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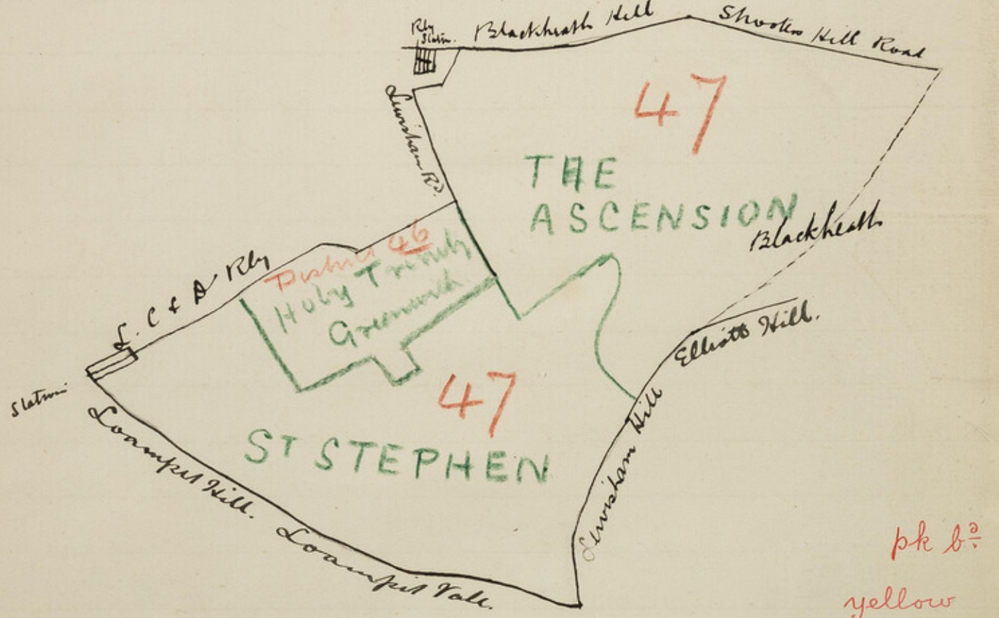
Walk with Sergeant Osborne over district bounded on the north by Blackheath Hill & Shooters Hill Road, east by a line across Blackheath to Elliott Hill and Lewisham Hill, south west by Loampit Vale & Loampit Hill & north west by the L.C. & D. Rly & Lewisham Road, being portions of the parishes of Holy Trinity, Greenwich and St Stephen & the Ascension, Lewisham.



Starting from Blackheath Hill Rly Station south along Burling Street. Narrow unpaved roadway. 2 St. cottages. 9 ft frontages. Houses on west side only + 3 at bottom on east. Dirty curtains; poor - rows sometimes. LB to DB. Back up

Thetton Place. 2 St. houses flush with pavement. One small shop "Fees ½d + 1d". LB. Two DB houses near Blackheath Hill. Up Blackheath Hill to Dartmouth Hill. Old road leading to the Heath. Modern redbrick houses on east - 2 St tattie. Old houses & Boys orphanage on west side; Pink barred. At end facing Blackheath is Lansdowne Place Large detached & s. det houses 3 or 4 servants. Yellow.

West to

Dartmouth Row — Dartmouth Row - red & yellow

Morden Hill pk & yellow

Lewisham Road - Morden Hill to Railway - pk b^d

Lethbridge R^d E of Drysdale purple.

Drysdale Road - N. end

West to Dartmouth Row Facing the Green Man are some 3st. houses - keep servants. Going south are a few shops and then some old good houses & some modern 3st houses. Some very large on Heath side - Red and Yellow. W along Morden Hill Nurseryman on north corner - pink. In Back Lane are a few cottages, formerly occupied by servants but now in ruins. Further west along Mn. Hill are a number of very large houses in grounds Yellow. On south side is St Johns Hospital, the home of the Nursing Sisters of St John the divine.

N.W along Lewisham Road 2½ Story & basement private houses. Mostly keep a servant girls to Drysdale Road. Beyond that points houses become poorer. Shops near the Railway arch - rather poor class trade. Pink barred.

Lethbridge Drysdale Road 6 roomed houses with bay windows to Drysdale Road. Beyond that poorer. Houses flush with pavement. Working people. Pink & Purple

Drysdale Road. South end is the better: 2 families. Fronts of houses covered with creepers. Front gardens well kept. People & houses look clean. 5 to 6 rooms. Northern part is poorer - no gardens. Houses flush with

Sparta Street W side near main road purple

Essex Place - purple

Streets in Greenwich - District 4B

Morden Grove

Morden Grove - pk b°

with pavement. Some are LB in character. Purple.
W into Garden Row. 5 roomed houses. Paved entry but only a foot path. Houses flush with pavement. Tailor Plumber &c. Purple as map. E into Sparta Sparta Street (King St on map). 2 st houses flush with pavement. Poorest at remote end. Many children playing - bad eyes. Entry on south side leads to a cottage. 4 rms; like the street. LB. N up Queen Street. 2 st cottages. Narrow street, houses flush with pavement. Labouring people. LB. East into Essex Place 2 st. cottages like Queen St. but look better off. Launderss &c. ✱ Little girl well dressed in light colours going into one of the houses. Purple.
W. to Regent Street 2 st cottages like the others. Some broken windows. LB. West along Sparta Street. Nearing Lewisham Road the houses improve. Large rooms & wider frontages. Windows look poor but some are comfortable. Purple to. LB. South along Lewisham Road to Morden Grove. Well built semi-det. houses. 2 storeys basement. Must keep a servant. Only one house on east side. Pink board.

District 46.

Sydney Grove - pk b²

Northam Street - pk

purple

At the south end is
Sydney Grove. Good modern houses near Lewisham Rd. on north side. South side older houses (2 st) with long front gardens. Near Lewisham Road the people keep servants. Working class at lower end of Road. Pink barred N into Northam Street (late Albion Grove). 2 st houses; one one side with basement floor. Row of trees on one side of street. Some broken windows. Insurance agent, boot repairer &c. Pink to purple. The portion running N.E to S.W. is better. Little children playing here are clean. Many of Penn's men. Pink. Turning north toward Albion St, a few cottages adjoining the public house & facing on the narrow footpath are reached.
LCB in character. West across the Ravensbourne into Elverson Road. 2 st., one bay window; small gardens in front. All have nicely kept parlours. Pink, except a few houses west of Ravensbourne Street, where the houses are smaller & looker poorer. Purple.
Ravensbourne Street between the railway arches, is 2 st houses & a few shops. 2 families in house
Pink. E. into
Leathwell Road. Like the best part of Elverson Rd.
Pink. Back across

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Lewisham 47

Lewisham Hill

Sligh Street - pk b^{d}

pk

Grathorn Street - purple

Conington Road - pk.

