

DISTRICT RAILWAY MAPS
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Including information from Garnett and Hyde

Location Abbreviations:

BL=Bodleian Lib.

BTHR=Pub.Rec.Office

GL=Guildhall Library

CUL=Cambridge

BM=British Library.

University Library.

NLS=National Library of
Scotland.

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A - LARGE SHEET TYPE (FIRST SERIES)

A1. 1873. The "District" Railway Map of London (First Edition)

Recorded in the Stationers' Hall Register as having been first published on 1st May 1873, but BM copyright copy received 14th August 1874. Imprint appears be "Waterlow & Sons Lithographers"

A poster map about 37ins by 24.5ins. (according to Garnett) or 24ins by 26ins (according to Hyde). No title on map face. Folded into pink covers 6.75ins by 5ins, bearing date 1874.

A1a. *BM [3485 (65)]. CUL [Maps 72 87 14]. BTHR [MPS6-52].* The latter has no date or reference to Stanford on cover, and might be earlier. District Railway has reached Mansion House, GER has not yet reached Liverpool Street. Met. & South Western Railway shown authorized from Barnes to Earls Court, and Hammersmith Extension Railway proposed from Hammersmith to Earls Court.

A2. (1876). The "District" Railway Map of London Second Edition

A poster map about 39ins by 24.75ins. Imprint: "Waterlow & Sons LIMD. Printers, Finsbury Works Cover includes imprint which reads: "Edward Stanford, 55 & 8, Charing Cross, 1876".

LH margin of map broken to show Kew Bridge, Kew Gardens and Richmond.

A2a. *BM [3485 (232)],* Metropolitan Railway extended to Bishopsgate, and completion line shown as authorized.

A2b. Reference in private catalogue to second edition map dated 1877.

B - LARGE SHEET TYPE (SECOND SERIES)

B1 The Improved ‘District Railway’ Map of London (First Edition)

British Museum copyright copy received 8th May 1879.

Poster type map sheet size about 43ins by 26ins. Title in top margin in black throughout. Folded into covers 5.5ins by 7.25ins.

B1a. *BM [3480 (244)] and NLS [Map. s.55.19]*, No imprint, but date on back cover. I don't understand Garnett but it seems the title of this version is “The Improved ‘District’ Railway Map of London”, and not as later.

B1b. *BL [C17:70 (210)]*, Garnett not clear, but believed no imprint.

B1c. *GL [Folded Maps 1879]*, this and later variations have imprint WATERLOW & SONS, (LIMITED), LONDON, centrally in bottom margin. District Railway open to Turnham Green and Richmond.

Described by Hyde as 176A(1): DR lines in red, authorized Inner Circle Completion Line in blue, other lines in black. Shows both ‘authorized’ Inner Circle Completion Line and ‘proposed’ Inner Circle Completion Line, with eastern extension to Whitechapel. Railways under construction comprise: DR extensions to Ealing and Acton, and to Fulham. Shows omnibus route between Hammersmith station and Barnes. Although mounted on linen the reverse of the paper is printed on, and includes reference to extension to Walham Green opening in 1879.

B1c(1) *Former MBT.* showed DISTRICT RAILWAY in red in the title and also showed the line open between Turnham Green and Mill Hill Park (an error?). This map was shown on Garnett's original list but NOT on second one.

B1d. *CUL [Maps d.72.87.2]*, shows the line open to Ealing Broadway. Presumed otherwise similar to **1c**.

All information from Garnett/Hyde.

B2 1880. The Improved “District Railway” Map of London. Second Edition

Poster type map similar to first edition, but map title now has the words “District Railway” in red. Cover includes words “Second Edition” and “1880”.

B2a. *BL [C17: 70 (29)]*, a possibly experimental issue. No reference to Stationers hall in brc. SECOND EDITION appears within rules and appears aslant, in blue, in the top left hand corner. Title in red and black.

