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# 143 - A WORLD FAMOUS ADDRESS - SEPTEMBER, 2023



WELCOME TO TOPIC NUMBER # 143... TODAY WE WILL  
BE LOOKING AT 221B BAKER STREET, OUR ADDRESS  
WHERE WE RESIDED DURING OUR STORIES.





*WITHIN A DAY OF MEETING, YOU AND I MOVED INTO  
221B BAKER STREET.*



AT THE TIME THAT ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE WROTE  
THEIR FIRST ADVENTURE (A STUDY IN SCARLET),  
THIS ADDRESS DID NOT EXIST... THE NUMBERS  
ON BAKER STREET ONLY WENT INTO THE 100s AT  
THE TIME.

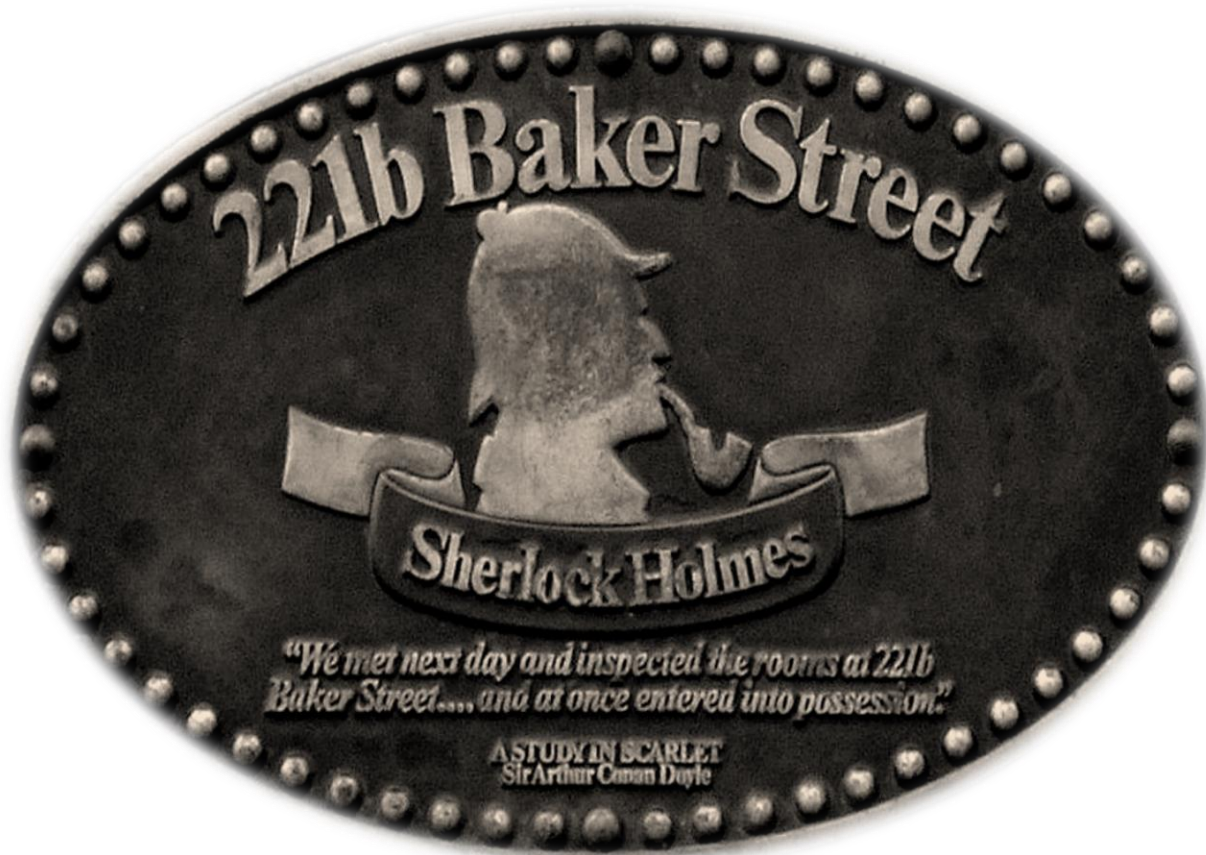


THE STREET WAS RENUMBERED IN THE 1930s, AND  
THE ABBEY NATIONAL BUILDING SOCIETY WAS  
GIVEN THE ADDRESS 221 BAKER STREET.