Morden Hill to Plough Bridges - red

Blackheath Rise - red

Princes Road - red

- N. of Princes Road - yellow

Back across the Ravensbourne to Conington Road New 2 st. houses with bay windows. Fitted for 2 families. Pink. Back & along Lewisham Road to south. Good class houses with long gardens back. Mostly semi detached. Keep servant. Row of shops near Railway Bridge. Red. E up Blackheath Rise Modern Villas; all keep servants. Red to Yellow.

Princes Road. Similar class. Red to Yellow.

Lewisham Hill. From Morden Hill to Princes R^{d}. are large detached houses. Yellow. South of Princes Road are terrace houses (3 st + basement) occupied by good class tradesmen & retired people. All keep servants. Clergy & doctors. Colfe's Grammar School for Boys on east side.

Red. Through railway arch into High Street, Lewisham. Shops built out on gardens of old 2 st houses. Pink barred to Red. Around corner by Lewisham Bridge is a row of seven cottages (2 st) facing the Ravensbourne. Numbered in Loampit Vale. Pink. E along Grathorn Street (Princes Row on map) 2 st. cottages Small flower gardens in front. Mostly labouring men: near the main

Station Approach - purple

Loampit Vale

Loampit Vale - pk b.

Horton Street - purple

Loampit Vale to Sunninghill Road pk b.

main road a few shops - dairyman, wheelwright to Purple.
In Station Approach are 3 3 st. houses. Publican, laundry + one poor looking house. Pink to Purple.
Loampit Vale (between the Rly Arches). Small two storeyed shops doing a fairly good trade - Prosperous people. Pinkbarred.
N. up Thurston Road. 2 st. houses with bay window. Comfortable working people with some poor. Much heavy traffic thro' this street between Deptford + Lewisham. via Mill Lane. Come this way to avoid the hill in Lewisham Road.
Pink to Purple. S. into
Jerrard Street Same class of house on west side and shops on east side. Pink.
Horton Street. Houses like Thurston Road. Rather poor. Broken + patched windows. South side of street is taken by School + Jerrards timber yard. Purple to pink N. W. along Loampit Vale. (to Sunninghill Road). Shops - some small; also terrace of 3 st shops. Quieter trade than nearer Lewisham. Pink barred. 3 storied villas begin just south of the Sunninghill Road - all kept separate
Red. - N. into
Elswick Road 2½ st. houses. Poor working class; improves toward north end. Purple to pink

Sunninghill Road - pk b[a]

Soampit Hill - pk & red

Beaufort Gardens - pk b[a]

Notes on the District

Sunninghill Road 2 st. villas; a few larger. Some servants kept. Clean quiet road. Pink barred. North of this point Soampit Hill is good class villas. Some semi detached. Mostly 3 floors. Kept servants.

Red. N.W. 4

Beaufort Gardens. Cul de sac. Detached houses 2½ to 3 storeyed. Garden in centre of oval. Comfortable people; a few kept servants. Pink barred to Red.

The poorest part of this walk is the group of narrow streets in the angle between Lewisham Road & Blackheath Hill. It has changed little during the past ten years but the poor area tends to become larger. The northern end of Drysdale Road now differs little from Sparta Street & both Drysdale & Lethbridge Roads are poorer than they were. The area east of these streets is much higher and forms a well to do residential district. Much of the property is old but the modern villa is supplanting the older 3 & 4 storeyed houses and filling up the plots of grounds that have been left between the houses.

houses. Socially Blackheath appears to be declining - ~~the~~ well to do tradesmen finds the neighbourhood convenient & except in the very large houses (many of which are empty or ~~for~~ to let) a large number are occupied by this class.

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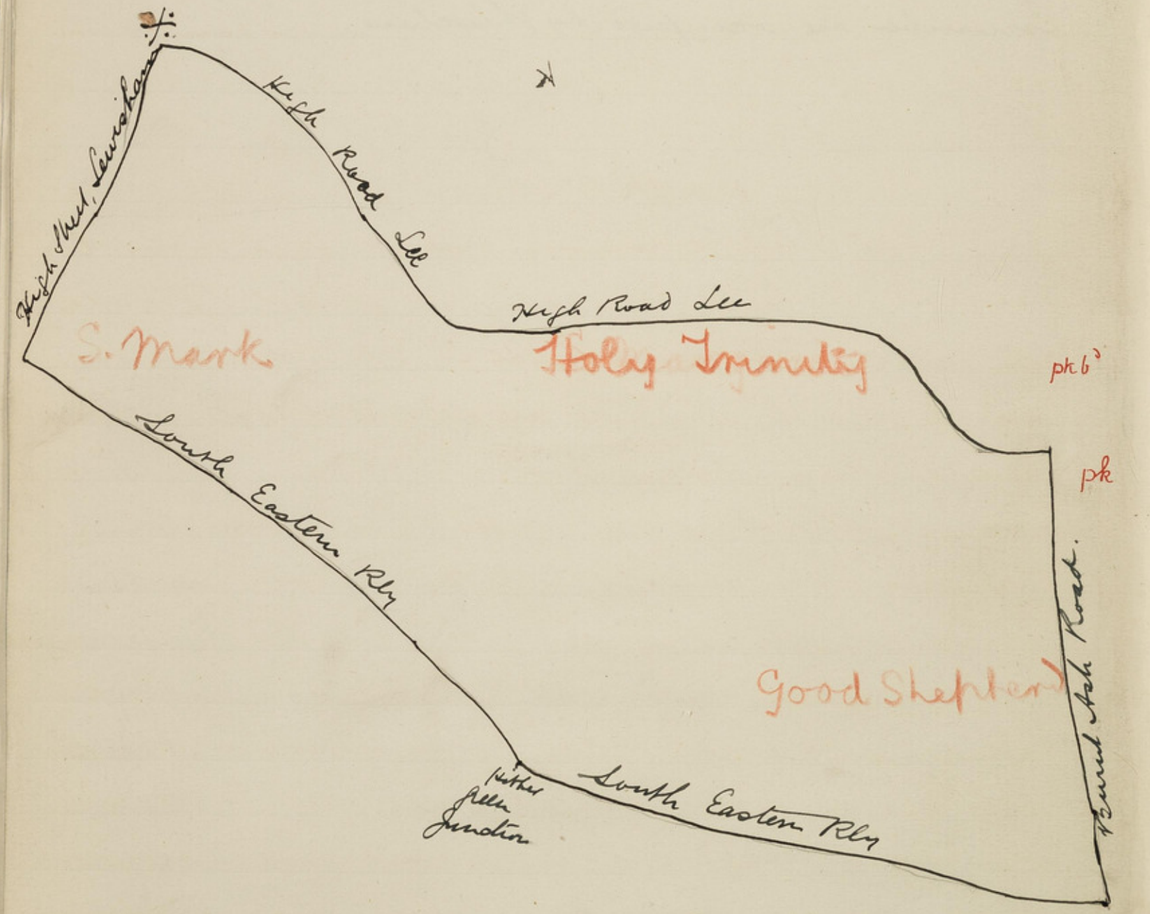

