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## BUNHILL FIELDS CEMETERY

The Protestant Congregational movement began in 1582 in England during the Puritan reformation. At this time there were still two distinct portions: that to the south is labelled 'Tindall's Ground', that to the north 'Burial Ground'.

### History of the Bunhill Fields Burial Ground (1902)

The Corporation of London's lease was due to expire in 1867 and the freehold passed to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England and there were fears that the land might be used for building or other secular purposes. The area was severely bombed in World War II.

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By the 20th century, Blake's grave was in disrepair; and in 1927, for the centenary of his death and at a time when his reputation was on the rise, a new headstone was commissioned. In 1779 we published a catalogue of 12,000 volumes. An important factor shaping the parishes' response to the problems of epidemic burial was the strong popular attachment to traditional practices: the individual funeral and interment, in which the family played an important role; the attendance of friends and neighbours; the desire for commemoration.

### The Hill of Bones: the story of Bunhill Fields

On the south side of the Abbey are the large and small cloisters, with their grass plots and their ancient stones, while, according to Brayley, a part of Covent Garden Market is on the site of what used to be the burial-ground of the Westminster Convent. If you are uncertain where your ancestor was buried then the free website is recommended.

### Burial ground of Bunyan, Defoe and Blake earns protected status

Brief Description Bunhill Fields is a Nonconformist burial ground of the 1660s. That the place was not used for the especial purpose for which it was consecrated, we have Maitland's authority. Receipt Book for Interments, Christmas, 1839, to Michaelmas, 1851.



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