Hyde description 176A(3): No longer stated to have been entered at Stationers' Hall. Railways over which DR trains ran are coloured red, other railways blue. No longer shows 'Inner Circle Completion' line in addition to 'Authorized Inner Circle Completion & Eastern Extension', although the latter is shown by 'proposed' rather than 'authorized' symbol. DR extensions to Ealing, Acton and Fulham shown open. Additional omnibus routes from Walham Green to 'Arab Boy', and from Fulham to Putney. Date below title on cover 1880.

B2b. *BM [3485 (73)], (copyright copy received on 15th July 1880).* Title as before in red and black but "(Second Edition)" in blue to the right thereof. North point 3.75 ins. high. Hyde 176A(4) claims to be similar in all respects to **B2a** except in location of edition reference.

B2c. *BL [J. Maps 173].* Differs from **B2b** in having the north point only 2ins. high. Also believed to have reference "(ENTERED AT STATIONERS' HALL)" in brc (unlike **B2a/B2b?**). Date on back cover is still 1880. Authorized route 'To Hounslow' shown dotted.

B3 1882. The Improved "District Railway" Map of London. Third Edition

Poster type map about 41.75 ins by 25.5 ins. Extends slightly further north and west than second edition. Includes words "entered at Stationers' Hall" at br within map. Cover includes the words "THIRD EDITION" (vertically in lh and rh margins) and the year. Edition and year also referred to on back. Map title again in red and black. Words "(THIRD EDITION)" appear in red to the right of map title.

BM Copyright copy received 3rd August 1882.

B3a. *BM [3485 (75)], 1882 on cover. Also BL [C17: 70 (30)], [J. Maps 40], CUL [Maps d. 72.88.1], GL [Folded Maps 1882] and MACH.*

Hyde description 176B(1): General style as for second edition but incorporates compass star near Willesden and explanation of colouring spread across b margin. Railways authorized or under construction include the Regent's Canal City & Docks Ry (though unnamed) with extension to Barbican; Date below title on cover, 1882. Cover imprint: "... W.J. ADAMS & SONS, 59, FLEET STREET, E.C. (BRADSHAW'S GUIDE OFFICE.)'

MACH version is cloth map with limp cloth covers (in black on purple) with station list for Inner, Middle and Outer Circle lines on inside front. Map cover refers to mounted copies at 1/6 or with case 2/6. Imprint and date (1882) repeated on back cover. The map shows proposed Paddington Park and the key at bottom omits reference to connecting tram services. Railways **proposed** include: South Eastern Ry from S. Bermondsey to meet existing lines to St Pauls (called 'LCDR New City Station'), Cannon Street and Charing Cross; a Ry

southwards from Putney Bridge, in red with connection in blue from north of the proposed Putney station to Wandsworth; Inner Circle Completion line with extension to East London Railway, though not Whitechapel. Shows proposed Metropolitan Outer Circle Railway in blue, from junction at Ealing Common, and shows proposed LSWR "West End" station at South Kensington, with short link to District.

Lines authorized or under construction include link from MDR to GWR at Ealing (Broadway) [opened March 1883]. Hounslow line shown as open (though not actually opened until May 1883) but although no stations shown a lineside note in blue reads "To South Ealing, Boston Road ..." etc.

Does not show any tramway routes and only bus service is Hammersmith to Bulls Head.

- B3b.** *CUL [Maps d.72.88.2], GL [Folded Maps 1883]*, similar **B3a** but with 1883 on cover.

Hyde description 176B(2): As **B3a** but railway southwards of Putney Bridge, shown authorized or under construction, forks at Putney station. Inner Circle open to Tower. Shows routes of Tramcars run in connection with District Ry. Site of 'The new proposed Paddington Park' still shown.

- B3c.** *Garnett's Collection*, as **B3a/B3b** but with 1884 on cover. This has reference "1/1/85" in blc of map and reference to the International Inventions Exhibition at South Kensington, but no subway. Hyde Description 176B(3), (refers to Privately owned map, presumably Garnett's): Scroll rc bears legend: 'The Inner Circle Completion Line and extension to Whitechapel & New Cross is now open'. Site for proposed new Paddington Park no longer given.