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Walks with Detective Sergeant Spencer over district bounded ~~by~~ on the north by High Road (Lee) east by Burnt Ash Road, south by the South Eastern Rly from Lee Station ~~via~~ Hither Green to Lewisham & west by High Street, Lewisham, being parts of the Parishes of S. Mark, Holy Trinity, & The Good Shepherd, Lee.

Starting from the corner of High Road where a Clock Tower commemorating the Diamond Jubilee is just receiving its finishing touches. S along Lewis Grove. East side is 3 & 2 st. shops. Pink barred. On the other side are old 2 st cottages with shop fronts. Working people. Pink. E into Mercia Grove. 2½ st. houses. 6 or 7 rooms. Two families as a rule. Some broken windows. Mostly labouring people. Purple. S to Albion Road. semi det. 3 st. houses. One & two families. All comfortable. People in city or on railway. Let apartments. Pink barred. S into Bonfield Road s. d. 2 st. houses near Clarendon Road. Terrace houses near Albion Road. Many keep servants. Nice little houses. Pink barred.

High Street, Lewisham red

8. High Street, Lewisham (Clock Tower to Limes Grove)
Shops from Clock Tower to south of Albion Road. pink barred to red. Beyond this terrace of 3 st. houses with 2 or 3 families in each. Nearer Limes Grove are newer red brick 3½ st. houses. Dentist, auctioneer, solicitor. Red to pink barred E into

Limes Grove. Mostly 3½ st. houses with two families or lodgers. Some 2 st. s.d. houses on south side. A few servants. About 8 houses to let. Pink to pink barred.

High Street. (to Rly) 3½ + 3 st. houses. All keep servants. Tradesmen in business elsewhere. + Red. E. into

Slaithwaite Road 2 st. det. houses; with large gardens. All keep servants. Building on vacant ground at ~~so~~ east end. Red. S into

Lingard Road 2 st. double fronted houses. Better than Slaithwaite. All keep servants. Only 2 houses on west side. Red

Morley Road Mostly detached 2 st houses with gardens. Some terrace houses on N side. Not quite ~~so~~ good as Lingard & Slaithwaite Roads. Red.

S.E. to Hollyhedge Terrace. 3 st. houses; a few smaller at east end. Decorator, railway men, labourers. About two families

Purple. A. into

Hollyhedge Terrace - purple

Dermody Gardens

Gilmore Road

Gilmore Road N. end pk b²

Wisteria Road- part running N+S. pk
E+W pk b²

Dermody Gardens. 3 storeyed houses; comfortable working people. One & two families. Central triangle is open space; not houses as map. Pink. W. into Dermody Road.. Two terraces: Trinity Terrace on north & Holly Tree terrace on south. 2½ st. houses with 2 bays. A few shops. Gardeners railway men & policemen. Pink to purple N. along Clarendon Road. Large det. & semi-det. houses with gardens to St Marks Church. Solicitors and others.

Yellow to Red. North of the Church the houses are smaller 2½ & 3 storeyed. All keep servants Red. Terrace on east side close to High Road looks poorer than other part. Builder &c. All keep servants - Red. S.E. along Gilmore Road 3½ st. east side backs on the Quaggy. Mostly two families but look very comf. & some keep servants. Pink barred to St Mark Church. Further south 2 st. on east; 3st on west. 8 Rooms. 2 st on east. Comfortable working people. Tabbed with trade announcements on fronts near East down Park. Decorator, builder, dairy &c Pink. W. into Wisteria Road N. side 3½ st. 2 storeyed modern houses on south. Some with two families. Servant in most houses on north side. Pink barred to pink

Portion of

Pascoe Road to Detached House pk
S of —"— "— purple

Ennersdale Road

Ennersdale Road — purple & pk

Leahurst Road — pk

Ennersdale Rd, part running
N. — pk & purple

Portion of Wisteria Road running south is 2 st. on W. + 2½ st. on east. A few keep the house but mostly two families. No servants. Pink. S into Pascoe Road. A few old houses on east side + then open ground to the Board school. West side new 2 st. houses. Pink. One detached house built by an independent man and beyond this smaller property. 13 ft. frontages 2 st. Labourers, mechanics + a few police. Purple.

Ennersdale Road from Rly to turning is similar property but looks better. Shop at corner. Pink & purple

~~AA~~ A new Road continuing Ennersdale Rd in a S.E. direction is being built, called Leahurst Road. A few houses to the corner of another new road, (Longhurst Road) are built + occupied

Pink. The Quaggy is being straightened at this point + the backs of the houses will go to the brook.

N up.

Ennersdale Road New 2 st. houses facing Board School. Family + lodger. Looks pink. Beyond these 2 st. one bay window. Mostly labouring people. Sergeant says this is roughest part of district + like Pascoe Road. Purple to pink

N to

Dermody Rd. N side E of Wisteria – red

Manor Park

Manor Park (part) red

Northbrook Road (new houses) pk b.

