

PALMERS' INDEX TO THE TIMES 1790-1905

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Palmers' Index to the Times was compiled in the late nineteenth century and its 450 volumes are available in many libraries. In the recent past an electronic edition has been published making searches much easier, and allowing access to the material in ways not previously possible.

Published in several hundred print columns, it is available on a single C.D.Rom, though as it costs about £8000 there are only a few libraries in this country that have it. Following a quick look at it in the Guildhall yesterday the results are outlined below. You will see that much of it relates to bankruptcies and civil litigation, which is useful as it can direct the researcher to the correct date in the relevant archives. In addition, a host of criminal cases are also recorded, many of which may otherwise be difficult to find out about.

Summary of items

<i>Date</i>	<i>Page/Column</i>	<i>Details</i>
29 Oct 1806	3c	Partnerships Dissolved: Lawrence Ballington Wagstaff Plant & Wm. Watts
3 Jun 1812	2d	Bankruptcies: W. Plant
5 Jun 1812	2d	Meetings of Creditors: W. Plant
12 Jun 1812	4b	Meetings of Creditors: W. Plant
13 Jul 1812	3e	Meetings of Creditors: W. Plant
24 Jul 1812	2a	Meetings of Creditors: W. Plant
7 Aug 1812	3e	Meetings of Creditors: W. Plant
27 Jan 1813	2c	Bankruptcies: W. Plant
23 Aug 1813	3e	Meetings of Creditors: W. Plant
7 Jul 1817	2c	Bankruptcies: R. Plant
14 Jul 1817	2b	Bankruptcies: B. Plant
21 Dec 1822	3b	Civil Actions: Edwards v. Plant and others
20 Oct 1824	2a	Bankruptcies: Uriah Plant
7 Nov 1825	3d	Criminal Trials: Stephen Plant, for assault
26 May 1831	3f	Criminal Trials: Jos. Plant Stevens, for stealing
30 Oct 1833	2f	Bankruptcies: Hannah Plant
6 Feb 1835	3f	Civil Actions: Stennett v. Plant
22 Aug 1836	4a	Criminal Trials: Louisa Plant & another, for murder
22 Aug 1836	4a	Murders: Edw. Plant
20 Jul 1839	3f	Civil Actions: Marples v. Plant
9 Aug 1839	7f	Inquests: Geo. Plant, killed by a fall from a horse
19 Aug 1843	4d	Bankruptcies: Edw. Plant
23 Aug 1843	3e	Bankruptcies: Edw. Plant
17 Apr 1844	4d	Bankruptcies: Wm. Plant
20 Apr 1844	4c	Bankruptcies: Wm. Plant
11 Dec 1845	7b	Police: Bridget Plant, for assault
10 Jul 1847	7b	Criminal Trials: John Plant, for assault
13 Oct 1849	4a	Bankruptcies: Geo. Plant
20 May 1850	8d	Police: Joseph Plant, for attempted rape
3 Jun 1850	7e	Police: Joseph Plant, for attempted rape
19 Jun 1851	1d	Next of kin, person wanted, John Plant
20 Jul 1853	8a	Civil Actions: Ford & others v. Plant
27 Jul 1853	4e	Bankruptcies: C. J. Plant
2 Apr 1855	9d	Civil Actions: Wilkes v. Plant
3 Apr 1855	11f	Civil Actions: Wilkes v. Plant
25 Jun 1855	11d	Civil Actions: Wilkes v. Plant
5 Feb 1856	9c	Civil Actions: Plant v. Oxford, Worcester and Wolverhampton Railway
15 Oct 1856	11e	Police: Edw. Plant, for smoke nuisance
21 Apr 1857	11c	Civil Actions: Stern v. Plant & another
15 Dec 1857	11a	Civil Actions: Plant & another v. Gavila
17 Dec 1857	8f	Criminal Trials: Ann Plant, for murder
14 Mar 1859	10e	Criminal Trials: Geo. Plant, for murder

