



Lenin at 21 Tavistock Square, London, St Pancras 1908

21 Tavistock Place, St Pancras — 1908

In May 1908 **Vladimir Ilyich Lenin** arrives back in London carrying a written recommendation from **Joseph J. Terrett** in support of a request for entry into the British Museum Library. Sadly, on being unable to find a Joseph J. Terrett at the address provided on the reference, the museum's admissions officer declines the recommendation and Lenin is forced to secure a second reference from *Iskra* printing-pal **Harry Quelch** (founding member of the *Communist Party of Great Britain*). This new recommendation is accepted and Lenin is issued with a three-month pass to the library. During his stay he writes to **Camille Huysmans**, a German-educated Belgian and member of the *Belgische Werkliedenpartij* (Belgian Labour Party). As of yet I have been unable to find the name of the property owner in May 1908. Kate Lee and Joseph Jenner appear at 22 and 23 Tavistock Place, whilst Emily Biller was at No.24.

At **21 Tavistock Place** in 1911, some three years after Lenin's stay in London was Russian barber, Bert Barnett and his family. This is quite amusing, as on earlier trips, Lenin and his companions in London had been meeting under the banner of '**Foreign Barbers of London**', a pseudonym for the Bolsheviks most likely derived from similar working men's associations active in Whitechapel's at this time (*Traitors Within*, Herbert Fitch, 1933).

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In the absence of a definite match for the property in 1908, I looked to earlier censuses and found French resident, **Albin Audibert** (b.1868) and his wife Adonia (b.1868) running a lodging house at *21 Tavistock Place* in **1901**. This is interesting, as subsequent to his stay at *21 Tavistock Place* in 1908, Lenin relocates to the Panthéon district of Paris. In Paris Lenin meets **Inessa Armand**, radical feminist Bolshevik married to **Alexander Armand**, son of a fabulously wealthy Russian textile merchant who had set up Sunday Schools for peasant children (an idea taken up by exiles in London's East End a few years later). Lenin's first address in Paris is **24 rue Beaunier**. It's curious also to note that Lenin, a talented law-graduate was now within a short walk of **Professor Audibert's Faculte de Droit de L'Universite** (law faculty) at place du Panthéon. Another famous Audibert was Auguste Audibert, editor of the earlier *La Radical* and *La Caricature*, the latter published in the wake of France's July Revolution; contributors included Balzac. But as we don't know for sure if Albin Audibert was at 21 Tavistock at the time of Lenin's visit in 1908, what follows may be little more than coincidence.

- Between 1901 & 1911 the Audibert's move their lodging business from 21 Tavistock Place to **7 Tottenham Court Road**. The house has seven guest rooms and is next door to a pub and a fish restaurant. The road and its pubs features prominently in Lenin folklore.
- The public house next door to the Audiberts was the **Blue Posts** tavern managed by **William Perry** and his wife Florence. **William Thomas Fletcher Brown**, a 57 year old law clerk living in St John at Hackney, appears as Perry's partner on property records and lives just a few minutes around the corner from Lenin's friend Theodore Rothstein at Clapton Square.

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21. Tavistock Place.



To The Director
of the British Museum

I am writer by profession. I have sent
to the British Museum from Geneva,
where I am usually living, two of my
russian books (my pen-name is Ijia).
I came now in London in order to
study comparatively new english and
new german philology. I enclose
a written recommendation from a

May 13, 1908 Lenin letter to the British Museum written from 21 Tavistock Place

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Plaque: Lenin - Tavistock Place

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260			William Hayward	Head	M	37	Living on own means			" " " "						
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			Charles	Son	M	2				" " " "						
262			Ernest White	Head	M	20	Commissioner (Agent)	Employer		" " " "						
			Yvonne	Wife	F	20				" " " "						
263			Caroline C. Goodwin	Head	F	24				London, Barbadoes						
			James	Son	M	12				York, England						
264			John W. Pearson	Head	M	28	Engineer	Worker		Scotland						
			Yvonne	Wife	F	25				" " " "						
			Yvonne	Daughter	F	11				London, France						
265	7 ²¹	1	Albin Audibert	Head	M	33	Engineer Paper Reparer	N		Paris, France						
			Yvonne	Wife	F	33				" " " "						
			Yvonne	Daughter	F	12				" " " "						
			George	Son	M	5				" " " "						
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Oakley Square Map, 1917

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CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.

