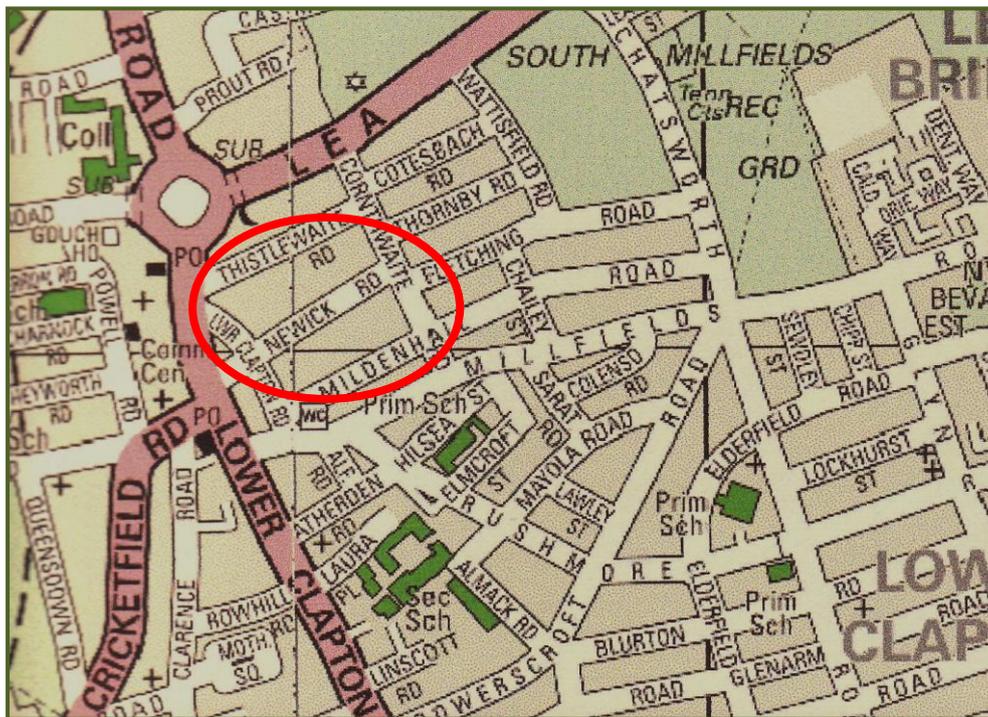


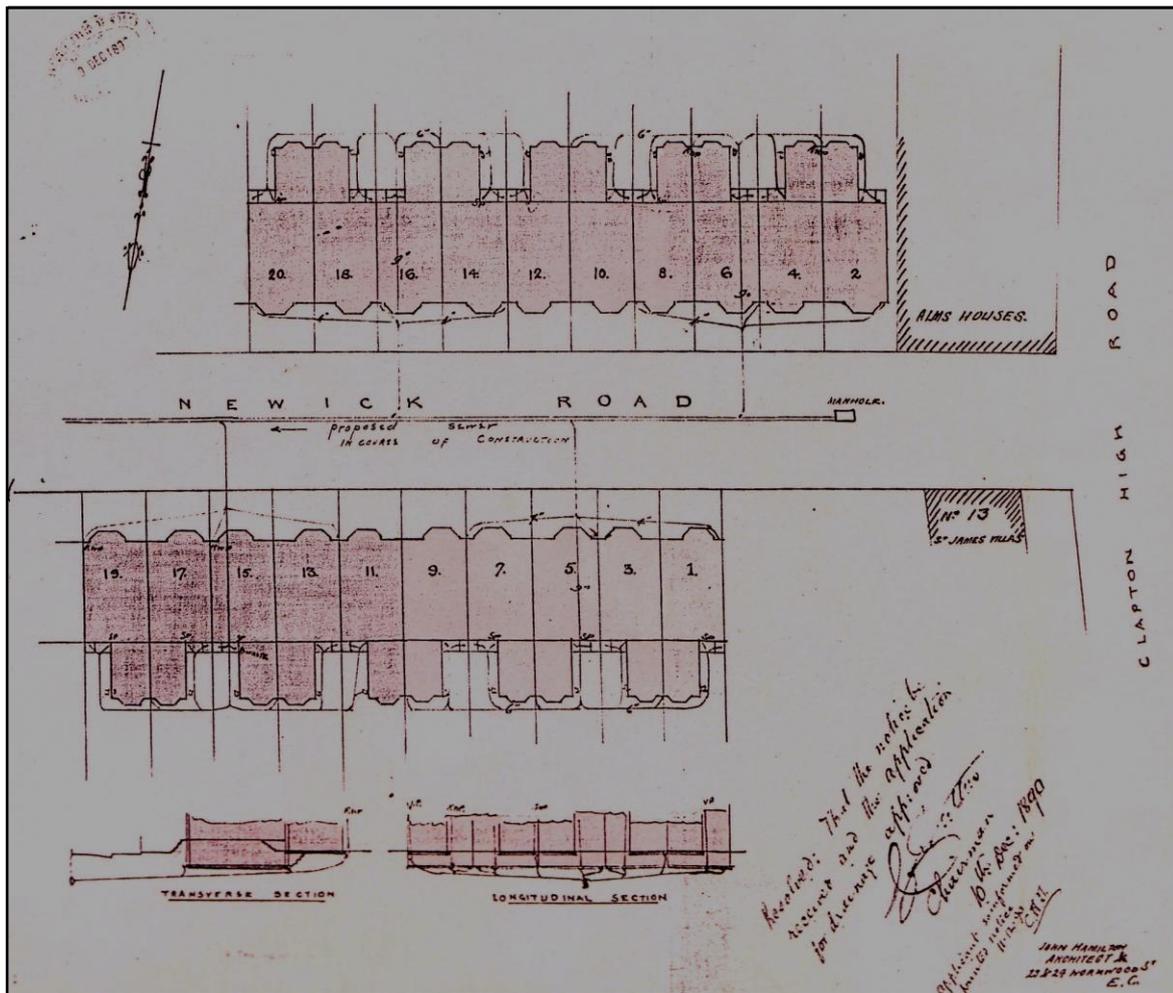
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There is a Newick Road in Lower Clapton, Hackney in north-east London. How did it get the name Newick Road? It was because of the Powell family who owned land there and had long associations with Newick.