Dermody Road. On N. side s.d. houses. Kelp servants. On south 2 pink houses west of E. Rd then east, near the Quaggy – a little Red & pink N along Eastdown Park 3½ & 2½ st. houses with large gardens. Mostly two families and some will have an additional lodger. All comfortable. Some naval pensioners. Pink. The portion of Eastdown Park running east into the High Road. is 2½ st cottage terrace houses. Several laundry women Lodgers. Comfortable. Pink. Sk. side only. S
into Wearedale Road 2st. little houses, west side only. Mostly family lodger. Several with "rooms to let." Bootmaker &c 3 shops near main road. Purple. E into
Manor Park 3 & 3½ st. s.d & det. houses. Some good families but lodging house element has entered & road has gone down. Several houses to let. Wide road; gardens with trees. Was one of the best roads in Lee. Are building new villas at south end. 2 st cottage. Red. E into
Northbrook Road s. d. 3½ st. wide road. Two servants at least Red like Manor Park. At the east end new 2 st. houses have been built

on

Manor Lane

Manor bottages - pk

Manor Lane E. side pk bs

Abernethy Road - pk

Murillo Road - pk
Rembrandt Road - pk

on the north side. Pink barred. Several houses to let in this road. S into Manor Lane. On the west side is Manor Cottages. 3 little cottages, one being rooms over stables. In one of these lives Mrs Cottell, who is building a lot of property here. Pink. These houses are on the Old Manor Farm. From which this centre most of the land in this district was farmed. The area now under cultivation is now restricted to a few fields south of the farmhouse. The farmhouse & buildings still remain & are occupied. On the East side of Manor Lane 2 st. villas are being erected. 7 rooms; mostly one family. Kelp a girl. Pink barred. S. into Abernethy Road 2 st. bay windows. 7 rooms & bathroom. Adapted for 2 families. Houses are being sold. A nominal sum is paid on entry and balance as rent. Pink.

Murillo Road running east to west, ~~and~~ and ~~one~~ north into Lee Road & Rembrandt Road from Murillo to Lee Road are similar. A few have 8 rooms. All are pink. A few houses on east side of Murillo Road only just completed & not yet occupied

Lochabes Road

Sochaber Road - pk

Manor Lane S. side red

Old Road

Old Road (newhouses) pk
S. side yellow

E. of Abbotsbury Road, out of Lee Road is Lochaber Road. Red brick 2 st houses. 2 families. A few keep girls. pink. On south side of Manor Lane nearly opposite L. Road are 3 modern 2 st. villas. Keep servants. Red. In the east of this is Wood's Nursery, which he terms Manor Lane Gardens. The flower girls of the district buy their stock here. A number are selling on the ground just ~~at~~ outside the nursery, which is surrounded by a high wall, arranging their stock. E into Old Road On the west side between ~~between~~ Manor Lane & High Road, ~~xxx~~ row of 2 st house with bay windows are just finished. Will be pink. On the south side are 3 good old houses occupied & the Manor House (empty) Red to Yellow. At the east end of this side are a few small 4 or 5 roomed houses. One family in each. Pink. The opposite side is a meadow - sheep grazing and fowls strutting about. Near the main road is a small building erected as an institute. It is now used as ~~Lee~~ Vestry Hall & offices but still bears the name Lee Institute on the front. On the opposite side is St Margarets Parish room

Aisleby Road - pk

November 17th 1899

High Road - S side to Blessington Road - pk bd.

room and adjoining it the new Institute erected by the widow of G.B. Williams. S into Aisleby Road 2 st. houses, some new on west side. Good working class, engineers &c. Pink. E into Lampmead Road 2 st. houses - gardens in front. Large laundry, dairyman, sign writer, postmen, policemen; all comf. working people. Two families. Pink. N up Lenham Road 2 st. houses. Comf. working people. Two families or one & a young man lodger. Pensioned police inspector has built himself a house here. Pink to pinkbarred.

This completed the day's walk, on the 17th we started from the Clock Tower. East along the High Road. North side to Blessington Road is 3 st. ~~houses~~ shops; very good ~~xxxx~~ at west end but becoming poorer eastward. Tradesmen live over shops. Red. South side, a few 3 storeyed shops and old 2 st. cottages with shop fronts - a portion of old Lee. Trade not so good as north side, which is the business part of the road. Pinkbarred to Red. East of Blessington Road to Eastdown Park, ~~de~~rivate houses mostly detached & double fronted. Tradesmen & city people keeping servants. Red; a few 2 st houses near Eastdown Park

Park are poorer - Punk to punkbarred. On North side, opposite Eastdown Park is Manor Park Parade 3 st. red brick shops built on grounds of Lee Lodge. Pickford's have large depot built at back. Moderate trade - change frequently. Red to punkbarred. One large house is left here & then a row of private houses have been converted into shops & named Newton Parade. One of the ugliest blocks of building I have seen: extends to Brandram Road. Red to punkbarred. ~~Here~~ At this corner are the Merchant Taylors Almshouses a pretty block with large grounds & east of these to Turners Road are shops, mostly two storeyed but have good fronts & do a brisk trade Red to punkbarred. On south side East of Eastdown Park is a row of shops & to Wearedale Road (Red). & a few large private houses by Manor Park also Red. East of this to ~~Old~~ Lochaber Road are modern 3 st. houses. Mostly two families & an occasional servant. Punk Barred. A modern shops (3 st) known as Furze Parade to Old Road. Punk barred to Red From Turner's Road eastward private houses on both sides (3½ st) Red) to Lampmead Road when Boone's Almshouses stand. East to Burnt Ash Lane is shops and a few small houses on

south

Brightfield Road (E. part) purple

Stoneyard Place purple
Sledgeley Street purple

Thornhill bottages - purple

Taunton Road - pk

Manor Lane E. purple / W. pk

south side whilst on the north the privall house continual a short way + the 2 st cottages + shops to corner.

