

## HISTORY OF STAPLE INN: SOME FURTHER READING

Day, Archibald (1887). Opening address by the President, *Journal of the Institute of Actuaries* **27**, **January 1888**, pp. 1-30. Address delivered 28 November 1887.  
First main history of Staple Inn, its constructors, first and succeeding occupants by the then President as the Institute commenced its residence of Staple Inn Hall for its office in November 1887.

Guaschi, Frank E. (1994). 'The Old Staple Inn'. *The Actuary* (1994) **September**, p. 30 Library: (16051)  
The author recalls destruction of Staple Inn by V1 flying bomb in August 1944. Photograph 1944.

Hewitt, Cecil A. (1980). *English historic carpentry*. Phillimore, 1980. Chapter 8. 'Examples of the Renaissance and after (1581 to 1890). Staple Inn, High Holborn, London'. 1980. 4p. Library: EZG pam lrm [photocopy] (99)  
Study of the front Holborn facade to Staple Inn and the Hall as an example of restoration efforts in respect of original construction and timbers. Illustration of elevation, n.d.

Institute of Actuaries (1929). Photograph of the Old Hall interior. *Institute of Actuaries Yearbook 1929-1930*, frontispiece.  
This photograph of the Old Hall is dated after restoration work to the roof timbers during 1922-1923.

Institute of Actuaries. (1887). Report of Council, 4 June 1887. *Journal of the Institute of Actuaries* **26**, July 1887, p. 406.  
The President, Archibald Day, formally announces that the Institute is to establish its own offices at Staple Inn Hall, by agreement with the owners, the Prudential Assurance Company.

Institute of Actuaries (1955). *Return to Staple Inn*. London, 1955. 13 p. Library: EZG/6 pam / erm (225)  
Commemorative brochure celebrating the return of the Institute of Actuaries to the Hall and offices, restored as near to its original construction after suffering total bomb damage in August 1944. Numerous photographs of Hall and office interiors, as restored, 1955.

Institute of Actuaries (1973). 'The home of the Institute', *Institute of Actuaries Yearbook 1973-1974*, pp. 12-15.  
Account of formal offices for the Institute of Actuaries from 1848 until it entered Staple Inn Hall in 1887, its residence there from 1887 to 1944, venues used from 1944 to 1955, then from its return in 1955 to date (1973). Restoration work against 'Death watch' beetle with insertion of steel girders was undertaken in 1922-1923; then to the front Holborn facade in 1936.

Institute of Actuaries (1956). 'Homecoming to Staple Inn', *Journal of the Institute of Actuaries* **82**, pp. 1-2  
Report on the celebrations for the Institute's return to Staple Inn Hall after the completion of restoration work following wartime destruction of the Hall.

Institute of Actuaries (1956). *Staple Inn Hall and the actuarial profession*. London, [1956?]. Library: EZD/6 pam erm (8874)  
Leaflet promoting the actuarial profession and Staple Inn restored as the home of the Institute, 1856.

Martin Ashley Architects (1997). *Staple Inn refurbishment works for the Institute of Actuaries April 1996 - January 1997*. 1997  
Outline of the last full refurbishment of the Hall since 1955 by the architects overseeing the project.

Menzler, F.A.A.(1930) 'Staple Inn', *Institute of Actuaries Yearbook 1930-1931*, 7-10  
Summary of Archibald Day's history of Staple Inn, from his Presidential Address of 1887 - here  
prefaced by Charles Dickens' description of Staple Inn in *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*, c. 1870.

Ogborn, Maurice E (1964). *Staple Inn*. London: Institute of Actuaries, 1964. 27 p.  
Library: EZG/6 pam / lrm (224)

Special booklet of the history of Staple Inn published on the occasion of the 17th International  
Congress of Actuaries, London and Edinburgh, 1964.

Illustration by J. Crowther of the Hall interior including central dais, 1882.

Phelps, W.P. (1923) 'Staple Inn Hall', *Journal of the Institute of Actuaries* **54**, July  
**1923**, p. 17.

Report at the President at the Ordinary General Meeting of 26 February, 1923 of the Institute's return  
to Staple Inn following restoration work to the roof timbers after damage by 'Death Watch' beetle.

Rich, E. E. (1937). *The Ordinance book of the merchants of the Staple*. Cambridge  
University Press, 1937. 210 p. Library: EZG/6 erm (223)

Simmonds, Reginald Claud (1945). 'The Old Hall at Staple Inn', *Journal of the  
Institute of Actuaries* **72**, 1946, pp. 151-153.

Report of direct bomb attack on Staple Inn Hall, August 1944, with first-hand witness accounts and  
extent of damage to interior furnishings and artefacts. Four photographs of the damaged Hall appear  
between pages 138 and 139.

Simmonds, Reginald Claud (1948). *The Institute of Actuaries 1848-1948: an account  
of the Institute of Actuaries during its first hundred years*. Cambridge University  
Press, 1948. 318 p. Library: EZG/6 lrm (228)

This history includes how the Institute first established offices at Staple Inn in 1887 and undertook its  
responsibilities to care for, maintain and restore the building. At this time of its history, the Institute had  
to continue its business at alternative venues following the war destruction of the Hall in 1944 only to  
return 11 years later in 1955. Illustrations of Staple Inn exterior, the Hall interior, (p. 136 - duplicate of  
*Yearbook 1929-1930* photograph), gifts, memorial and furnishings.

Charles Sparrow (1998). *The fayrest Inne*. Gray's Inn Reading 1998. *British Actuarial  
Journal* **4**, pp. 1059-1069

History of Staple Inn and its relationship as daughter Inn of Chancery to Gray's Inn. This paper is the  
reading given by Charles Sparrow Q.C. revived as a tradition from Staple Inn's day as an Inn of  
Chancery.

Williams, E (1906). *Staple Inn. Customs house, wool court and Inn of Chancery: its  
medieval surroundings and associations*. London: Archibald Constable, 1906.

Detailed genealogical account of the tenants of Staple Inn mainly recounting the period before 1887  
serving the wool-trade, customs officers of the Ordinance, then initiates to the law at the Inns of Court.  
Etching of the Old Hall interior, p. 104.

Wood, Charles Florestan (1956). Address by the President. *Journal of the Institute of  
Actuaries* **83** 1957. Address delivered 22 October 1956.

Contains description of Staple Inn until 1944 including floor plans for periods 1903-1944 and 1956.

Worsfold, T Cato (1903). *Staple Inn and its story*. London: Henry Bumpus, 1903.  
130 p. Library: EZG/6 erm (215)

First dedicated history of Staple Inn and its first proprietors - first records of the address dating 1232,  
then an assembly point for the wool trade (staple being the term for wool) in the 14th century, its  
residence from 1581 by entrants to the legal profession up until the time when the Institute of Actuaries  
continued its role as a home for a profession based on scientific learning. Illustration of Staple Inn Hall  
interior (p. 76).