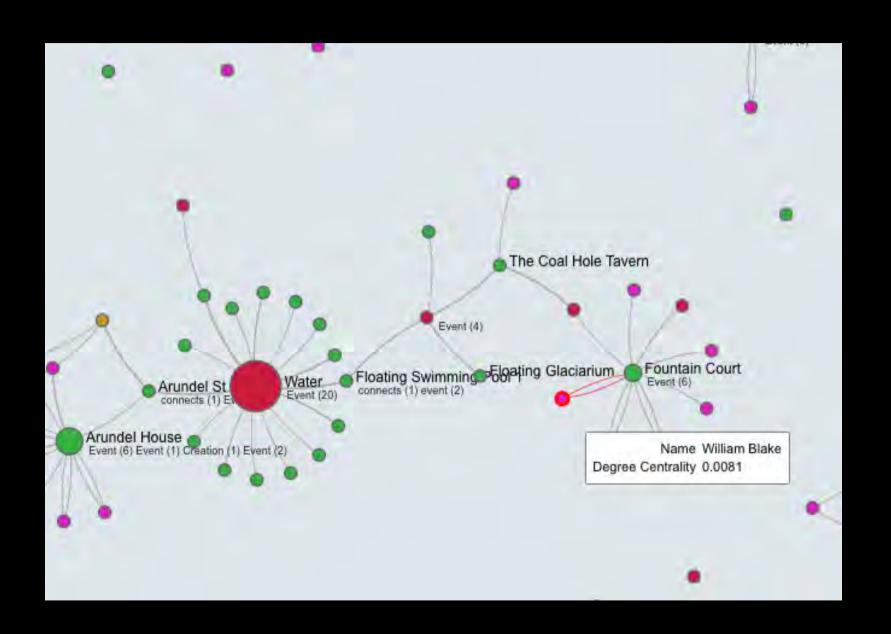












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