William Powell was the rector at Newick for seventeen years from 1868. After he died in 1885 his trustees submitted plans to build houses on the land owned by the Powell family at Hackney. The architects plan shown below dated 1890 was submitted to the Board of Works for the Hackney District, for building the first twenty houses at the western end of Newick Road. A further plan accompanied this submission showing that the land adjacent to the south, owned by another member of the extensive Powell family, was intended for building Mildenhall Road.



The first of the houses to be built in Newick Road - plan from Hackney Archives

The document below refers to the proposed laying of drains for the next phase of 30 houses to be built in Newick Road in 1893.

Form B.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO BUILD,  
AND  
APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO DRAIN.

To the Board of Works for the Hackney District.

I hereby give Notice of my intention to build or re-build  
thirty houses ~~or buildings~~ on the ~~North end~~ <sup>South</sup> side of  
Newick Road Street or road as shewn on the annexed Plan  
and Section, and APPLY for the approval of the Board for constructing and laying the  
drains as marked thereon; and I hereby undertake to pay to the Board the cost of so  
much of the works as are in the road or path, and to carry out the remainder of them in  
accordance with the annexed regulations.

Signature: James Pullin  
Address: S. James Villas,  
Lower Clapton

Witness:

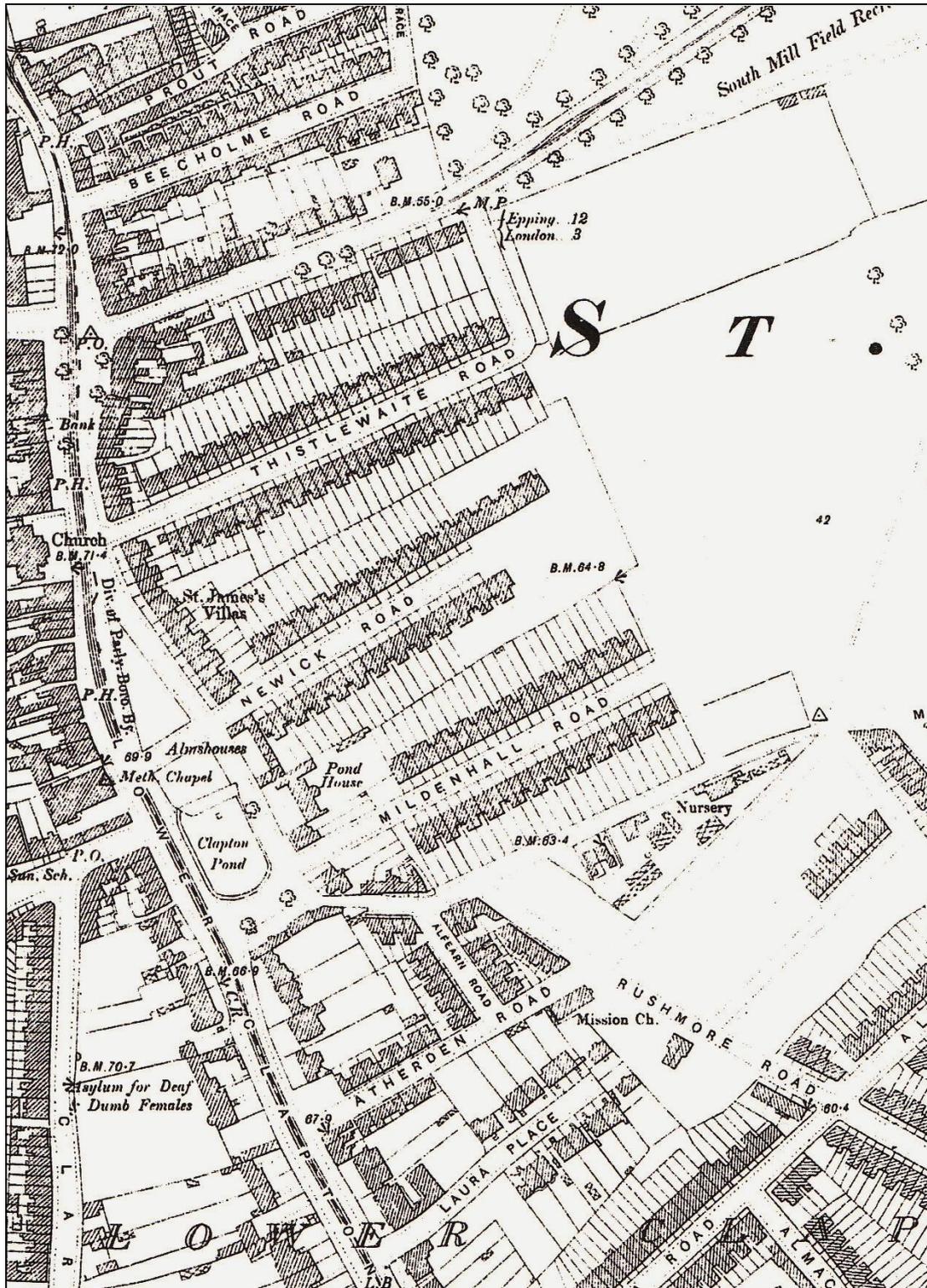
Address:

