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## PORTSMOUTH – THE OLD TOWN

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From small prehistoric beginnings along the shores of today's Camber, the story of Old Portsmouth as a settled community commences in the last years of the twelfth century, coinciding perhaps with the building of the church of St Thomas around 1185. Its heyday, however, coincided with the glories of England's Naval power when its narrow streets and characterful buildings echoed to the cries of sailors and the commerce they brought with them. Although huge damage was done in the Second World War, much remains at the heart of today's great city of Portsmouth to remind us of its rich past.

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**Peter Rogers** was brought up in Portsmouth between the Wars, listening to tales of the Old Town from his grandfather. This is his second book for Halsgrove, following *The Book of Havant*.



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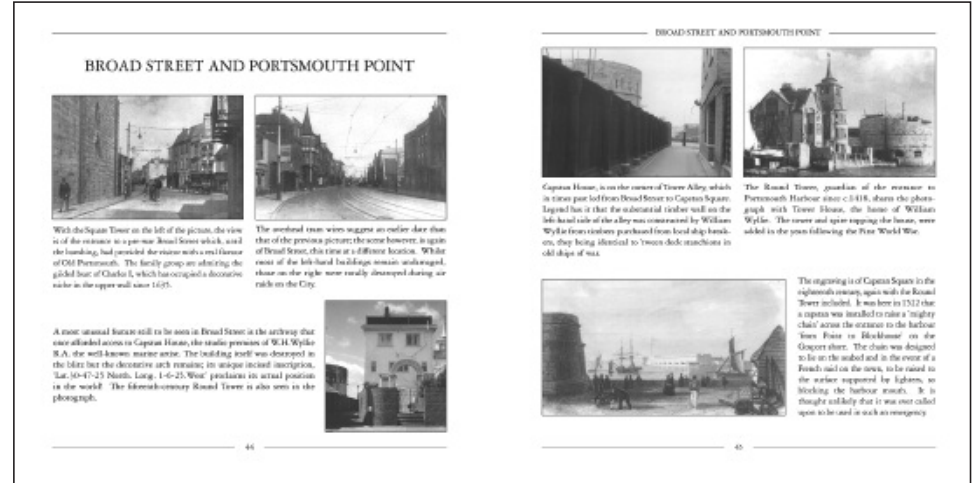
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John Pounds' house in St Mary's Street.

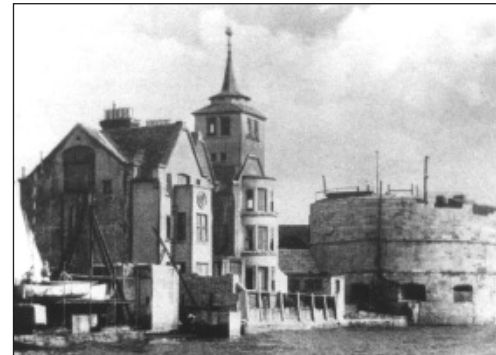
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Example of a double page spread.



Horse trams were introduced into the old town in 1874



Above: The Round Tower, guardian of the entrance to Portsmouth Harbour since c.1418, shares the photograph with Tower House.

Above right: This unusual view shows the floating bridge approaching the Portsmouth shore.

Right: King James's Gate built across Broad Street c.1687.