Pink barred. Back through Lampmead

Road to Brightfield Road. Red brick 2 st. houses; small gardens in front. 2 families usual invariably. Lot of laundries. Pink. The portion of the road running east is smaller property. 2 st. cottages Labourers. French polisher + bookmaker. Purple. A few shops near the main road. Pink. S

S into Stoneyard Place 2 st cottages. 2 families. Purple.

W. along Hedgeley Street (N. side only) 2 st. one bay. Mostly families with a single lodger. One house CB. but rest look comfortable. Pink to purple.

E along Taunton Road to Thornhill bottages 3 2 st cottages in a row + two others at right angles. Neat little place. Purple to pink. W along Taunton Road East end is large 3 st. semi detached houses 2 + 3 families in each. Further west. 2 storeyed with front gardens. Working people - Pink to purple.

S into Manor Lane 2 st. houses on W. side. One + two families. Pank. A few houses on east side are poorer. Purple. E. into

Effingham Rd

Effingham Road

Effingham Road - pk b²

—"— new houses - pk

Effingham Road. 2 st new houses at west end. Still building. 6 rooms + bath - let at 17/6. Pink. East of Wantage Road the houses are better - older. 2 st. semi-detached + a few larger near Burnt Ash Road. Some keep servants. Pink banded. S to

Harden Road. detached houses at east end, then s.d. 2 st + attic. All keep servants. Red.

Wantage Road. N. of Harden Road. 3 villas on W. side. People keep servants. Red. 3 smaller on east. Pink to pink banded. A few houses north of Effingham Rd pink in character + one Red 2 st d.f. near Southbrook Rd.

Micheldever Road. Red brick, s. det. houses All keep servants. Several to let. Red.

Southbrook Road. At west, 2 st. double fronted s. det. houses... A few larger terrace houses at east. All keep servants. Red. Near Burnt Ash Road on S. south side is Southbrook Mews. Stables with rooms over. Poor class. LB

On the north side behind the Lord Northbrook are Bungay's Stables. LB... Two sets of Rooms.

Burnt Ash Road. From the railway arch to Congl Chapel is good 3 st. shops on both sides (Red).

Southbrook Mews - lb

Bungay's Stables - lb

Burnt Ash Road

Burnt Ash Road - red

Notes on district

Going north the west side is 3½sl houses + east 3sl. with long gardens in front; most are detached or semi detached. All keep servants. From Taunton Road to the Lee green ~~the~~ shops. Some have been private house. Good class business. Red.

General Notes. As a whole the district south of the High Road is comfortable. The roads are ~~be~~ wide and airy. The houses have good sized gardens back + front and excepting in a few streets there is no signs of poverty. It is a middle class district into which wedges of the better class working people are ~~being~~ gradually forcing their way. The tendency of the district is downward socially altho' it is from Red to pink + pink based rather than to purple. The poorer class who cannot pay the rents are being driven further afield. Rents, for a neighbourhood with so much open ground, are high + houses rented under £50 are seldom empty. On the other hand in roads like Manor Park ~~with~~ rents and have fallen + houses that used to let at £150 to £100 are now difficult to let at greatly reduced rentals.

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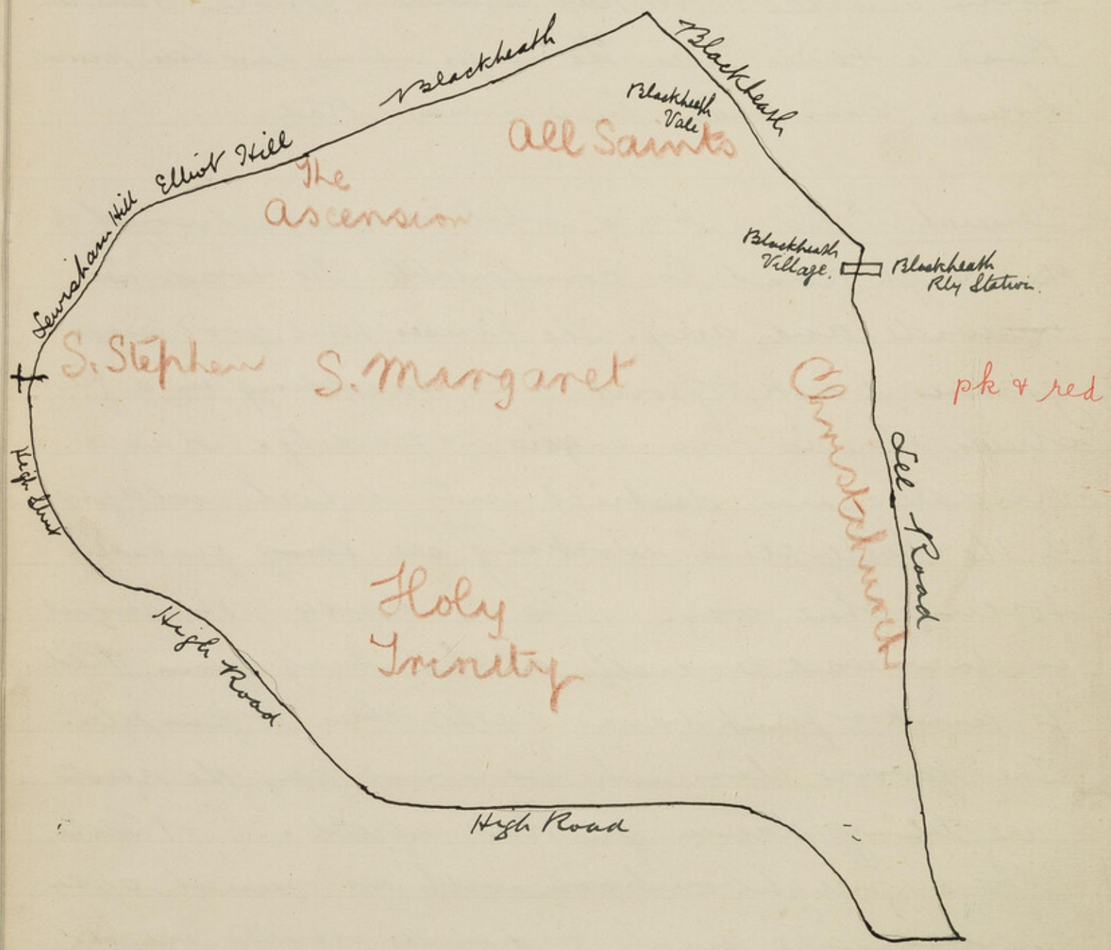

Walks with Detective Sergeant Spencer over district bounded on N.W. by Lewisham & Elliot Hills & Blackheath; N.E. & E by Blackheath, Montpelier Vale & Lee Road & S & S.W. by High Road & High St. Lewisham, being parts of the parishes of St Stephen, The Ascension, All Saints, Blackheath, Christchurch, St Margaret, & Holy Trinity.