Before writing on this Schedule please read the Examples and the Instructions given on the other side of the paper, as well as the headings of the Columns. The entries should be written in Ink.

The contents of the Schedule will be treated as confidential. Strict care will be taken that no information is divulged with regard to individual persons. The returns are not to be used for proof of age, as in connection with Old Age Pensions, or for any other purpose than the preparation of Statistical Tables.

NAME AND SURNAME	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Family	AGE last birthday and SEX	PARTICULARS as to MARRIAGE					PROFESSION or OCCUPATION of Person aged ten years and upwards				BIRTHPLACE of every person	NATIONALITY of every Person born in a Foreign Country	INFIRMITY	
			State for each Married Woman entered on this Schedule, the number of—	Children both alive and dead	Children born alive	Children born dead	Children living	Personal Occupation	Industry or Service with which worker is connected	Wholly Employed, or Working on Own Account	Unemployed				
11 <i>Arthur Audibert</i>	Head	41	Married							Writer	943	0	resident in this county France		
12 <i>Adonise Audibert</i>	Wife	40	Married	3	X ²	X ¹				School	390	0	resident in this county France		
13 <i>Andrew Audibert</i>	Son	11								School		0	Born in this County		
14 <i>Raymond Audibert</i>	Son	9								Writer	941	0	Born in this County		
15 <i>Augustine Audibert</i>	Daughter	36	Single							artist Painter	46	0	resident in this county France		
16 <i>Mrs Henry Sandberg</i>	resident	28	Married									0	resident in this County France		
17 <i>Mrs Chama Landberg</i>	resident	24	Married									0	resident in this County France		
18 <i>Mrs Robert Mangan</i>	Wife	42	Married							Manufacturer in embroidery	945	0	Wife of the head of the family		
19 <i>Mrs Mangan</i>	Daughter	36	Single									0	Wife of the head of the family		
20 <i>Miss Mangan</i>	Daughter	25	Single									0	Wife of the head of the family		

(To be filled up by the Enumerator.)

Family Size	Male	Female	Total
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2. If any persons are absent and included in Columns 2 and 4 respectively, and have returned the necessary particulars, I have completed the Census on the Schedule which appears to be correct, and I have signed and sealed such as appears to be correct.			

(To be filled up by, or on behalf of, the Head of Family or other person in occupation, or in charge, of this dwelling.)

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature *A. Audibert*

Postal Address *9 Tottenham Court Road*

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature *A. Audibert*

Postal Address *9 Tottenham Court Road*

back of Schedule)	Males		Females		Total	Total (Males and Females)	Total (Males and Females)	Total (Males and Females)	Total (Males and Females)	Total (Males and Females)	Total (Males and Females)	Total (Males and Females)	Total (Males and Females)	Total (Males and Females)	Total (Males and Females)
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11 <i>Arthur Audibert</i>	41		Married												
12 <i>Adonise Audibert</i>	40	40	Married	3	X ²	X ¹									
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20 <i>Miss Mangan</i>	25		Single												

audibert-7-tottenham-court-road-1911 census

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Testatrix left £50 and £100 a year to her husband, £2,000 to her niece Emily Scanlan, £1,000 each to James Edward Nicholls and his son James, £1,500 to James Fraser Nicholls, £500 each to Barbara Astor, Florence Audibert, Odette Bost, Raymond Audibert and Guineveve Audibert, and the residue of her property between Raymond Audibert and James Fraser Nicholls.

HOSPITAL CASES

QUESTION OF RESPONSIBILITY.

ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE AND INFIRMARY

The Gloucestershire Public Assistance Committee decided at their meeting...

Consultation with City Authority

It is said a question had arisen between the committee and the city authority...

CHRISTMAS FARE

Provision for Public Assistance inmates

A meeting of the Gloucester Public Assistance Committee, held at the Guildhall on Tuesday afternoon...

TIBBERTON FUNERAL

MRS. ALICE SOLWAY

The funeral of Mrs. Alice Solway took place at 11 o'clock on Saturday...

