

## Haggerston's Famous People

These famous figures have links with some of Haggerston's listed buildings.

### Richard Burbage

(1567-1619)

An actor and theatre owner, Richard Burbage is most famous for being the star of William Shakespeare's theatre company, the Lord Chamberlain's Men (later the King's Men). He played the title role in the first performances of Hamlet, Othello, Richard III and King Lear.

He lived on Halliwell street in Shoreditch, near the site of the Theatre, and he is buried in St Leonard's Church (also known as Shoreditch church) in Haggerston.



### Sir Robert Geffrye

(1613–1703)

Born in Cornwall, Robert Geffrye moved to London where he became an eminent East India merchant and was knighted in 1673. He was also Master of the Worshipful Company of Ironmongers, appointed a Sheriff of London in 1674 and elected Lord Mayor of London in 1685.

Under his bequest the Geffrye Almshouses for widows of ironmongers, were constructed in 1714 and provided shelter for around fifty pensioners for almost two hundred years. The almshouse are now home to the Geffrye Museum.



### Joseph Grimaldi

(1778-1837)

Born in Holborn, the son of a pantomimist and a dancer. Joseph Grimaldi is purported to have shot to fame at the age of three, after he fell into the pit while performing as a monkey at Sadler's Wells!

He had a natural talent for physical comedy and inventiveness and is held in the affections of all circus folk as the inventor of the universally recognised white faced clown. On the first Sunday of every February clowns gather at Holy Trinity Church for a service to remember him.



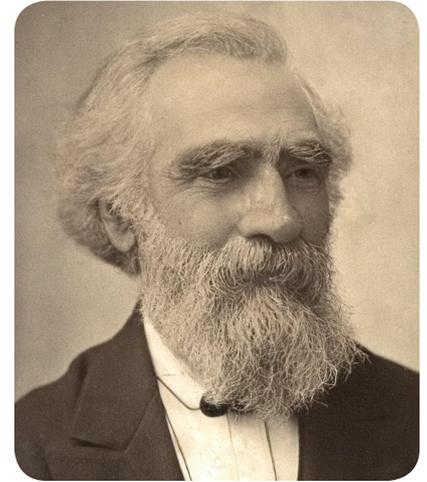
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### John Passmore Edwards

(1823-1911)

John Passmore Edwards was a journalist, newspaper owner and philanthropist. Over the space of 14 years, 70 major buildings were established as a direct result of his bequests, including hospitals, schools, 11 drinking fountains, 32 marble busts, 24 libraries, convalescence homes and art galleries.

The Passmore Edwards Library on Kingsland road was created in 1893 and was the second library established by Passmore.



### Marie Lloyd

(1870-1922)

Marie Lloyd was born in Hoxton and lived in Hackney on Graham Road. Her real name was Matilda Alice Victoria Wood but she changed it at 15 to Marie Lloyd, shortly after her stage debut.

She frequently topped the bill at many famous London theatres and became an internationally successful solo musical hall act. Among her best known songs is 'My Old Man (Said Follow the Van)'.



### Ernó Goldfinger

(1902-1987)

Born in Budapest, Erno Goldfinger studied architecture in Paris. He moved to London in 1934 and was an influential figure in the British modern movement.

His architectural style is often described as 'Brutalist'. He designed Haggerston School - the only modern listed building in Haggerston!



Now you have read about these famous people, can you match each of them with their Haggerston building from the history game?