16 Feb 1860	11d	Civil Actions: Plant & others v. Cotterill & others
5 Jun 1861	11b	Civil Actions: Harris v. Plant
8 Jul 1861	11c	Civil Actions: Plant v. Taylor
5 Apr 1862	5a	Bankruptcies: Thos. Plant
10 Sep 1862	6a	Bankruptcies: Reuben Plant
29 Nov 1862	6b	Bankruptcies: Wm. Plant
29 Nov 1862	11d	Bankruptcy Court: Reuben Plant
14 Feb 1863	8b	Bankruptcies: Chas. Plant
30 Mar 1863	11b	Civil Actions: Joy v. Plant
14 Oct 1863	4b	Bankruptcies: John Plant
19 Dec 1863	6a	Bankruptcies: T. E. Plant
8 Nov 1865	4b	Bankruptcies: John Plant
17 Feb 1866	6a	Bankruptcies: J. D. Plant
7 Nov 1866	7f	Bankruptcies: Stubbs & Plant
7 Jul 1867	9e	Bankruptcies: Frank Plant
7 Mar 1868	11d	Civil Actions: Plant v. Rawsom
18 Mar 1868	11e	Police: Robert, Thomas & David Plant, horse stealing
5 May 1868	11b	Civil Actions: Plant v. Brandon
13 Feb 1869	7b	Bankruptcies: James Plant
13 Feb 1869	7b	Bankruptcies: John Plant
11 Nov 1869	4d	Inquests: James Plant, who died in the St. Pancras Infirmary
19 Nov 1870	11f	Divorce Court: Plant v. Plant & Love
5 Sep 1871	9c	Police: Edw. Plant, for picking a pocket
16 Dec 1872	11c	Civil Actions: Plant v. Pearman
17 Dec 1872	10e	Civil Actions: Plant v. Pearman
20 Dec 1872	10e	Civil Actions: Plant v. Pearman
29 Jul 1873	11e	Police: --Plant, for drunkenness
15 Sep 1873	10a	Police: Charlotte Plant, for robbery
24 Sep 1873	7a	British Association, John Plant on mechanical science
15 Oct 1873	8d	Bankruptcies: Thomas Plant
25 Jul 1874	11d	Civil Actions: Malkin v. Plant
5 Sep 1874	5b	Police: Isaac Plant, for selling bad hams
18 Nov 1874	8c	Bankruptcies: Thos. Plant
28 Dec 1874	10d	Police: Geo. Plant, for burglary
2 Jun 1875	7f	Bankruptcies: Jas. Plant
7 Jul 1875	14a	Criminal Trials: --Plant, for horse stealing
26 Jun 1876	7a	Plant Bros. Ltd
27 Mar 1877	7f	Suspensions: Plant Bros Ltd, of Birmingham
16 Apr 1877	11e	Civil Actions: re. Plant Bros. & Co
20 Jun 1877	11e	Divorce Court: Plant v. Plant
23 Jan 1878	8c	Bankruptcies: J. Plant
13 Dec 1878	11e	Civil Actions: Plant & wife v. Pease & others
6 Mar 1879	4e	Divorce court: Plant v. Plant
16 Jul 1879	10f	Inquests: Mr Plant, found dead in his bed from poison
23 Jul 1879	9b	Bankruptcies: T. W. & Joseph Plant
5 Feb 1880	10f	Inquests: Emma Plant, died suddenly through tight lacing
18 Nov 1880	10f	Murders: Mrs Plant, by husband, at Hull, who afterwards committed suicide
19 Nov 1880	11a	Inquests: Plant, a suicide
19 Nov 1880	11a	Inquests: the wife of the above, murder
8 Jul 1881	4b	Civil Actions: ex Parte Hayward re Plant
10 Oct 1881	10c	Inquests: John Plant, killed in a prize fight
24 Feb 1882	11b	Suspensions: Hill, M'Master & Plant, of Manchester
1 Mar 1882	6a	Bankruptcies: Hill, M'Master & Plant
3 May 1882	10c	Inquests: Louisa Plant, killed on the railway
30 Nov 1882	3d	Civil Actions: Plant v. Cheadle Valley Coal and Iron Co
1 Sep 1883	9f	Deaths: Thos. Plant
24 Nov 1883	7e	Bankruptcies: Alfred Plant
20 Dec 1883	2f	Police: Wm Plant & another for attempted felony
5 Mar 1884	12d	Bankruptcies: Geo. Plant
13 Sep 1884	7f	Bankruptcies: Thos. Plant
20 Sep 1884	12e	Bankruptcies: Thos. Plant
27 Sep 1884	11f	Bankruptcies: Thos. Plant
27 Nov 1884	7c	Bankruptcies: Thos. Plant
3 Jan 1887	4e	Police: --Plant, for fraud
4 Jul 1888	11f	Bankruptcies: Plant, Smith
14 Jan 1889	3d	Bankruptcy Court: Dale and Plant (Ltd)
22 Jun 1889	6f	Civil Actions: Dale & Plant (Ltd)

