

Basic Detail Report



Jacob's Island

Date

1951

Primary Maker

Norman J. Barker

Medium

Water-colour

Description

Formerly between the present Jacob Street and the river, this was the worst slum in Bermondsey.

Residents drew water from the mill's stream or 'Folly ditch' and cholera was rife. In *Oliver Twist* (published in instalments 1837-39), Dickens has Bill Sikes ending his days there. After 1860 the ditch was filled in and the area demolished.

Dimensions

Object/Work: 255 x 315 mm