Date January 31<sup>st</sup> 1893

NOTE.—Applications are considered by the Board on the *Second* and *Fourth* Wednesdays in each  
month (except during recess), and must be received *Five* clear days before such meetings.

The next phase of houses for Newick Road - document from Hackney Archives

The Ordnance Survey map below shows Newick Road in 1894 with most of the houses completed. The final number of houses in the road was 64, all built in the typical late-Victorian style. This area had seen rapid growth over 50 years from a hamlet to a busy London suburb.



1894 Ordnance Survey map extract

It was William Powell's son, Thomas Baden Powell (1864-1942), who had chosen the name Newick Road. Thomas was no doubt responsible for naming a couple of the other nearby roads, Fletching Road and Chailey Street. There is also a Powell Road nearby to the west.

### Thomas Baden Powell

The picture below includes Thomas Baden Powell on the left, aged 22 years, when he was a resident undergraduate at New College, Oxford.

NEW COLLEGE, OXFORD, 1886



D. S. Margoliouth  
A. N. St. J. Mildmay F. J. K. Cross E. D. Maclagan  
T. Baden Powell R. H. Bode

Thomas had lived with his father at the Newick rectory and then later lived at the house 'High Hurst' which his father had built in Allington Road. He was the cousin of the founder of the boy scouts movement Sir Robert Baden Powell. He was recognised as a dynamic eccentric, taking a keen interest in cricket, archaeology and in the life of the village. He travelled much in North Africa and named two of his Newick houses 'Algiers' and 'Tunis' as a permanent reminder of those times. He remained unmarried. Joseph Arnold Mc Conney was his faithful valet and companion. Towards the end of his life Thomas was a sick man and was wheeled about in a bath chair and later in a padded wooden wheelbarrow. He died at High Hurst in 1942.

Below is a postcard photograph of Newick Road, Hackney in about 1907 showing the delivery of milk from little, hand-pushed 'dairy prams'. The other two photographs below are modern.



**A postcard photograph of Newick Road (postmark 1907) together with two modern photographs**

The original Victorian houses in the tree-lined Newick Road are all still standing, occupied by a variety of ethnic names.

**Information sources:**

Articles referring to Thomas Baden Powell naming Newick Road are in *St James's Clapton Parish Magazine* 1933/34 at London Borough of Hackney Archives Department, reference: Bagust volumes 5 and 8...also see East Sussex Record Office reference: AMS 5785/13. Hackney Archives also has the plans/documents referred to, under reference: LBH 7/5/35-38)

*Sussex Express* newspaper 6<sup>th</sup> February 1942 has obituary of Thomas Baden Powell

Photograph of Thomas Baden Powell from the F Bentham Stevens papers - box 6 at Sussex Archaeological Society

National population census...various dates

Ordnance Survey map

Postcard photograph from private collection

*Newick - The Story of a Sussex Village* by Joyce Lindsey published by Newick Parish Council 1983

Modern photographs by author