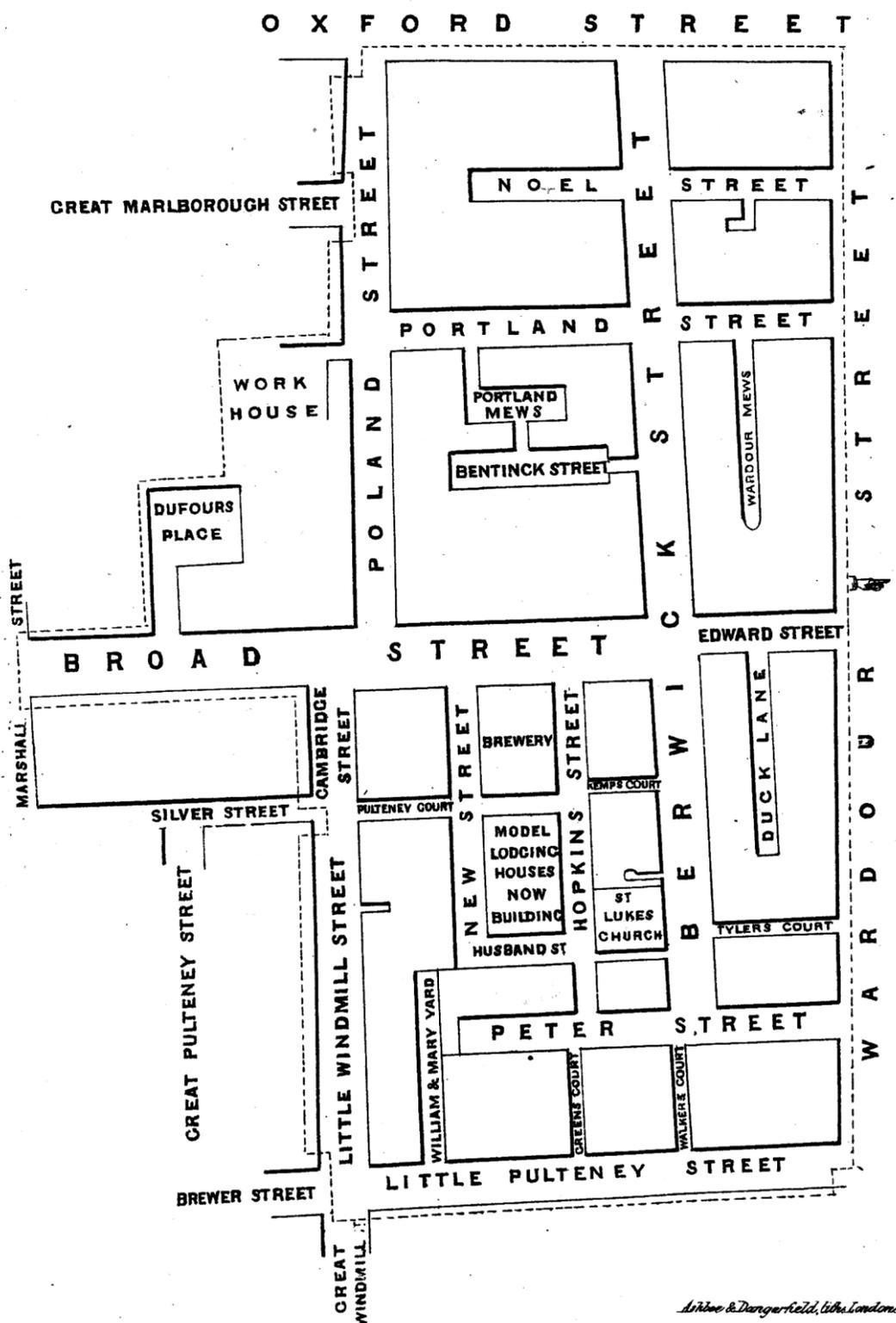


DISTRICT PARISH OF ST LUKE'S BERWICK ST



----- Boundary of the District
 St. Ann's Court Soho.