GLOUCESTER JUNIOR IMPERIAL LEAGUE

The Gloucestershire Junior Imperial League held their weekly social evening...

LOCAL WILLS

BRIMSCOMBE MAN LEAVES £28,000

Mr. Philip Bridges, of Park House, Brimscombe, near Stroud, who died on September 12th last...

Mrs. A. M. Buckman, Cheltenham Mrs. Annie Macdonald Buckman, of Rosehurs, Cheltenham...

Testatrix left £50 and £100 a year to her husband, £2,000 to her niece Emily Scanlan, £1,000 each to James Edward Nible and his son James...

Formerly of Amersley Miss Mary Lewis, of 29, Belliningsquare, Hampstead, N.W., formerly of Field Head, Amersley...

Mrs. C. M. G. Medley, Cheltenham Mrs. Constance Mary Georgina Medley, of 2, Queen's-circuit, Cheltenham...

Mr. C. Williams, Cheltenham Mr. Charles Williams, of Osborne House, 14, Lansdown-road, Cheltenham...

Mr. John Waghorne, of 2 Crescent-place, Cheltenham, solicitor, and Mr. Charles Payne, of 8, Charlton Park Gate, Charlton Kings, are the executors.

Mr. A. R. Elliott, Stroud Mr. Alfred Russell Elliott, of Park Villa, Stroud, who died on August 29th last...

PRISONERS ON REMAND

MAGISTRATE & "IRREGULAR PRACTICE"

Comment against the practice of detaining prisoners on remand was made by Mr. Mead, the Marlborough-street Police Court Magistrate...

SILMBRIDGE FUNERAL

The funeral took place at Silmbridge Parish Church of Mrs. Sarah Jane Smith 79, wife of Mr. William Smith, of Washburn Court, Berkeley...

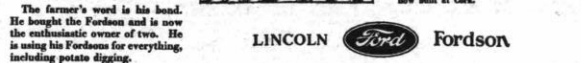


IN A DEEP GLEN IN SCOTLAND

IN A DEEP GLEN in Scotland there was some £200 worth of timber. The ground was too soft, and the sides of the glen too steep to make it possible to make the timber out by horse draught...

Another example shows how the simple power of the Fordson class to its work is the secret of efficient ploughing under all conditions.

The farmer's word is his bond. He bought the Fordson and is now the enthusiastic owner of two. He is using his Fordsons for everything, including potato digging.



FORDSON FORD MOTOR COMPANY LIMITED, London & Manchester

COUNTY BILLIARDS CHAMPIONSHIP

A contest for the amateur billiards championship of Gloucestershire was opened at night at Lovers Hall, Dursley...

BOYS CHARGED AT TEWKESBURY

Two 12-year-old boys were charged at a Child's Court case at Tewkesbury with stealing £45 in money...

MONEY MISSED FROM AN OFFICE

Inspector Hastings prosecuted and said most of the money had been recovered. Evidence was given that £45 12s. 6d. was left in a cash-box in the warehouse at 12.30 p.m. and different boys testified to receiving money that evening.

WORKERS' EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Mr. W. E. Salt, the resident tutor, lectured to the members of the Gloucester Workers' Educational Association...

FOOTBACHE AND NEURALGIA

It is announced by the Great Western Railway Company that a contract has been placed with William T. Nichols Ltd., Gloucester, for a new invoice station at Paddington Goods Yard.

COST OF LIVING

At November 1st the average level of retail prices of the commodities taken into account in the statistics compiled by the Ministry of Labour...

M.P.'S HUNTING ACCIDENT

While hunting with the Gloucester House on Saturday, Viscount Lymington, M.P. for Hants, was thrown from his horse and received concussion.

CONTRACT FOR LOCAL FIRM

It is announced by the Great Western Railway Company that a contract has been placed with William T. Nichols Ltd., Gloucester, for a new invoice station at Paddington Goods Yard.

COLLEAGUES AS BEARERS

Widepread sorrow has been occasioned at Wotton-under-Edge by the death, at the early age of 31, of Mr. Thomas Smart, of Wotton-under-Edge, Deep armpathy is felt for Mrs. Smart, who is left with one child, the Rev. H. Foster (rector), officiated at the funeral at Wotton-under-Edge Parish Church on Saturday.