Started from the Plough Bridge, Lewisham, south along <u>High Street</u>. Close to the railway arch are a number of 2 st houses (Pink). South of these are terraces of 3½ st houses to Granville Road. All keep servants - Dentist, dispensary, two houses are occupied by the assistants of a large draper on the Pavement. <u>Red</u>. The Quaggy runs by the side of the road in front of these houses. From Granville Road to Belmont Hill it is covered by a raised promenade, the approach to some shops - the finest in Lewisham. <u>Red</u>. E into <u>Cressingham Road</u> 2½ st. on South & 2½ st & attic on N. side as far as Belmont Road. Some keep servants & all are comfortable. <u>Pink barred</u>. E of this point houses are 2 st - some with attic. Comfortable working people. <u>Pink</u>.

S. along Belmont

Belmont Road

Belmont Road E side - pk b.d

Granville Road - cottages on S. - pk

Myron Place - lb & purple

Marischal Road

Marischal Road - pk b.d

Douglas Road - pk

Belmont Road. On the east side are three 3 st. houses - Leamington Villas. Comf. Rest of side is the grounds of Mr Penn's house. Only gardeners cottage here. Pink. West into St. Stephen's Road 2½ st. All comfortable, mostly two families. Some dressmakers cards. Pink. E along Granville Road. On south side by Myron Place are a few 2 st. houses. Working people - look poor & dirty. Purple. Remainder of road is 2½ st. like St Stephen's Rd. Pink.

Turning south into Belmont Road, there is a row of 2½ st. houses on the west side. Look poor. Purple. West & north into Myron Place (Ivy Terrace on map, which is wrong at this point. The places makes a turn west before reaching Granville Road). Row of 2 st. cottages on west side. Beyond these round the corner are a few poor houses & stables. One D.B. house - Carman & contractor, hawker &c. Purple to Lt.B. E along High Road to Marischal Road. One detached house on north side (Red). Portion of south is taken by the backs of shops in Lee Road. Remainder is 2½ & 3 st. houses. semi-detached. Mostly lodging houses. Pink barred. S. down Douglas Road. Two pairs of s.d. villas. with gardens at side. Look comfortable. Pink barred to pink.

N & S.E. to

W Blessington Road

Blessington Road - red & yellow

Dacre Road

Dacre Road - purple

Dacre Square - lb

Church Passage - purple

N + S.E. to Marlborough Road 3½ st detached houses on north & 2 st. detached houses on south side. All keep servants; two as a rule. Clergyman &c. Red. E E along W Blessington Road 3 + 4 st. det. + semi-det. houses. Large gardens. Two servants at least. Many to let & for sale at west end. Houses are larger and better occupied east of Middleton Road. Red to Yellow east of Middleton Rd. W along Belmont Park Large detached houses. 3½ st. Like Blessington Road. Red to Yellow. E. & N up Glanton Road (Belgrove Villas on map). 3½ st houses, old style. Private school. Some to let. Red to pink bared E along Dacre Road. 2 st cottages, flush with footpath. 5 rooms as a rule, some smaller at east end (4 rms). Labouring people with a few better off. Several houses have fine shows of Chrysanthemums in their windows. Mr Penn has a show at which these blooms are exhibited. Purple. S into Dacre Square. Narrow paved court with two rows of 6 2 st. cottages. Very small; some broken windows stopped with paper. Square reached by archway from street.

Lr 3. North up

Church Passage (Royal Oak Place on map). Old two-storeyed cottages.

Turner's Road

Turners Road E side pk b° & purple

cottages with small gardens in front. A few have been turned into shops near Dacre Street. On west side are 5 (two storeyed & attics) houses. Two families - respectable working people. Pink to purple. Along Church Passage to Kingswood Place 2½ st. terrace houses. Decorator &c. Comfortable working people. Pink S. along Turners Road to Boone's Road. Small 6. roomed houses. 2 & 2½ storeyed. Some of the houses still pump their water. Decorator, gardeners, police; all comfortable working people. Pink. S along Turners Road. From Kingswood Place to Dacre St. is 2 st & attics cottages, some with additional attic. Pink. A few small shops on east side; then nursery & 2½ st. houses comfortable; most keep servants. South of these the houses have narrower frontages & are poorer - working people - tailors &c. Pink th[illegible] purple. at south. A few houses on west side near High Road. Pink. E along High Road to Lee Road. Good shops near Lee Green. & then on west side terrace of 3½ st. houses. All keep servant. Large builder. Going north the road gradually improves and at northern part we have

Lee Road - red & yellow

large

Lee Park

Church Street

Lee Park - yellow

Barrow's Place - lb

Blows Place - lb

Front Place - purple

large detached houses standing in their own grounds. North of Manor Way all would keep several servants.

Red. south of Manor Way. Yellow to north. S. down Lee Park, 3 st. detached + semi-detached houses. with large gardens. Several servants. Like. Lee Road.

Yellow. West along High Road to Church Street. Small 2 st shops on east side near High Road + also near Dacre Street. Remainder is two storeyed cottages. Purple to LB in character. Women standing about chaffed the sergeant, whom they evidently knew. On west side is a small hall - with inscription Soup Kitchen 1856. Purple as a whole. On the west side is Barrows Place. Old 2 st. cottages with gardens in front. Laundry hands + low class of women. LB to DB. On east side and only reached by a long passage giving access to the back gardens is ——— Blows Place 2 st. houses: 4 rooms + scullery. Labouring people. LB. S. down Boone Street. On the east side is Grant Place. 2 cottages on north side. 1 lb + 1 purk. Purple: Red brick Mission Hall (The People's Hall) take the

Boone Street - purple

Boone Place - lb

Brantham Road

Brandram Road - red

Entry &c. - pk b.

