



**ERDINGTON:
THE CUBE IN THE SQUARE**

**SCRAP
BOOK**

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In 2010-11, Birmingham Archives & Heritage was excited to collaborate on a uniquely creative project involving the Erdington-based community arts organization, 'The Cube In The Square'. The Cube's group of artists were given personal access to the rich range of archive materials reflecting upon different themes connected with Erdington and the city. The workshops developed by Andy Green used a range of sources including photographs, scrapbooks, albums, local history documents and maps.

As the project evolved organically, the group decided to use either a specific document or an idea generated by their own experience in the archive as a starting point for creating an artistic response. Some of their final work contains a glimpse of the original archival source within a transformed context, such as in pieces by Faith, Heather, Joan, Marion and Paul. For others, the theme of recording and documenting was used as a starting point, such as Emma's works that translate oral testimonies into 'soundwaves' and play on issues of 'copyright'.

Many of the artworks also formed vividly mixed media responses, such as Angie's recreation of past and present landscapes within a structure inspired by early camera technology. Some Cube artists used their skills to represent local landmarks, such as the portrait of Rookery House on a transparent surface by artist Ev Beard, or Jeanette's depictions of Erdington streets. Also included in the exhibition was a special preview of Andy Spencer's forthcoming film set in the Rookery called 'The Casebook of Eddie Brewer'.

Across the following pages, original heritage documents sit side by side with the creative outcomes produced by 'The Cube In The Square'. We hope this gives you an insight into the special nature of the collaboration practice we evolved and that you enjoy the materials. Please continue to visit and support the good work done by everyone at The Cube: www.thecubeinthesquare.com

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Bird's Eye View of Birmingham, 1886 [BA&H]

