



## **Stage Hypnotism, Mesmerism, Hypnotherapy and Past Life Regression in the British Library Collections: Some of my favourite hypnotic items and how to find them**

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**See my residency blog (<http://christophergreen.tumblr.com/>) for images  
of some of these items**

### **Evanion Collection**

**Catalogue with digitised images at: <http://www.bl.uk/catalogues/evanion/Default.aspx>**

Poster: 'Oxford Hall, Ilfracombe. Miss Anne de Montford The Psychological Star, 1881'  
Shelfmark: Evan.260

Poster: 'Music Hall, Barnstaple. Miss Annie De Montford's Mesmeric Seances, 1881'  
Shelfmark: Evan.517

Advertisement: 'To-night. The acknowledged and undisputed star Miss Annie De Montford, 1881'  
Shelfmark: Evan.1781

### **Sheet music**

**See Explore the British Library:**

**[http://explore.bl.uk/primo\\_library/libweb/action/search.do?vid=BLVU1](http://explore.bl.uk/primo_library/libweb/action/search.do?vid=BLVU1)**

'How I Mesmerise 'Em'. Written and Composed by Harry Castling.  
London: Francis, Day & Hunter, [1893]  
Shelfmark: H.3980.h.(23.)

'It Must Have Been Svengali in Disguise'. Words by Vincent Bryan, Music by Harry von Tilzer.  
[New York]: Harry von Tilzer Music Pub. Co, [1902.]  
Shelfmark: H.3988.b.(33.)

'That Hypnotising Man'. Words by Lew Brown, Music by Albert von Tilzer.  
New York: York Music Co, [1911]  
Shelfmark: H.3991.aa.(33.)

### **Sound recordings**

**See the Sound & Moving Image Catalogue:**

**<http://cadensa.bl.uk/uhtbin/cgiirsi/?ps=EzYjVLj9Qp/WORKS-FILE/0/49>**

**Recordings can be accessed onsite by appointment with the Listening & Viewing Service:  
<http://www.bl.uk/reshelp/inrooms/stp/sound/listening.html>**

'An Investigation into Re incarnation'. An experiment conducted by Henry Blythe, a professional consultant hypnotist, into the previous existences of Mrs Naomi Henry, a 32-year old Exeter housewife, whilst she was in a trance induced by hypnosis. Introduction by Dr William C. Minifie. Torquay, 1956.

Recording: 1LP0108743 S1-2 ORIOLE

### **Patent collection**

See <http://www.bl.uk/reshelp/findhelpsubject/busmanlaw/ip/ippatents/patents.html> for more information.

Various patents for 'Hypnotising Machines', 'Sleep Inducing Machines' and 'Hypnotic Sleep Inducing Machines'. Patent database can be searched free of charge onsite at the British Library.

### **Printed books and pamphlets**

See **Explore the British Library:**

[http://explore.bl.uk/primo\\_library/libweb/action/search.do?vid=BLVU1](http://explore.bl.uk/primo_library/libweb/action/search.do?vid=BLVU1)

*Lectures on True and False Hypnotism, or Mesmerism*

Horatio Prater

London, 1851

Shelfmark: 7410.b.11.

*What is Mesmerism and What its Concomitants Clairvoyance and Necromancy?*

[F. Sitwell]

London: Bosworth & Harrison, 1862. Second edition, enlarged.

Shelfmark: 7410.a.21

*The Secret of Mesmerism. With Full Instructions How to Mesmerise... By a Physician*

Anon

Manchester: J Heywood, 1886

Shelfmark: 7306.de.24.(15.)

*How to Hypnotise, Including The Whole Art of Mesmerism*

John Barter

London: Simpkin & Marshall [1890]

Shelfmark: 7306.de.40.(2.)

*Handbook of Hypnotism and Mesmerism*

Dr Vint

Leeds: Harrison and Waide, 1891

Shelfmark: W8/6815

*Hymns: Ancient and Modern*

London: William Clowes & Sons [1891]

Shelfmark: 3441.r.39

*Human Magnetism or, How to Hypnotise. A Practical Handbook for Students of Mesmerism*

James Coates

London: George Redway, 1897

Shelfmark: 7410.eee.1.

*Secrets of Stage Hypnotism, Stage Electricity and Bloodless Surgery*

J F Burrows

London: G Routledge & Sons [1912]

Shelfmark: 7911.b.27.

*Freud and Hypnosis*  
Milton Kline  
New York: Julian Press, 1958  
Shelfmark: 7410.pp.43

*Foundations of Hypnosis*  
Maurice M. Tinterow  
Springfield: Charles C Thomas, 1970  
Shelfmark: x.320/3370

*The Truth About Hypnotism*  
Henry Blythe  
Gloucester: British Publishing, 1971  
Shelfmark: X.319/4322.

*You Have Been Here Before: A psychologist looks at past lives*  
Edith Fiore  
London: Sphere, 1980  
Shelfmark: X.529/37226

*Reliving Past Lives: The evidence under hypnosis*  
Helen Wambach  
London: Arrow Books, 1980  
Shelfmark: X.529/39535

*A Practical Guide to Past Life Regression*  
Florence Wagner McClain  
St Paul, MN: Llewellyn Publications, 1986  
Shelfmark: 8706060

*Past-life Regression: How to Learn From the Lives You Have Lived*  
Ursula Markham  
London: Vega, 2003  
Shelfmark: YK.2005.a.13234

*Soul Visioning: Clear the Past, Create Your Future*  
Susan Wisehart  
Woodbury: Llewellyn, 2008  
Shelfmark: YK.2009.a.24830