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## Family and household in late 17<sup>th</sup> century London: a social snapshot

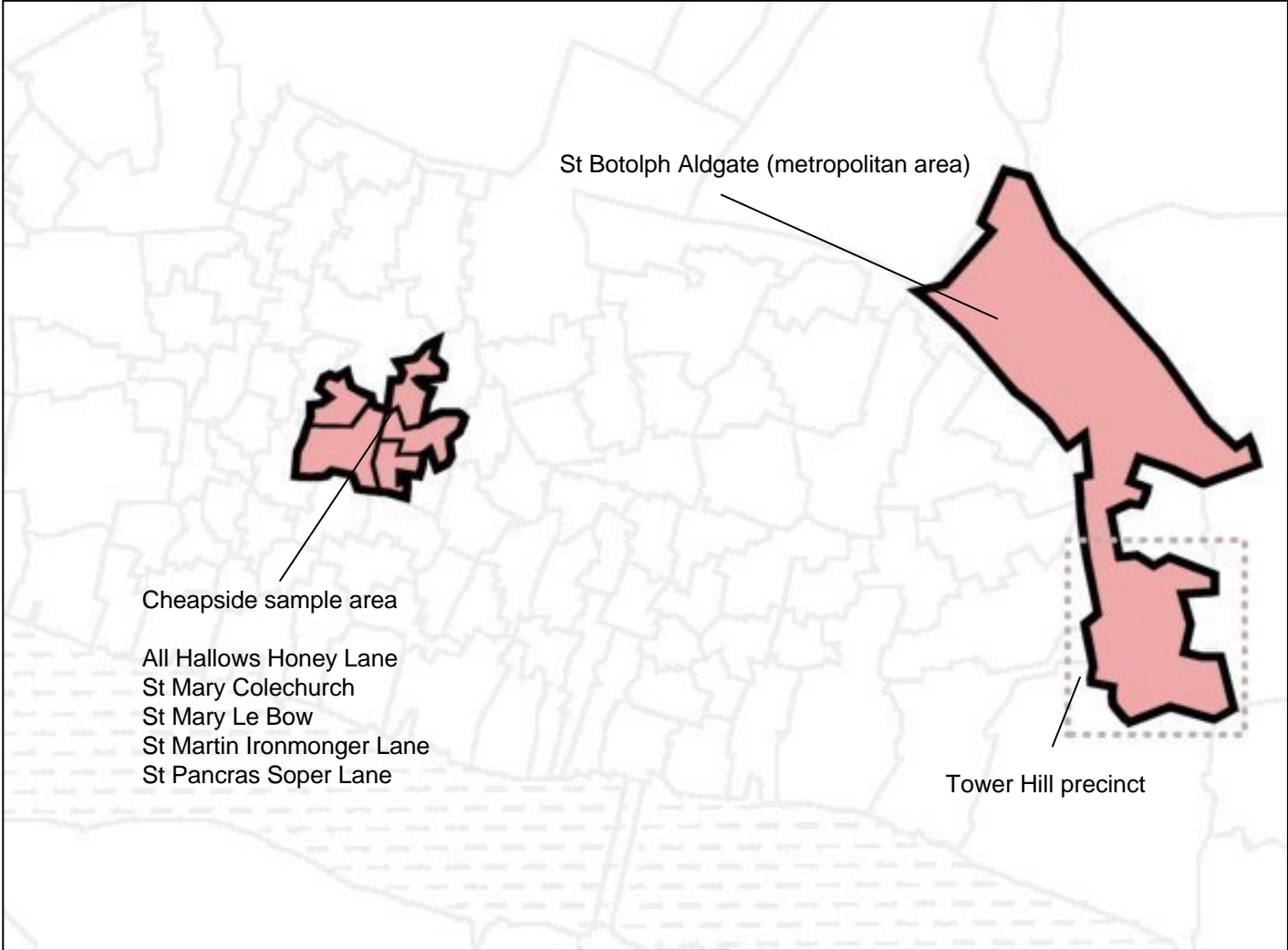
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# London city centre/suburban sample areas





# Marriage Duty Act 1695: screenshot

The Respective Names and Qualities of of His Majesty and Respective Inhabitants and their Families of Reading and Being in the Parish of St Mary Le Bow London together with their several Occasional Payments

Their Names	Qualities	Occasional Payments			
		Burials	Births	Marriages	Bachelors & Widowers
John Baptist Peters	Attorney at Law	1-4-0	12	-	-
Martha Peters	his wife	- 14	-	-	-
Richard Peters	his eldest son	- 14	-	-	-
Martha Peters	his Daughters	14	-	-	-
Francis Peters		- 14	-	12-6	-
Edward Harris	his Clarke	- 14	-	-	-
John Lillistons	his maid servt	- 4	-	-	-
John Whitwolam	his foot boy	- 4	-	-	-
William Ramsay	Taylor	0-4-0	2-8	-	-
Margaret Ramsay	his wife	0-4	-	-	-
Sarah Ramsay	his Daughters	0-4	-	-	-
Elizabeth Ramsay		- 0-4	-	-	-
Susanna Weston	Officer woman	0-4	-	-	-

## Mean household size

Cheapside parishes sample	3.4
Tower Hill precinct (St Botolph Aldgate)	2.6
Laslett's 91 non-Metropolitan parishes	4.7

## Children and single parent families

	Total families	% of families with children	% of families without children	% of families with children headed by a single parent
Cheapside parishes sample	436	35.8%	64.2%	23.1%
Tower Hill precinct (St Botolph Aldgate)	808	39.7%	60.3%	21.8%