ENGRAVINGS

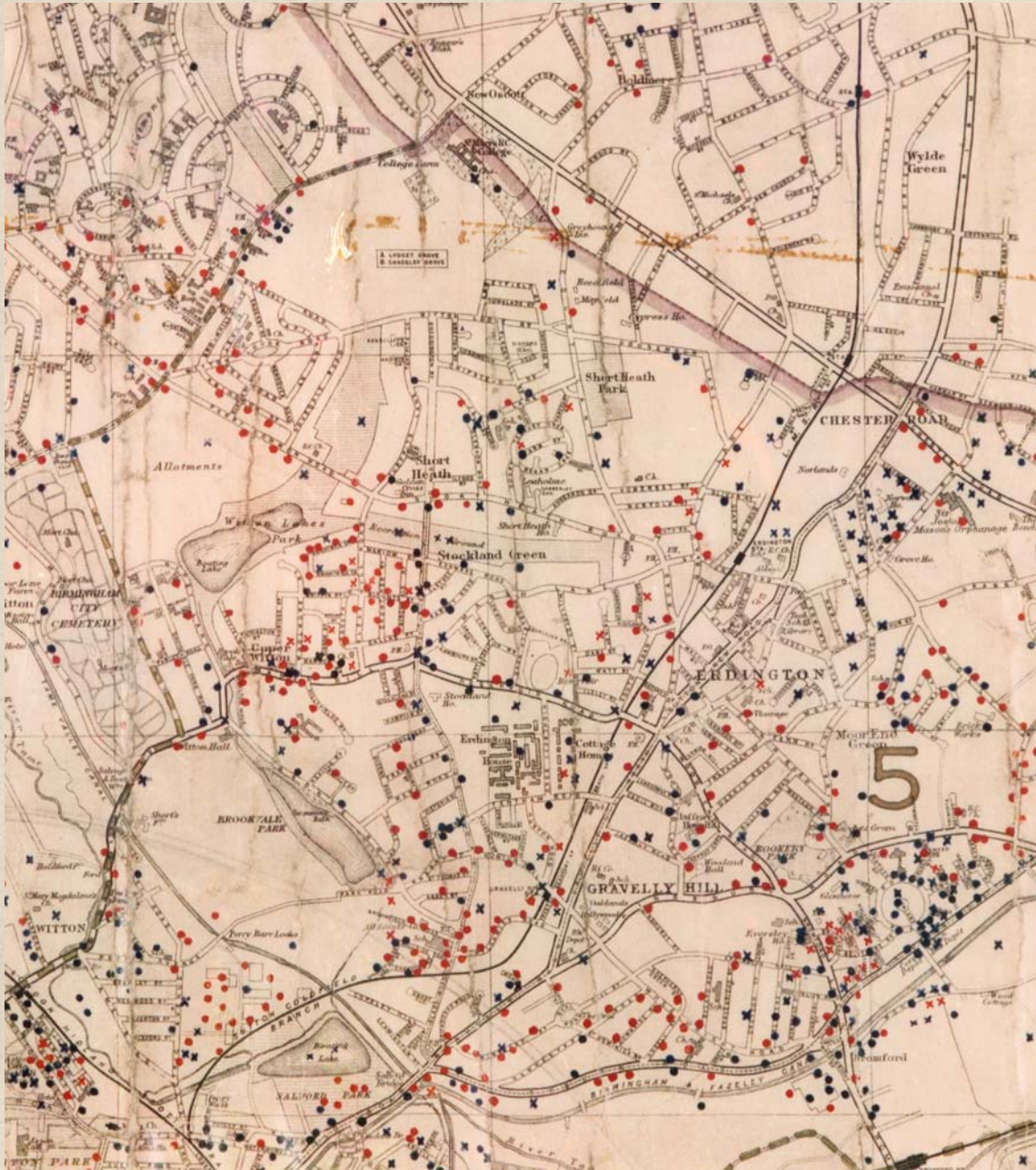
MAPS



FAITH PEARSON



MAPS AND PLANS



Extract from a Birmingham map marking sites of bombing [BA&H: Maps/Air

AIR RAID MAPS



HEATHER ROWLAND



PHOTOGRAPHIC COLLECTIONS

SIR BENJAMIN STONE



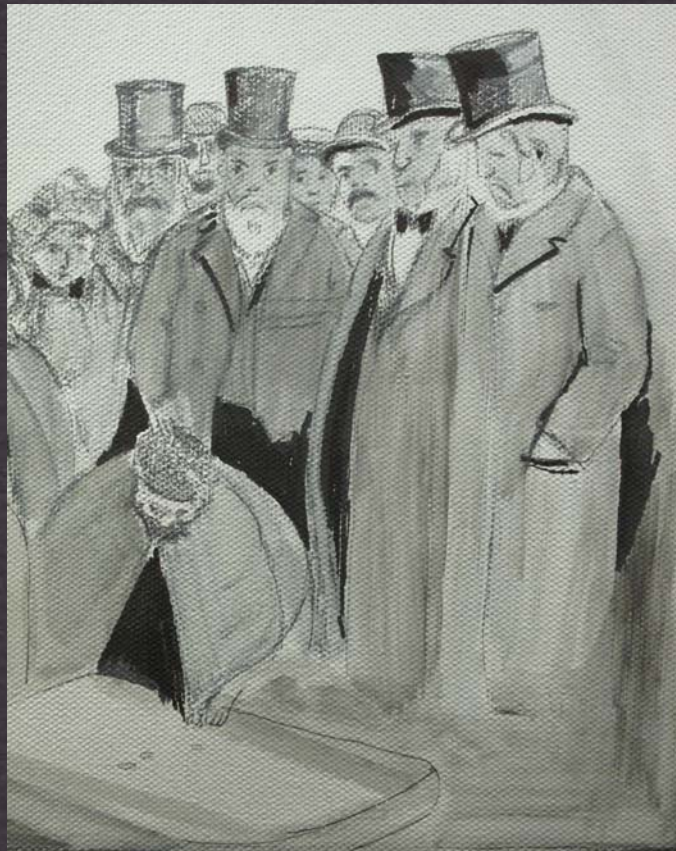
aged Widows picking up sixpences from a Tombstone in
St Bartholomew's Churchyard, City of London, on Good Friday Morning
A custom consequent upon an ancient bequest. J. Benjamin Stone,
March 28th 1902.