Lansdowne Road - red

the remainder of the place. Boone Street, itself, is 2 st. private houses, various styles. Turnock, some mechanics but people are mostly labourers. Very little signs of poverty. Purple to pink. Near High Road on the east side is Boone's Place; a terrace of 9 houses facing north. Narrow paved entry. 3 or 4 rooms. LB. to purple. At up Brandram Road. On east side is the Merchant Taylors Almshouses - three blocks with a central grass plot - occupied by old women. Opposite this are 3½ st. s. d. houses. All keep one & some two servants Red. On east side of road, north of Dacre Street is an Entry with four 3-storeyed houses - two are double fronted: "All keep servants", said Spencer, but they look a poor red.

Pink leaned to Red. To north of this, Dacre House has been pulled down & new 2 st. houses eight rooms on a floor are built. pink to pink[b]. North of Belmont Park, the west side is large detached houses. Red to Yellow. On opposite side a livery stable keeper has his home & stables Red. E along Lansdowne Road. On south side 2 st. s. d. houses

Church Terrace - yellow

Belmont Hill

Belmont Hill - red & yellow

Belmont Grove - yellow

houses are being built. Price asked is £620 for freehold. Three are occupied near Brantham Rd. pink to Red.
North side is 3½ storeyed detached houses. Red.
N. along Church Passage (or Love Lane). One Red houses on east side.
Church Terrace. 2 3storeyed on east side. Rest is 2 + 3½ storeyed houses. Good gardens, carriage drives. Clergyman &c. Red to Yellow.
West along Belmont Hill. On north side is a very large house (The Cedars) occupied by Penn the engineer. A few other good class houses on the same side (Yellow) and then come to Belmont Grove. Private Road with gates. 3½ storeyed houses. Some are larger, whilst at extreme end they are smaller. Red to Yellow. Going west along Belmont Hill. The north side is mostly detached houses to corner of Belmont Rd. (Yellow). West of Belmont Road 2½ st. terrace houses pink to pinkbanded. On south side the houses are less good as you descend the hill westward near the High Road 2st. detached, gardens with trees. Red, to Yellow.

This completed the day's walk.

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Lewisham Hill

Started this morning from the Lewisham Railway Bridge, and north up. —

Lewisham Hill. Good class houses on east side Red to School. North of this point – very large. semi-detached – Yellow.

Lewisham Hill - E side - red & yellow

East up Elliot Hill. Steep rise here. 4 sl. semi det. houses. & then some in their own grounds Red & Yellow.

Elliot Hill - yellow

S into Elliot Park. 3½ sl. s. d. houses. South part is detached houses with grounds. Quiet; & all would keep two or more servants. Red to Yellow. – N into

Elliot Park - red & yellow

Walerand Road (Camden Row on map) 3½ sl. s.d. houses Red to Yellow. East side not so good as west.

Walerand Road - red

S to Granville Park Near the railway bridge is All Saints Orphanage for elder lads. A fine red brick building accommodating 130 lads. Close to it is a small detached house (Red). Remainder is large s. det. houses (3½ sl). Good gardens. Several to let or for sale. One at £55. a year. Houses are larger near the Heath. Red to Yellow. Facing the Heath is Aberdeen Terrace. Very large s. det. 3½ sl. houses. Red to Yellow. Turning eastward there are several detached houses, also Yellow.

Granville Park

Aberdeen Terrace - yellow

red

Elliot Vale

Love Lane - yellow & pk

Elliot Vale - red & yellow

Elliot Place - yellow

Orchard Road - red

Grotes Buildings - pk & y

~~S.E. into~~ Facing these is the old Orchard House. The ground are now built over. Rows of red brick modern villas being erected on four of the five sides. The Orchard is the name of those adjoining the old house. 3 st. Red to Yellow.

S E into Elliot Vale. Similar class of house to the Orchard on east side 2 st + attic. Yellow to Red. Other side is Haddo Villas 3 st. & 2½ st. s. d houses; older. Red to Yellow S into Love Lane At west corner is West Lodge (Yellow) Another yellow house on east & red brick stable (pink) on west. E. along Elliot Vale. Modern houses 2 st on north side Red. Older houses on south and facing the heath is Elliot Place. Large old houses 4 st. s.d. as a rule. Two magistrates and others well to do. Men servants kept. Yellow. The eastern side of the Orchard is known as Orchard Road. 3 st. modern houses. Red to Yellow. Immediately east of Elliot Place and behind a detached block of property is Grotes Bldgs. Old two & three storeyed ~~poor~~ cottages. Working people but dont look poor. Pink. Tellings have built large stables here.

Elliot bottages - pk b²

Grotes Place pk b²

Blackheath Vale

Blackheath Vale - pk

Talbot Houses - red

Shops facing Heath by Hare & Billet - red

Talbot Place

Talbot Place - red

Blackheath Hill House - yellow

The west side of the detached block here is known as Elliott bottages. 3½ st. houses. One family & lodgers or 2 families. Pink to pink barred. Round by the Hare & Billet are two shops & private houses. Pink barred to Red. Round corner to south is Grotes Place 2 det. houses & 3 st. terrace houses. Mostly kelp servants. Corset maker uses one for business. Pink barred to Red. Across the Heath to Blackheath Vale 2 st. houses with one bay. 2 families as a rule. Working class but no signs of poverty. Pink. Houses are on north side only of ~~Grotes~~ burying ground or east side of the shed. Pink. ~~Like~~ like the rest. Two laundries here. Turning marked Union Vale is now Tilling Stables. On east, facing the Heath, are Talbot Houses. Northern part is comparatively modern. 3 st. semi-det. & detached houses. Two or more servants. Red. Talbot Place 4. s. d. houses. 3 storeyed. Two or more servants. Man servant cleaning windows. Red to Yellow. Further west is an old detached house. Not well kept but may be Yellow to Red.

Sloyd's Place - red

Grotes Place - red

Camden Row - pk

Tranquil Vale

Back across the Heath to Sloyd's Place. 3 and 4 storeyed old houses. Good class lodging houses. Home for Crippled Boys by Tranquil Vale. Red. Much confusion just here as to the names of these places. Grotes Place said to include part of row marked as Sloyds Place. Spencer spent three-quarters of an hour trying to find a number here whilst making an inquiry. E ends

Camden Row. A few 3½ st. poor looking houses & then nearer Tranquil Vale 2 st. cottages with bay windows. 2 families. Purple & Pink for 2 st houses.