- B3d.** *LTM (Glazed Poster)*, as **B3c** but has reference 'Subway now open'. South Kensington subway opened 4th May 1885, not clear in Garnett's description whether this date appeared on the map. Still refers to International Inventions Exhibition.

- B3e.** *MACH collection*, appears similar to **B3d** but a folded version, one examined lacking covers.

Converted from "proposed" to "authorized" railways are included: the South Bermondsey (Bricklayers Arms) to Charing Cross etc; the Regents Canal & City etc; Putney to Wimbledon; South Western station at South Kensington (though short link line deleted). Outer Circle not shown. Other authorised lines mentioned in 3a still shown. Bus service to Battersea Park from both Victoria and Knightsbridge is shown (route to Bulls Head still shown). Connecting trams still shown. GWR (with District extension) west of Ealing and Hounslow line (showing South Ealing station) extended into left border. Adjacent notes relate to new services to Windsor and Hounslow. Unclear

whether all of this is on this edition for the first time or changed on **3c** or **3d**.

East London Railway now in red (blue on **3a**.) and old names retained together with new red ones. Westminster Bridge and Mansion House at slant (like Charing Cross), was horizontal on **3a**. but these probably all changed at **3c**.

B3f. *GL (ref not known and not in Hyde)*, shows 'Indian & Colonial Exhibition' (1886) at top of Exhibition Road instead of International Inventions Exhibition

B4 1887. "THE DISTRICT RAILWAY" MAP OF LONDON, JUBILEE EDITION

A Poster style map, map title all in red. Date below title on cover is 1887.

Map itself fundamentally similar to later third editions.

Presentation edition known in leather covers, gilt. Copyright copy received on 5th October 1887.

B4a. *BM [3480 (262)], CUL [72 88 14], [72 88 17]*, Garnett knows of only one version. Hyde description 176B(4): In blc '6/87'. Rys shown authorized or under construction include branches from Regent's Park, City & Docks Ry to both Camden Road and Holloway (BUT THIS IS ALSO ON **3e**, was this the first appearance?). Ry southwards from Putney Bridge no longer forked. American Exhibition shown at Ears Court. St. Pauls station now named as such. Cover imprint: 'W.J. ADAMS & SONS, BRADSHAW'S GUIDE OFFICE, 59 FLEET STREET..'.
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B5 1892. THE "DISTRICT RAILWAY" MAP OF LONDON Fifth Edition

A Poster style map, 42ins by 26.5 ins. Title now all in red.

When folded appears in blue covers (cloth backed, price one shilling) or green covers (paper edition, price sixpence). Price and '5th Edition' appear on cover.

Paper edition printed both sides. ???

BM copyright copy received on 4th June 1892.

Includes C&SL Railway and inset at tl corner showing Putney Bridge and Wimbledon sections. 'W.E. Soar Del.' appears in bl corner.

B5a. *BTHR [MPS6-43], GL, MACH collection*, continues to show the (un-named) Regent's Canal, City and Docks Ry, and the City Lines extension to Barbican, both dotted in blue. The name DISTRICT RAILWAY appears in large blue lettering only adjacent to the sections

of railway between East Putney and Walham Green, and between Ealing and West Kensington. The North London Railway station in Barnsbury is called "BARNSBURY". C&SLR open City to Stockwell and proposed to Clapham Common. The reference "5th EDITION" appears in red in tm on both sides of the map title, BOTH references finish with a full stop. Edition reference 9mm high. On inside of front cover both entries for MONUMENT station make reference to the Electric Railway. MACH copy has board covers and is cloth mounted (don't know about the others). Hyde 176B(5).

B5b. *CUL [72 89 24], BL [J. Maps 39], MACH collection*, still shows BARNSBURY and Garnett states is similar to **B5a** except that DISTRICT RAILWAY appears in blue additionally above the section of line between High Street Kensington and Blackfriars. Edition reference states "5th EDITION", in red, and appears in tm on both sides of the map title, ONLY rh reference finishes with a full stop. Edition reference 11mm high. On inside of covers neither reference to Monument station mentions the electric railway. Hyde 176B(6). MACH copy is cloth mounted with board covers. Also another copy which is paper with card covers.