Good Friday, St Bartholomew's, London, by Sir Benjamin Stone, 1902 [BA&H: Stone/Box110/27]



John Everett Millar
A group of men, including a Lord Mayor, in St. Bartholomew's Church, London, on Good Friday morning, a custom consequent upon an ancient bequest. March 28th 1902

PAUL MAIDEN



pleating up Expenses from a Lombardine in St. Bartholomew's

WARWICKSHIRE

PHOTOGRAPHIC SURVEY



Birmingham
Sutton New Rd, Erdington
old post office and shop in High St. (now demolished)

E. Sargeant.
July 1937

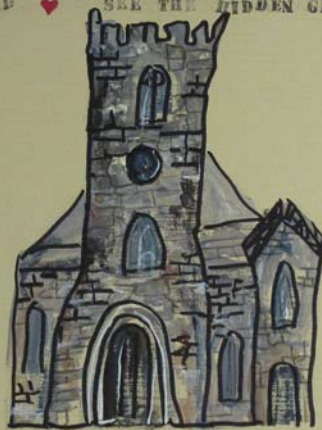
Erdington High Street, 1937 [BA&H:WK/E2/22]

♥ I DO LOVE A PLACE WITH CHARACTER ♥ BEHIND THE HUSTLE & BUSTLE OF EVERYDAY LIFE



♥ THERE IS SOMETHING TO LOVE ABOUT THE PLACE WHERE YOU LIVE ♥ BRINGTON IS IT

♥ & BUSTLE OF EVERYDAY LIFE LOOK AROUND ♥ SEE THE HIDDEN GEMS & ENJOY ♥ LOOK UP & SEE THE



YOU LIVE ♥ BRINGTON IS FULL OF BEAUTIFUL BUILDINGS IDEAS & DESIGNS FROM ACROSS THE CENTURIES ♥

♥ ENJOY ♥ LOOK UP & SEE THE WORKS OF TRUE ARTS & CRAFTS PEOPLE FROM LONG AGO ♥



FROM ACROSS THE CENTURIES ♥ I WAS INSPIRED BY OUR HIGH STREET & THIS WAS THE RESULT ♥

JEANETTE HILL



PHOTOGRAPHIC ALBUMS

Rookery House, 1962 [BA&H: Photographic album 'Erdington in the 1950s and 1960s / Press 1]



an aspencer film

a rookery production



Something's calling.
Only one man is listening.

presents

The Casebook of Eddie Brewer

Ian Brooker

Peter Wight

Louise Paris

ANDY SPENCER



Upper Priory Court [BA&H/Improvement Scheme Photos/115a]

IMPROVEMENT SCHEME



PHOTOGRAPHS



JOAN MENSOR



POSTCARDS



Erdington, The Park.

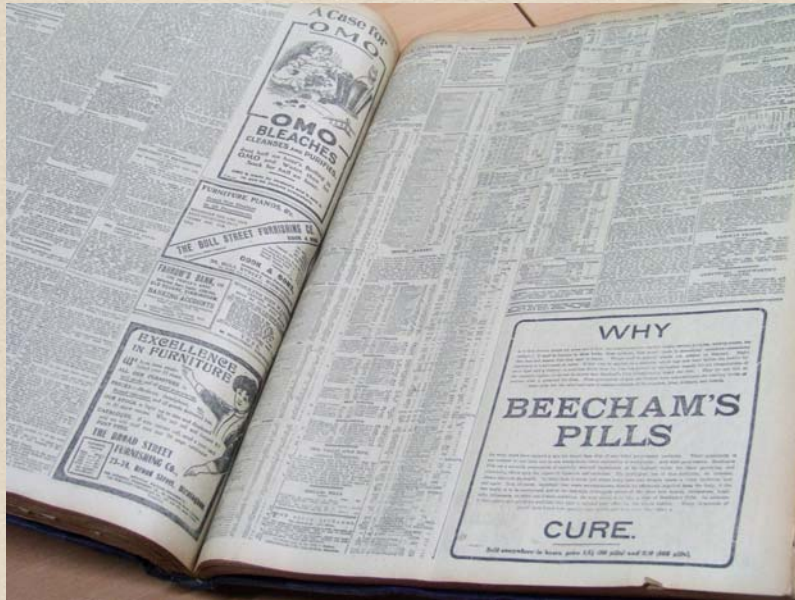
Rookery House, Erdington [BA&H: Birmingham Postcards Collection/suburbs/ERD]



