

# ***Small and Special***

A website of the origins of the Great  
Ormond Street Hospital for Children

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# About the Database

- Period Covered: 1852 – 1914
- No Records: 84,190
- CaseNotes: 1,340
- No Registered Users: 1500

The choréal movements were incessant when the child was awake.

cannot speak  
cannot protrude  
tongue

Present condition -  
Lying on back. face pale. Pupils equal  
eyes wide open, no strabismus. eyes  
rolled from side to side. a great deal  
nostrils dilated - angles of lips in  
constant motion; tongue put out  
with very manifest difficulty and  
withdrawn with a jerk. very rapidly  
constant contraction of the corrugator  
supercilii muscles. - whole aspect  
of face wild. hands & fingers in  
constant motion. the right arm  
cannot be lifted from bed. the left  
is constantly raised, in effort to  
pick the nose but she cannot  
direct her hand there <sup>more than</sup> once  
or 12 or 15 efforts. cannot speak  
when she tries tongue is carried  
about all sorts of ways coming as  
to the mouth, often in the effort. -  
the back is arched every now  
and again. and requires great  
pressure upon the chest to over-  
come this motion - the right  
wrist is a little swollen not pain-

# Top Ten Causes of Admission

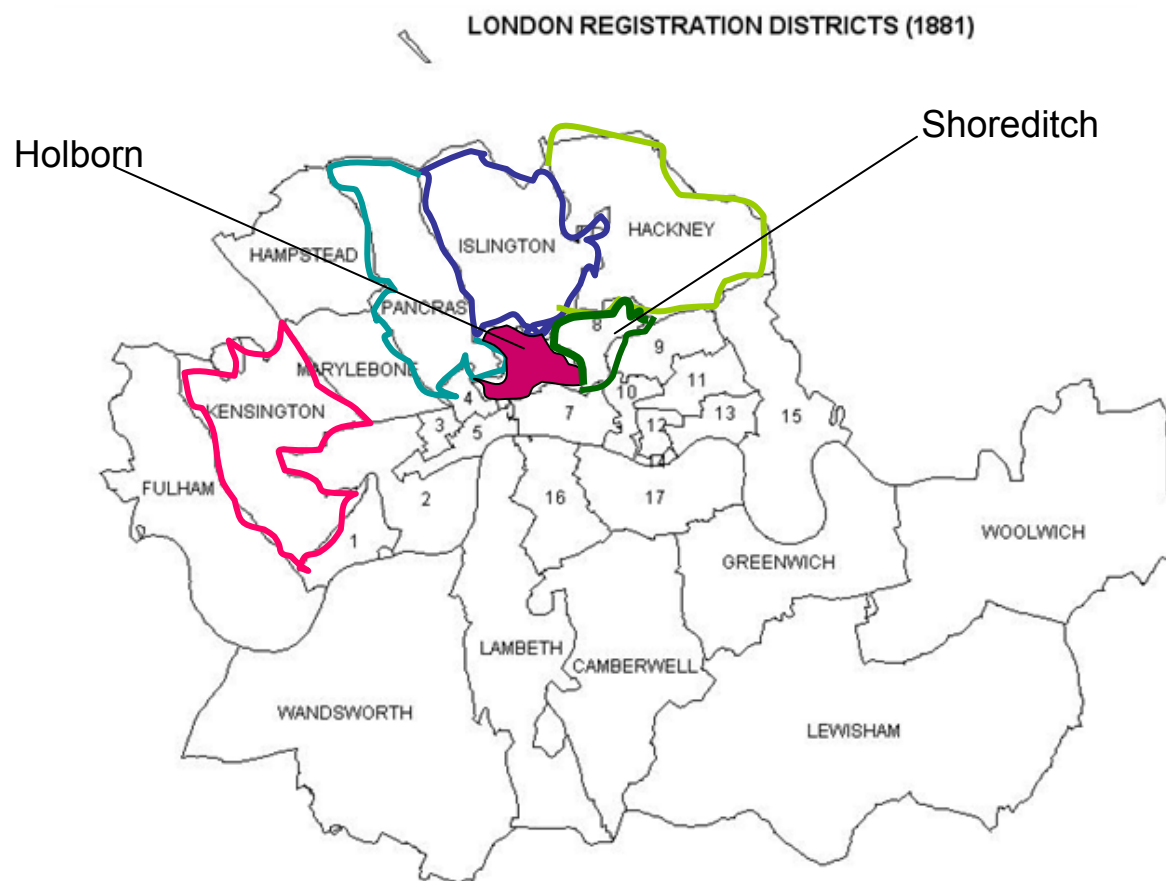
Disease	No Cases
Tubercular Diseases	9,767
Infectious Fevers	7,662
Cleft Palate/Hare Lip	4,000
Chorea	3,461
Hernia	3,084
Pneumonia	2,091
Bronchopneumonia	1,981
Bronchitis	1,494
Rickets	1,419
Empyema	1,380

The Top Ten causes of admission represent 43% of all admissions





# Geographic Origins of the Children



## Leading Districts

Holborn 9452  
Islington 9061  
Pancras 8487  
Kensington 2425  
Hackney 2242  
Shoreditch 2203

Outside London  
26,443



# What Some of Our Users Think

- ‘Wow!!!’ (A Family historian)
- ‘This is a very interesting set of data for historical or genealogical research. Definitely worth a look’ (ResearchBuzz)
- ‘The site is wonderful and I have found several little Wildgoose/Wilgoss/Wildego children’ (A Family Historian)
- ‘I think that some really great work (and family research) can be done on this now that its so accessible.’ (An historian)
- ‘This is a brilliant site for Aussies, whose ancestors came from England. ... Thank you for providing this wonderful information’ (A Family Historian)
- ‘Website of the week ... Provides fascinating information about the children who were admitted to Great Ormond Street Hospital from 1852 – when it first opened its doors – to 1914. Compiled’ Ancestors Magazine Online
- ‘I looked at the respiratory conditions, which is my field, and could search quite easily - I thought it was reasonably self explanatory and am not particularly computer literate).’ (A doctor)
- ‘A wealth of previously obscure information is now readily accessible’ (WDYTYA Magazine Dec 2007)





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