B5b1. *MACH collection*, identical to **B5b** but is cloth with thin card covers.

B5c. *BM [3485 (113)](received 3rd September 1895), BL [C17: 70 (199)], PB collection, and possibly CUL [d. 72 89 1]*, the City Lines undertaking to Barbican has been omitted and station at Barnsbury has become CALEDONIAN ROAD & BARNSBURY STA. Hyde 176B(7) (and claims CSL extended to Clapham?). ref to electric ry?

6 1898. THE "DISTRICT RAILWAY" MAP OF LONDON Sixth Edition

A poster style map, details similar to previous edition. When folded appears in purple board covers (linen-backed version, price one shilling) or red card covers (paper edition, price sixpence). Paper edition printed on both sides.

This edition no longer produced by Adams, but panel at bottom of cover reads "Sampson Low, Marston and Company Limited, St. Dunstan's House, Fetter Lane, London E.C."

B6a/b *CUL [C72 89 2], GL, GLC*, has the reference "(6th EDITION.)" in red in tm BOTH sides of the map title. Hyde 176B(8). Railways authorized or under construction: CCEHR (original alignment, and does not show stations at Goadge Street or Cranbourn Street), GN&C, C&SLR from Angel to just south of the river, and from Stockwell to Clapham Common, CLR from Shepherds Bush to Liverpool Street (using first series of names and with the depot coloured blue), B&PCR (between South Ken. and Piccadilly Circus), BS&WR (Waterloo to Marylebone), W&CR, District Ry eastwards of Whitechapel (but Stepney Green station not shown). DR Ealing & South Harrow Line

under construction and omits North Ealing. Does NOT show GN&SR. GWR route to Park Royal shown dotted. Railways include GCR to Marylebone. Some horse bus routes shown in city. No imprint but “W.E. Soar Del” still appears in blc.

The distinction between **a** and **b** is uncertain but on the face of it there appears to be two separate printings, **a.** using a turquoise/green colouring and **b.** using a turquoise/blue colouring; does NOT seem to be caused by fading but more information and opinions needed.

B6b1. *GJ Collection.* Dissected and mounted on linen. As **B6b.**, but TIME TABLE COPY in blue beneath rh edition number top rhc. Moorgate to London Bridge and Clapham Common to Stockwell now shown open. Overprinted in very large purple type (slightly shifted left) all over bottom third of map “The Greater Britain Exhibition—The Garden of London—Earls Court Gigantic Wheel—Alight at Earls Court or West Kensington”. Another wheel or cog-like overprint (blue) near St. James’s Park “Royal Aquarium St James Park Stn”.

B6c. *GL, MACH Collection,* has edition reference to the left of the title in brackets (as **B6a**) but the one to the right of the title NOT in brackets. Also outside neat lines in blc is mark “(Ba.6.01)”. DR E&SH line now open and includes North Ealing. C&SLR shown as open throughout and redundant King William Street branch uncoloured. Shows proposed City & Brixton Railway from point near Borough to Brixton where it drops off bottom of map. Stepney Green station now shown on proposed route east of Whitechapel. CLR open Shepherds Bush to Bank (Liverpool Street portion uncoloured, certain names revised and depot now uncoloured). GNCR shown as open but the stations are not named. North-West London Railway proposal (from Marble Arch) also shown. B&PCR proposal extended from Piccadilly to British Museum. BS&W proposal extended Paddington to Elephant & Castle. CCEHR alignment revised and shows stations sites at Goodge Street and Cranbourn Street. GN&SR proposal shown from Kings Cross to Strand. No horse bus routes shown in City or West end but still shown to Barnes and Battersea Bridge. Panel on inside of cover is headed “Stations on ‘Whitechapel and New Cross Extensions’,” mentions stations on GWR West Drayton and Windsor Lines about half way down and refers to through tickets etc at bottom of the page.

