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## Cover Picture

The picture shows the earliest known photograph of Mile End Old Town Vestry Hall and Offices. It is taken from a carte de visite photograph by the Bancroft Road studio of John Flaxman Denman & Co and probably dates from 1863 or 1864 as the studio moved to the south side of Mile End Road in 1865. The photographer has written on the mount beneath the image itself "Vestry Hall & Guardians Offices. Bancroft Road taken from our gates". The Vestry Hall now houses Tower Hamlets Local History Library (from 1902) & Archives and should be the first port of call for anyone researching the area. The earliest part of the present library building was completed in 1861 and extended in the 1930s. The terrace to the right survived until 1960.

Reverse of the picture with photographer's details