## Lone householders

	% of households comprising an individual with no familial or employment-based links to anyone else in the house		
Cheapside parishes sample	42.2%	Without servants	33.6%
		With servants	8.6%
Tower Hill precinct (St Botolph Aldgate)	38.4%	Without servants	36.8%
		With servants	1.6%

## Bachelors

	% dwellings housing 1+ bachelors	% of households with 1+ bachelor in £600+ status band	% of bachelors in £600+ status band	Bachelors as % of total population (excluding children, servants and apprentices)
Cheapside parishes sample	29.8%	60.3%	38.5%	17.87%
Tower Hill precinct (St Botolph Aldgate)	6.7%	8.8%	8.6%	5.7%

## Wealth/status

	% of households with 'partners' as householders	% of households headed by £600+ householder	% of households with no servants	% of dwellings housing more than one household with differing status ratings
Cheapside parishes sample	2.2%	33.8%	55%	51.6%
Tower Hill precinct (St Botolph Aldgate)	0%	4%	88.2%	6.9%



## Lodgers

	Status rating	% of total adult population	% of all lodgers
Cheapside parishes sample	Basic	11.6%	92.6%
	£600+	0.9%	7.4%
Tower Hill precinct (St Botolph Aldgate)	Basic	18.2%	99.1%
	£600+	0.2%	0.9%

## Population and property, 1638 and 1695

		<b>1638</b>	<b>1695</b>
Cheapside parishes sample	Population	1750	1900
	Property Units	262	265
Tower Hill precinct (St Botolph Aldgate)	Population	?	2082
	Property Units	306	465
St Botolph Aldgate (Metropolitan area)	Population	6000+	9000+

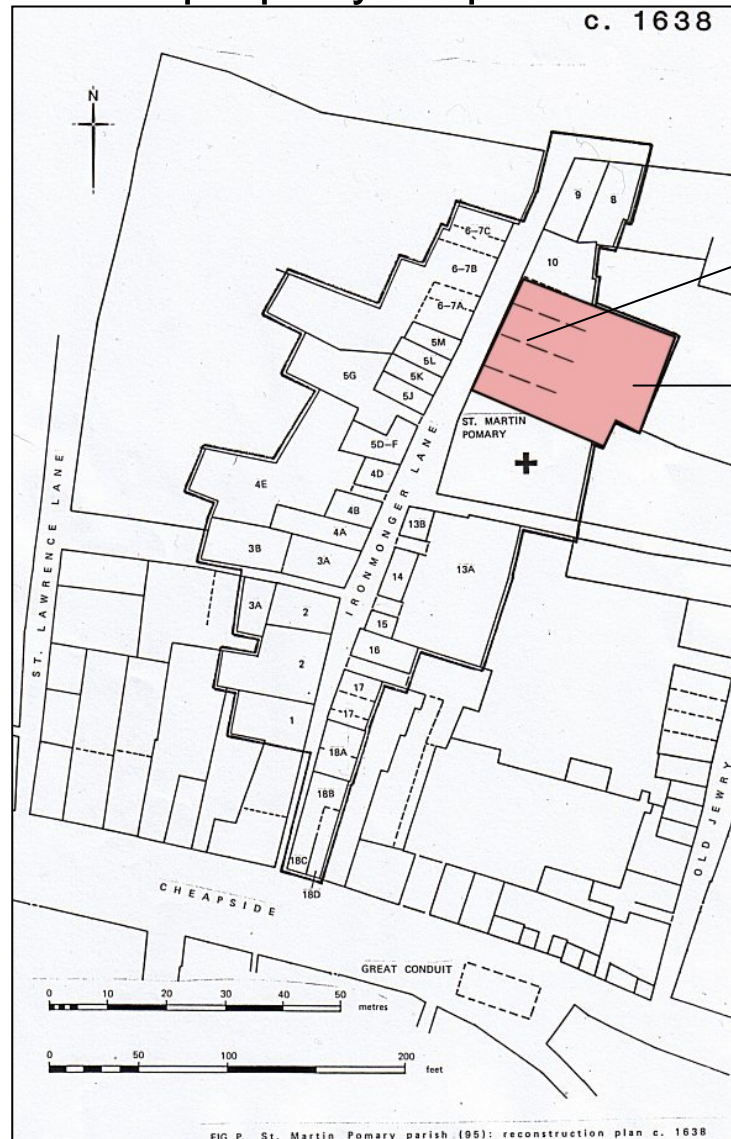
## Family/household composition over time

Single Parent Families	1678	1695	Percentage of all families in 1695
Cheapside parishes sample	28	36	9%
Tower Hill precinct (St Botolph Aldgate)	-	117	7%

## Family/household composition over time

Households with lodgers	1678	% of all households in 1678	1695	% of all households in 1695
Cheapside parishes sample	72	6%	75	11%
Tower Hill precinct (St Botolph Aldgate)	-	-	116	10%

# St Martin Ironmonger Lane property map



Property 11 (with subdivisions)

Property 12



## Mean family size over time

Tower Hill sample 1637	2.3
Tower Hill precinct 1695	2.6

## Marital status of adults over time

	married	widowed	single
Tower Hill sample 1637	86%	4.3%	9.7%
Tower Hill precinct 1695	78.5%	3.2%	18.3%

## Children and single parent families over time

	% of families with children	% of families without children	% of families with children headed by a single parent
Tower Hill sample 1637	37.1%	62.9%	8.5%
Tower Hill precinct 1695	39.7%	60.3%	21.8%

## Population distribution over time

	married	widowed	single	children
Tower Hill sample 1637	69.6%	3.5%	7.8%	19.1%
Tower Hill precinct 1695	39%	0.9%	30.7%	29.4%