B6d. *BL [J. Maps 41], GL, MACH collection,* has NO reference to edition on right of title, reference retained on left. Front cover “imprint” at bottom includes additional words ‘and “Bradshaws Guide” Office 59, Fleet St. E.C.’. Inside cover panel headed ‘Stations on “East Ham, Bow and Whitechapel Lines”’ and panel completely relaid out, no reference to West Drayton and Windsor lines or through tickets. The map no longer bears the Ba.01 imprint and on the rh side there is an inset entitled “THE NEW ROUTE TO UPMINSTER... SHOE BURYNESS &c IS NOW OPEN”, with a map in red. The BS&WR, CCEHR and GNPBR now shown dotted Black (with

stations now named), with associated symbol in bm. Other tube lines in blue, solid if open and dotted if not. Station site now shown for Kennington Road and GNPBR extended to Earls Court. City & Brixton no longer connects with CSLR and runs between St. Georges Circus and Brixton (no longer off the map). GWR Park Royal line now open. "GENERATING STATION" prominently marked at Lotts Road. C&SLR King William Street branch now coloured in again in blue, and proposed Euston extension shown. PUTNEY BRIDGE (FULHAM) station now PUTNEY BRIDGE & HURLINGHAM. Also, NORTH EALING now NORTH EALING & HANGER HILL. "Arab Boy" to Putney bus no longer shown. The road "Kingsway" is now shown, though plate not very well amended.

B6d1. *MACH Collection*, a paper map identical to above but "Service Discontinued" stamped inside cover over Middle Circle services.

B6e. *MACH Collection*, a paper map printed only on the face and without covers, appears to come from a timetable. Bears usual title in red. On each side of the title the reference "TIME TABLE COPY." appears (replacing the edition reference). At foot of map, apparently overprinted in black, is message: "COPIES OF THIS MAP CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE COMPANIES BOOKING OFFICES, AT STATION BOOKSTALLS, AT THE PRINCIPAL BOOKSELLERS THROUGHOUT THE KINGDOM, OF THE PUBLISHERS, SAMPSON, LOW, MARSTON & CO., ST. DUNSTANS HOUSE, FETTER LANE, E.C., AND AT "BRADSHAW'S GUIDE" OFFICE, 59, FLEET STREET, E.C., PRICES 6d. 1s. AND UPWARDS". The map is very similar to **B6d** other than in the following differences. At New Cross, LB&SCR, the separate East London Railway station has been removed. The disused King William Street branch once more appears UNCOLOURED. A station spot now appears on the GN&CR at Highbury & Islington and GN&CR stations now named. The white space between Victoria LB&SCR station and Buckingham Palace Road is now coloured blue. Barons Court station (MDR) appears for the first time, and the GNPBR has been extended from Earls Court to Hammersmith.

7 **1908. THE "DISTRICT RAILWAY" MAP OF LONDON Seventh Edition**

A Poster style map on sheet 42ins by 26.5ins. When folded appears within pink and brown board covers (cloth edition) or green and orange card covers (paper edition). Price no longer appears on covers. Name "C. Soar '07" appears brc of cover. Restyled heading with red lettering, each letter lightly cased in black outline. "SEVENTH EDITION." appears in black to the right of title. At blc appears imprint "Waterlow & Sons Limited London Wall London", within border. At lhc appears "(ENTERED AT STATIONERS HALL)". Compass star and Wimbledon and Barking insets removed, so DR now shown to Park Royal. UERL tubes now shown in bold red style similar to DR. Other tubes in blue, and the CSLR has now been extended to Euston, and the CLR to

Wood Lane to serve the Franco-British Exhibition, the site of which is now shown. North-West London and City and Brixton proposals removed. Middle and outer circle services no longer shown but DR red colour used from Earls Court as far as Uxbridge Road, similarly from Shadwell to Whitechapel (ELR) (curve connection to main line uncoloured).

B7a. *GL, MACH Collection*, shows BS&WR extended to Edgware Road and CCEHR stations Euston Road, Goadge Street, Tottenham Court Road. In addition to the two bus services on 6th edition now shows a route from Walham Green to Wandsworth. LUT tramways also shown.

B7a1. *MACH Collection*, paper copy as above.

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