20 Dec 1889	3d	Civil Actions: Dale & Plant (Ltd)
10 Nov 1890	3c	Civil Actions: Plant v. Potts
12 Nov 1890	3e	Civil Actions: Plant v. Potts
3 Dec 1890	13d	Bankruptcies: Wm. Plant
18 Dec 1890	5b	Civil Actions: Civil Actions: Plant v. Potts
28 Mar 1891	9b	Bankruptcies: Frederick Plant
28 Apr 1892	5f	Police: John Plant & his daughter, for selling adulterated butter
29 Jun 1892	12d	Bankruptcies: Wm. Plant
25 Aug 1892	3f	Police: Richard Plant, for violent assault on his daughter
9 Nov 1892	6d	Deaths: Jas. Plant
12 Nov 1892	11e	Bankruptcies: Walter Henry Plant
15 Apr 1893	15a	Civil Actions: re Parkinson ex parte Plant
2 Dec 1893	11c	Bankruptcies: G. H. Plant
10 Jan 1894	5f	Deaths: John Plant
22 Sep 1894	7e	Bankruptcies: Thos. Plant
26 Jan 1895	7e	Bankruptcies: Alfred Plant
11 Jul 1896	10d	Bankruptcies: Jas. Plant
8 Aug 1896	11e	Bankruptcies: J. H. Plant
25 Jun 1897	4a	Civil Actions: Plant v. Bourne
23 Oct 1897	14c	Bankruptcies: Alfred Plant
27 Oct 1897	11c	Bankruptcies: John Plant
31 Jul 1899	7f	Civil Actions: Plant v. Brown
25 Nov 1899	13e	Bankruptcies: Thos. Plant Lowe
2 Jun 1900	5f	Bankruptcies: R. Plant & Co
16 Oct 1900	4d	Deaths: Rev. S. Plant
16 Nov 1900	12d	Civil Actions: Bailey v. Plant
29 Apr 1901	3b	Civil Actions: Bailey v. Plant
11 May 1901	13f	Bankruptcies: R. Plant and sons
16 Sep 1901	6d	Bankruptcies: Geo. Plant
16 Oct 1901	10d	Bankruptcies: Alfred Plant
4 Sep 1902	8b	Deaths: Colonel E. C. Plant
7 Jan 1903	12f	Police: G. J. Plant, for wounding
9 Jun 1904	17a	Police: Fredk Plant & wife, for drunkenness
6 Jul 1904	10c	Bankruptcies: Albert Clarence S. Plant
30 Oct 1904	12a	Companies: Plant, Green and Manton
29 Mar 1905	12f	Bankruptcies: Geo. Plant
23 Sep 1905	12c	Bankruptcies: Enoce Plant
24 Jul 1862	13a	Civil Actions: Johnson & another v. Plante
16 Jul 1869	11b	Bankruptcy Court: Sleeman and Plante, for discharge
10 Jul 1877	4f	Francis Plante at the concert at the French Embassy
9 Jan 1878	6a	M. Plante engraving on glass
28 May 1889	10d	Deaths: M. Gaston Plante
16 May 1900	4e	Bankruptcies: H. W. Plante
12 Sep 1900	12d	Bankruptcies: A. H. Plant

WKP note:

Within the above list there are a number of references that immediately come to mind – for e.g.

1. *20 October 1824 2a Bankruptcies – Uriah Plant*

I have a lot of information on this Plant, as I have a copy of a book he had published entitled ‘The Principal Events of My Life’. He lived in Middlewich and according to his book he lent a considerable amount of money to a relative in Stockport, which was never re-paid.

2. *10 October 1881 10e Inquests – John Plant, killed in a prizefight*

I wonder if this is the same J Plant who, according to ‘FISTIANA’ The Oracle of the Ring – Results of Prize Battles beat? Platt at £5/side over 10 rounds at Mow Cop, Cheshire on

12 March 1841 by Butting. However, the dates don't tie up – may be father and son.

3. *30 November 1881 3d Civil Actions – Plant v Cheadle Valley Coal & Iron Co.*

This refers, I suspect, to Robert Plant of Cheadle Staffordshire who was an entrepreneur through the second half of the 19th century. One of his enterprises was Birches Colliery which, in 1881, ran into serious geological difficulties which caused its closure. He was also very interested in railways and, it is said, became one of the leading citizens of Cheadle. There is still a street in Cheadle called Plant Street. An article relating to his achievements was included in Journal No. 1.

4. *2 June 1900 2f Bankruptcies – R Plant & Co.*

This may relate to item 3 above – Robert did at one stage file for bankruptcy.

5. *22 August 1836 4a Criminal Trials – Louisa Plant + another for murder.*
6. *17 December 1857 8f Criminal Trials – Ann Plant for murder.*
7. *14 March 1859 10e Criminal Trials – Geo. Plant for murder.*
8. *5 February 1880 10f Inquests – Emma Plant, died suddenly through tight lacing.*
9. *4 September 1902 8b Death – Col. E C Plant.*

Therefore, on behalf of the members, I have asked Brad if it would be possible for him to provide additional information on these specific cases.