Tranquil Vale. A few private houses on west near the Heath (Red). Some two storeyed shops - builder, golf couple requisites &c. Fairly good trade. (Pink barred) Remainder of both sides is good class shops to the railway. "Very dear shops" said Spencer. It is a place where ladies come to order their goods. Perhaps this may explain the large proportion of shops for the sale of fancy goods & the grocers and other licences - there are 12 licences in Tranquil Va and Montpelier Vales. Red

South Vale - pk

Montpelier Vale

Tranquil Passage - pk

Brigade St - pk

Fire Station - pk

Lee Road

Lee Road to Lee Terrace red

S. into South Vale 3 + 2½ storeyed houses. One to let. All working people; tailors, fly proprietor + Pnk.
S. into Collins Street. 2 st houses. Look comfortable Pnk. East of these houses the street makes a turn + becomes a narrow paved footway.
3 ~~storied~~ st. houses. Pnk to purple. North into Montpelier Vale. Good class busy shops. Houses are old; some private houses with fronts added. Some 3 st. shops. Red. West. into Tranquil Passage. Mostly small shops: sweets, boots, greengrocery &c. Some working people. Pnk.
N. into Brigade Street 2 st houses on west side Ivimcock &c. Pnk. Turning to the left the Fire Brigade Station is reached. Occupies the site of the Methodist Chapel. Men live here. Pnk.
Royal Parade. 4 st. red brick shops with rooms over let off. Pnk banned to Red
South past Blackheath Station to Lee Road. (to corner of Lee Terrace). On west side is the Railway Hotel + Blackheath School + on the east a few shops to the corner of Bennett Park with the Alexandra Assembly Rooms on the opposite corner. South of

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Lawn Terrace

Lawn Terrace - red

Lee Terrace

Lee Terrace - yellow & red

Quentin Road - pk

doors are new shops (4 st. red brick) called Beaconsfield Bldgs and the Blackheath Conservatoire of Music and Concert Hall — a modern building with a front elaborately ornamented and entirely faced with terra cotta. Red. White

Lawn Terrace. On south side are Seagers Cottages 2 st. det. Nearly all gardeners. Pink. Bending southward, Lawn Terrace proper is reached. Mostly lodging houses (3 st + basement) The best rooms face to the gardens, and the kitchens + offices to the roadway, something like Colville Sq. + other places in Bayswater. Red to pk.

S unto Lee Terrace. detached + semi det. houses 3 + 4 st. with large gardens; some with grounds + carriage drives. Yellow.

The Glebe. Detached + semi detached houses with grounds. Yellow. New stabling built at near western entrance (Pink) belongs to large house in Lee Terrace.

S unto Quentin Road. 3 st. houses. 6 room + two back gardens on east side. Most are ~~Many~~ empty. Asking £36 a year; people will not have them as they are so dark

Dacre & Victoria Houses

Dacre Buildings - purple

Dacre Park - pk & p

Eton Grove - pk

dark. Bill in one window advertises them "to be let at moderate rent." Belong to a company & people say the directors want to make it bankrupt so that they can buy the houses cheap. New Dacre Park. The houses are 2 st. All occupied. Comfortable working people. Pink.

At the corners of Dacre Park are two large blocks of dwellings. 4 st. working class. Poorer than the streets to the south. Purple to pink

N into Dacre Park. Mostly 3½ st. terrace houses: a few 3 + 2 st. Mostly lodging houses. Nearly all kelp servants. Pink barred to Red.

N into Eton Grove 3½ st houses on north + 2½ st. on south. Comfortable working class. Dressmaker ~~has~~ occupies a houses at the end. As we entered the grove 10 girls came out in groups for their dinner. No plate or outward sign of business. One retired man here & Dacre Cottage (Red) at west end. Pink to pink barred.

North of Eton Grove, Dacre Park ~~is bobbs~~ improves and might be Red.

On west side is Victoria Mews. Only one house now occupied. Pink.

Remarks on the District. These two walks include portions of Blackheath & Lee, the railway forming roughly the dividing line. The Blackheath portion lies high and is hilly. It is a well to do & has been a fashionable district but is gradually losing status socially, many of the large houses are to let and others are occupied by tradesmen. It seems that the decline has reached its limit and possibly the neighbourhood may again improve as the neighbourhood is breezy & healthy. The houses well built, the roads wide with plenty of open ground. The very large houses will probably give way to the modern red brick villas and the district become a good red neighbourhood. This change has already taken place at the Orchard and Dacre House

Blackheath Village has changed wonderfully during the past 10 or 12 years from a sleepy little village to a busy business centre. The few working people living here are persons dependent on the large houses or shops and

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are a local colony - gardeners &c. Except a couple of laundries in Blackheath Vale and a few livery stables there ~~is little~~ are few centres of employment.

On the Lee side the character of the population gradually changes from Yellow to Purple & LB as the high ground by the railway is left. and the only poor patch in Lee is included in this walk. The rectangle of sheets between Turners & Brandram Road and Dacre Road & the High Road, but even here there is no extreme poverty - but rather a rough labouring class, who in the present good times are doing well but to whom a season of bad trade might mean want.

Sergeant Spencer is an upright athletic man of 35 or so. Fair, keen and more polished than usual. He came to Lee from Westminster two years or so ago & has acquired a remarkably

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good knowledge of the district for so short a time. He misses the life & bustle of Westminster and regards Lee as very dull in the evenings. The nearest places of amusement are at Deptford and Greenwich. This is likely to be soon altered. A new theatre is ~~is~~ mooted, and an agitation is being carried forward to induce the L.C.C to run the trams along the High Road.

~~He~~ The Sergeant is an abstainer and whilst talking over the drink question he said that when he was on ~~duty~~ ~~a~~ beat with a good house, it was an understood thing that he kept out of the way when the time for drinks came, one of the other fellows benefitting by his abstention. Very little is done now & the regulations are much more strict now, especially in the rural divisions. He could get more drunk in Lee now than he could in Westminster ~~to~~ if he wanted it.