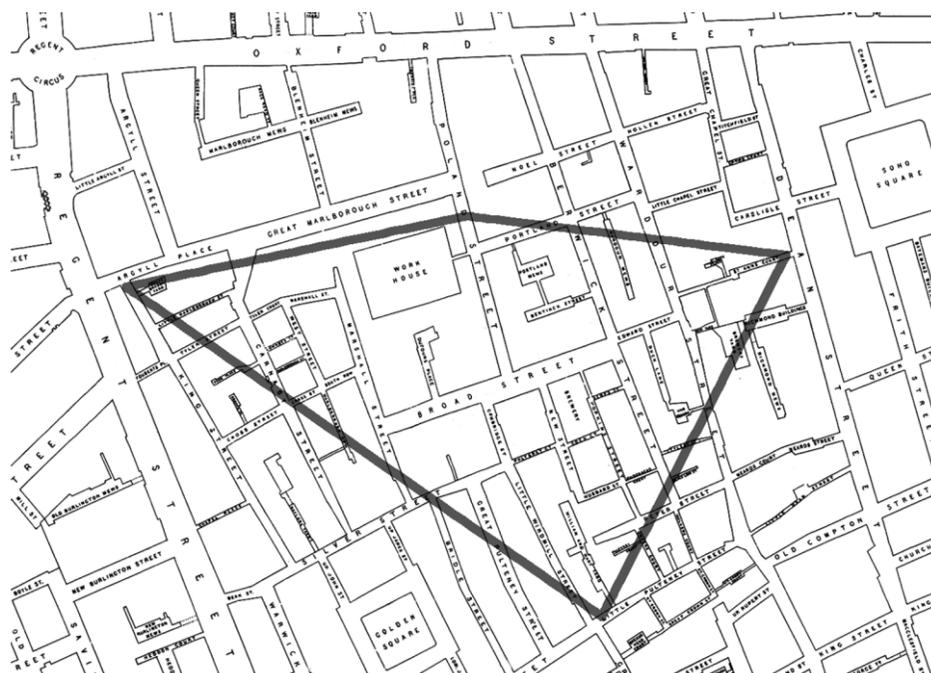
"If a person were to start from the western end of Broad Street, and, after traversing its whole length on the south side from west to east, to return as far as the brewery, and then, going down Hopkins Street, along Husband Street, and up New Street, to end by walking through Pulteney Court, he would pass successively forty-five houses, of which only six¹ escaped without a death during the recent outburst of cholera in that neighbourhood.

According to a calculation based upon the last census, those forty-five houses contained a population of about 1,000. Out of that number 104 perished by the pestilence.²

Returning to Broad Street from Pulteney Court by way of Cambridge Street, he would indeed find a few houses in that short street which were spared, but he would still hear of its population being almost decimated, as it lost sixteen of its 179 inhabitants. Taking a more comprehensive view, he would find the western half of Broad Street to have been about the centre of the infected district. Starting from thence, any one walking at a moderate rate in any direction might have gone beyond its limits in less than three minutes.

It is the writer's intention to confine his observations to the district³ of St. Luke's, Berwick Street, with the houses and people of which he has for more than three years been intimately acquainted" (Henry Whitehead, *The Cholera in Berwick Street* [London: Hope & Co., October 1854], 1.

¹ And from three of these six, no less than 18 non-residents caught their deaths, 16 from one factory.
² Here, and throughout this narrative, the deaths recorded are only those of persons resident in the district at the time of the outburst of the pestilence, who died, many of them at their own houses, some in the workhouse, others at the hospitals, and a few in the country, having fled thither for security.



"An easy way suggests itself to his mind by which he may enable any one to ascertain for himself, almost by a glance at a map of London, the streets and parts of streets throughout which the disease may be said to have literally performed a house-to-house visitation. Take a point on the east side of Poland Street, halfway between Portland Street and the level of Great Marlborough Street; draw from thence two straight lines, one to the north-west corner of King Street, Regent Street, and the other to the east end of St. Anne's Court (a very long court), Soho. Join the two latter points, each by a straight line, to the south-west corner of Little Pulteney Street, and you have a four-sided figure, enclosing with singular exactness the area within which only a few houses escaped, outside of which comparatively few suffered" (Whitehead, *Berwick Street*, 2).