EV BEARD



LOCAL NEWSPAPERS



Birmingham Gazette

NEWSCUTTINGS



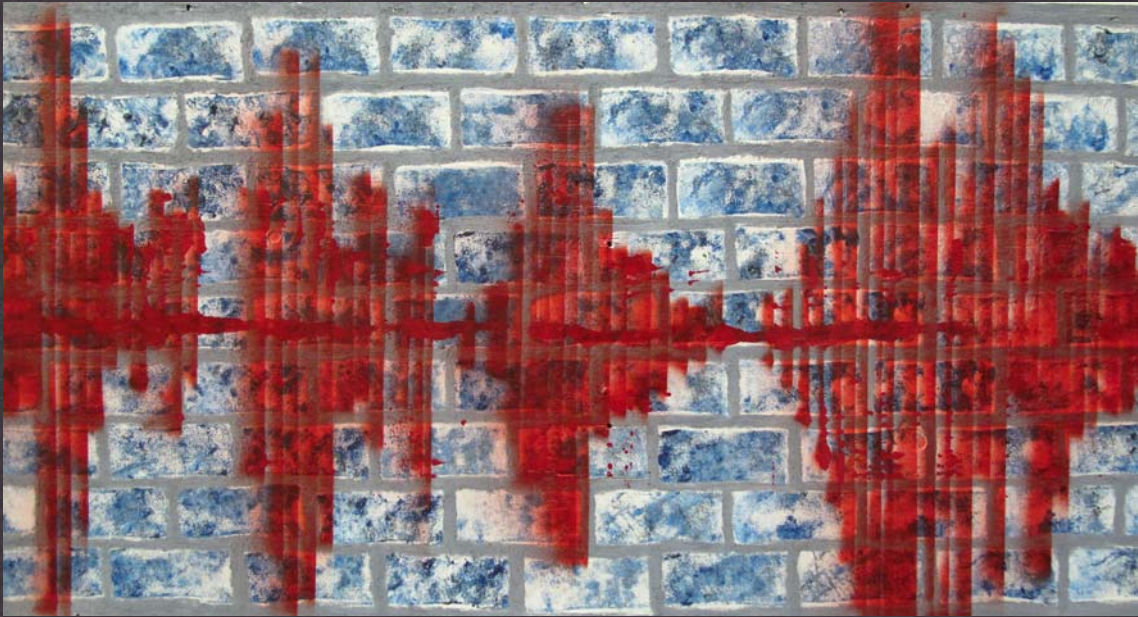
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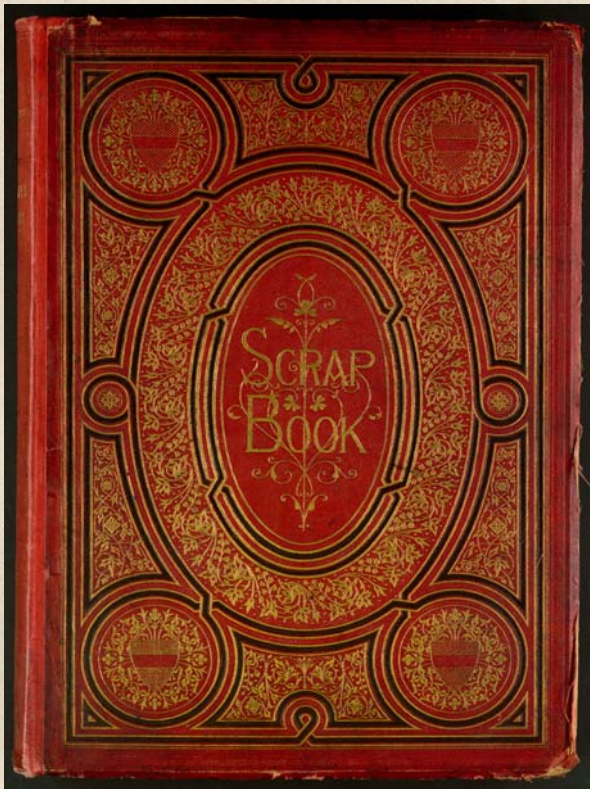


SKETCH BOOKS

Anatomy of the Human Figure, by Samuel Lines, 1821 [BA&H: 243973]



SCRAP BOOKS



Scrap Book used by Sir Benjamin Stone [BA&H: Stone Newscuttings 16]



ANDY GREEN

