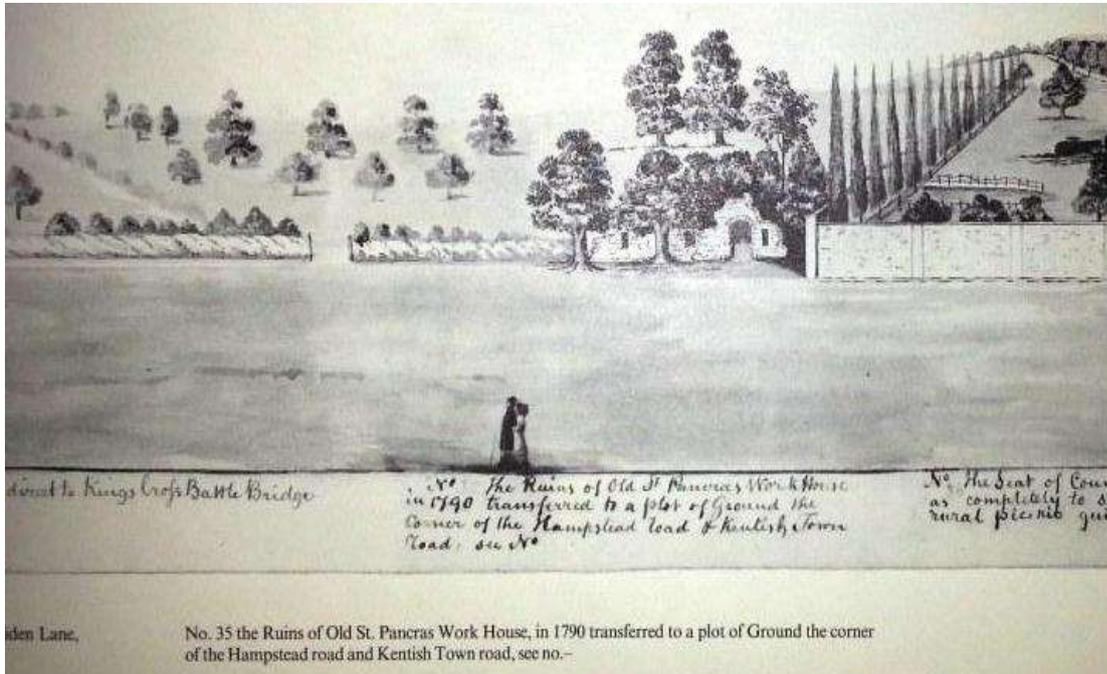


The St Pancras parish workhouse

The St Pancras vestry records in 1772 describe the workhouse as in 'a very ruinous state.' A Parliamentary report of 1777 recorded a parish workhouse in operation in St Pancras for up to 120 inmates.

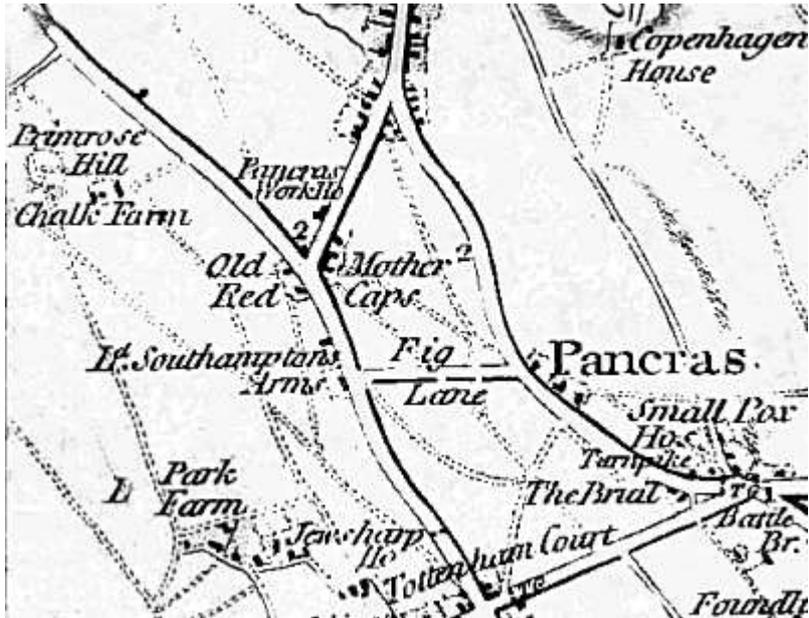


James King's Panorama dating to the times around 1800 (although drawn later) show the 'ruins' of the St Pancras Work House on the north east side of Kings Road adjacent to Mr Agars land (the St Paul's prebend).

In **1788** the parish took a lease on property at the junction of Highgate and Hampstead Roads. This is also shown on the Panorama:



Second St Pancras workhouse, Camden Town,



St Pancras workhouse site, 1786

'The building itself, formerly a gentleman's mansion and later an inn, had a stately four-storey main block, a fair-sized chapel, and an "engine room", all surrounded by a six-foot high wall.'

The second workhouse premises were sold in 1818

By 1809, a replacement workhouse had been erected at the east side of King's Road (renamed St Pancras Way in 1937). A view of the building in 1817 showed it as: "a row of small houses, with a high red-brick wall in front, through which is an entrance gate surmounted by a lamp."



Collage 17879 View of St Pancras Workhouse, with St Pancras Vestry Hall in the foreground Anon (1853)



Collage 17877 View of St Pancras new workhouse, near the Veterinary College Robert Banks (1814).¹



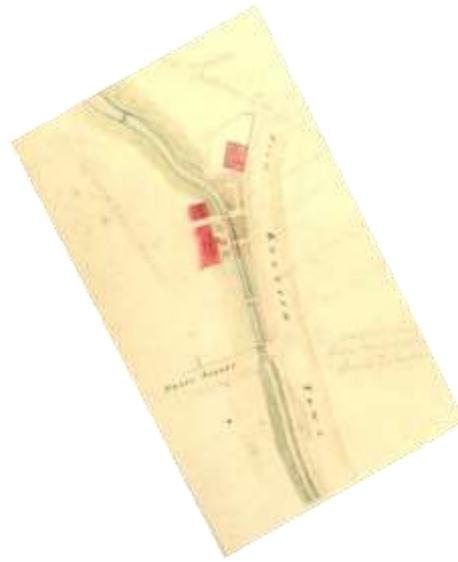
View of the Workhouse – in the distance on the left side²

¹ London Metropolitan Archives, Robert Banks (1814) Collage image no. 17787

² London Metropolitan Archives, Unknown artist. Collage image no. 17845



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River Fleet map, London Metropolitan

A map of around 1813 (there is an approximate course for the Regent's canal) shows buildings close to the Fleet and St Pancras Way, which could be the group in the picture, and which have a view south-east to the workhouse. The buildings are also shown in a contemporary (1817) map of the Fleet.

After the 1834 Poor Law Amendment Act, the parish continued using its existing workhouse at King's Road.