ALMOST IMMEDIATELY, THE POSTAL SERVICE  
BEGAN DELIVERING MAIL ADDRESSED TO ME AT  
THIS ADDRESS... THE NUMBER OF LETTERS WAS  
GREAT ENOUGH THE BANK HIRED A FULL-TIME  
SECRETARY TO ANSWER IT ALL.





*MOST OF THE TIME, THE SECRETARY EXPLAINED THAT I WAS NO LONGER AT THE ADDRESS... I HAD RETIRED TO RAISE BEES IN SUSSEX.*





IN 1990, THE SHERLOCK HOLMES MUSEUM OPENED  
DOWN THE STREET AT 239 BAKER STREET... WITH  
THE HELP OF HIS MOTHER, MR. JOHN AIDINIANTZ  
PURCHASED THE TOWNHOUSE THERE.



IT WAS VERY MUCH LIKE THE HOME WHERE WE  
WOULD HAVE RENTED THEIR ROOMS... ABOUT  
70,000 VISITORS GO TO THE MUSEUM EACH YEAR  
TO SEE THE RE-CREATED ROOMS.



THERE ARE OUR BEDROOMS, THE MAIN SITTING ROOM WITH A FIREPLACE AND YOUR CHEMICAL TABLE, AND EVEN A VICTORIAN BATHROOM.





OVER THE MANTLE, HELD BY A PENKNIFE, ARE  
THE LETTERS THAT NOW ARRIVE FOR ME TO  
THE MUSEUM.





**THE MUSEUM FOUGHT WITH THE ABBEY  
NATIONAL OVER WHO SHOULD GET THE MAIL  
UNTIL 2002 WHEN THE BANK MOVED OUT.**



THE MUSEUM GOT PERMISSION FROM THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER (WHERE BAKER STREET IS) TO USE THE ADDRESS 221B BAKER STREET, AND NOW ALL THE LETTERS GO THERE.

Mr Sherlock Holmes  
221B Baker Street  
London  
United Kingdom





*THIS IS NOT THE ONLY COPY OF OUR APARTMENTS...  
A SECOND CAN BE FOUND IN LONDON AT THE  
SHERLOCK HOLMES PUB, WHICH INCLUDES ITEMS  
LIKE THE DESK AND CHAIR DOYLE USED WHEN  
WRITING SOME OF HIS STORIES.*



**SWITZERLAND BOASTS TWO APARTMENTS, AND DENMARK AND FRANCE EACH HAVE ONE... IF YOU CAN'T TRAVEL SO FAR, YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO VISIT BAKER STREET WEST IN JACKSON, CALIFORNIA.**



**LOCATED ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF HEIN & COMPANY BOOKSTORE, THERE'S A GROUP OF VICTORIAN SHOPS AND A REPLICA OF 221B OPEN ON THE WEEKENDS.**





*ANOTHER CAN BE FOUND ON THE FOURTH FLOOR OF  
THE WILSON LIBRARY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF  
MINNESOTA... THIS REPRODUCTION INCLUDES ITEMS  
MENTIONED IN THE ORIGINAL STORIES AS BEING IN  
OUR SITTING ROOM.*



**IN ALL, THE ROOMS ARE ARRANGED TO APPEAR AS IF WE HAD JUST LEFT AND WOULD RETURN SHORTLY... A VISITOR ALMOST FEELS THAT ONCE WE RETURN, YOU WOULD OFFER THE BASKET CHAIR TO HIM, READY TO LISTEN AS A NEW MYSTERY IS SHARED.**



*SO, WE HAVE COMPLETED TOPIC # 143 IN OUR SERIES...*

*IN TOPIC # 144, WE WILL BE LOOKING DOGS, OR CANINES, WHO WERE  
PORTRAYED IN OUR STORIES.*





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