The items relating to the names Plant and Plante and listed in Journal No. 17 under, Summary of Items breaks down into the following categories: -

109	Civil actions, business, bankruptcies
25	criminal, murders etc
8	inquests
6	deaths
3	divorce
3	other
154	TOTAL

The bulk of the index entries are notices and bankruptcies and legal notices of civil actions, further details of which will be available from central archives, which are probably held at the PRO. The three items below illustrate the type of information that can be gleaned from the newspaper. The records of bankruptcy merely note the name of the bankrupt and the dates on which the hearings will take place:

20 October 1824 (2a)

BANKRUPTS

Uriah Plant, Wharton, Cheshire, flour-dealer, Oct. 29, 30, Nov. 30, at the Crown Inn, Northwich: solicitor, Mr Hostage, Northwich.

Details of the civil actions are more extensive, though do not uniquely identify the parties to the cases, so further work in the relevant archives will be necessary:

7 March 1868

Norfolk Circuit, Northampton, 6 March

Nisi Prius Court [Before Mr Baron Martin and a Common Jury]

Plant v. Rawsom

This was an action for breach of promise of marriage.

Mr Bulwer, Q.C., and Mr Merewether appeared for the plaintiff: Mr O'Malley, Q.C. for the defendant. From the evidence of the plaintiff's witnesses, as well as from the defendant's letters, there was no doubt about the fact that the defendant (who was proved to be a haberdasher and general dealer in a good way of business) had engaged himself to the plaintiff, and had afterwards broken the engagement by marrying another woman. The real question in dispute, therefore, was one of damages, and as to this it was urged for the plaintiff that, besides the injury to her feelings, she was entitled to substantial damages for loss of position as the defendant's wife, and of business, she having at the defendant's request given up her employment as dressmaker.

The jury found a verdict for the plaintiff, with 75 /. Damages.

15 December 1857

Court of Common Pleas, Second Court

(Before Mr Justice Cresswell and a Common Jury)

Plant and Another V. Gavila

Mr Serjeant Pigott and Mr Holland appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr Honyman for the defendant.

This was an action on a special agreement, by which the defendant, who is a Spanish fruit merchant residing at Denia, in Spain, undertook to consign goods to the plaintiffs, who are fruit brokers, carrying on business in Fenchurch-street, and to no other persons, and to pay commission upon orders which they should obtain for him. The plaintiffs proved that they had given orders, but that their commission had not been paid to them; also that the defendant had consigned goods to other persons than the plaintiffs. The plaintiffs also sued for money paid by them for the defendant. The defendant, by his pleas, traversed the breaches and his liability. After hearing the plaintiff's witnesses and a long correspondence read the jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff's for 728 /., the defendant having leave to move the Court to reduce the damages by 126 /.

Reports of inquests are well illustrated by the following:

10 October 1881

The Fatal Prize Fight

The inquiry into the death of John Plant, who was killed at a recent prize fight at Coventry, was concluded on Saturday. A witness stated that there was no 'sparring' in the fight; it was a regular bulldog affair. The post-mortem examination showed three broken ribs, nose completely smashed, effusion of blood on the brain, and shocking confusions on the chest and head. Dr. Wimberley expressed his opinion that no man could break another's ribs with his fists unless he was held or propped up, but witnesses denied that the deceased was so supported. A verdict of 'Manslaughter' against Arnold, the man who fought with the deceased, was returned.

The only Plant-related items in the database that have not been included in the list in the Appendix are the regular meteorological columns contributed by Thomas Plant. Further information about his person can be gleaned from the *Dictionary of National Biography CD-Rom*, which notes that Thomas Livesley Plant, 1819-83, meteorologist, was the son of George Halewood Plant, iron merchant, and his wife, Ann Livesley. He was born in Low Moor Bradford, and educated at St Cuthberts College, near Durham. Between 1849 and 1881 he represented WH Smith, advertising contractors in Birmingham. 21st June 1845 married Jane Horne. He kept systematic meteorological records for the last 46 years of his life, and presented papers at the British Association in 1862 and 1865. He wrote *Meteorology: its study important for our good* (1862), and contributed many notices to *The Times* and other newspapers.

It is hoped to include in subsequent Journals details on the following cases:

5 Sept 1874 Police: Isaac Plant for selling bad hams – Sheffield Corporation.

- 18 Mar 1868 Police: Robert, Thomas-David Plant, horse stealing – Tooting – Peckham.
- 17 Dec 1857 Criminal Trials : Ann Plant for murder – Sedgley, Wolverhampton.
- 14 Mar 1859 Criminal Trials: George Plant for murder of William Wilson of Sheffield.
- 22 Aug 1836 Criminal Trial – Louisa Plant and another for murder of Edward Plant of Macclesfield.

