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THE BASICS

A FLAT RUN FROM THE UNIVERSITY SPORTS CENTRE TO THE HISTORIC HEART OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL - ASHTON STREET AND THE UNIVERSITY'S VICTORIA BUILDING - THEN TO PEMBROKE PLACE AND THE UNIVERSITY'S WATERHOUSE BUILDING, FORMERLY LIVERPOOL ROYAL INFIRMARY, FOLLOWED BY A RETURN ROUTE TO THE SPORTS CENTRE AND ON TO HOPE STREET AND THE HAHNEMANN BUILDING, FORMERLY HAHNEMANN HOSPITAL, ENDING WITH A RETURN, VIA HOPE STREET AND OXFORD STREET, TO THE SPORTS CENTRE.

INTERESTS ALONG THE WAY

ASHTON STREET AND THE VICTORIA BUILDING - THE UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL STARTED ITS LIFE IN 1882 AS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, LIVERPOOL, IN PREMISES IN ASHTON STREET. IT MOVED IN 1892 TO THE PURPOSE BUILT VICTORIA BUILDING.

THE VICTORIA BUILDING WAS DESIGNED BY LIVERPOOL BORN ARCHITECT, ALFRED WATERHOUSE, WHOSE MANY VICTORIAN GOTHIC BUILDING DESIGNS ALSO INCLUDE THE LIVERPOOL ROYAL INFIRMARY (WATERHOUSE BUILDING) AND THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM, LONDON.

SUGAR, JAM AND THE VICTORIA BUILDING - HENRY TATE, SUGAR MAGNATE AND PHILANTHROPIST, CONTRIBUTED OVER £20,000 TOWARDS BUILDING COSTS FOR THE VICTORIA BUILDING, AND WILLIAM HARTLEY, WHO FOUNDED HARTLEY'S JAM COMPANY, PAID £4,300 TO MEET THE COST OF THE CLOCK AND BELLS IN THE CLOCKTOWER.

WRITING AS BRUCE TRUSCOTT IN 1943, EDGAR ALLISON PEERS, (1891-1952) A DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR OF HISPANIC STUDIES AT LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY, FIRST USED THE TERM 'RED BRICK' UNIVERSITY TO DESCRIBE CIVIC UNIVERSITIES, LIKE LIVERPOOL, WHICH WERE ESTABLISHED IN THE LATE NINETEENTH AND EARLY TWENTIETH CENTURIES. THE RED BRICKS OF THE VICTORIA BUILDING WERE HIS INSPIRATION FOR THE TERM.

WATERHOUSE BUILDING, PEMBROKE PLACE, FORMERLY LIVERPOOL ROYAL INFIRMARY, WAS BUILT BETWEEN 1887-90 AS THE CITY'S THIRD, PURPOSE-BUILT INFIRMARY. IT CLOSED IN 1978 AND WAS SUBSEQUENTLY ACQUIRED BY LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY AND RENAMED THE WATERHOUSE BUILDING.

PASSING THE BUILDING'S MAIN ENTRANCE ON PEMBROKE PLACE, YOU CAN SEE THE BLUE PLAQUE TO ROBERT TRESSELL, AUTHOR OF THE RAGGED TROUSERED PHILANTHROPISTS, WHO DIED IN THE INFIRMARY IN 1911 SUFFERING FROM TUBERCULOSIS. HIS SEMI-AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL NOVEL WAS PUBLISHED POSTHUMOUSLY IN 1914.

TV SOAP FANS MIGHT ALSO LIKE TO KNOW THAT THE 2008, BBC SERIES, CASUALTY 1907 WAS FILMED HERE.

AT THE JUNCTION OF FALKNER STREET AND HOPE STREET IS THE RED BRICK, HAHNEMANN HOSPITAL BUILDING. THE BUILDING NOW PROVIDES STUDENT ACCOMMODATION BUT FOR MANY YEARS IT WAS A HOSPITAL. ITS BUILDING COSTS WERE PAID FOR BY HENRY TATE AS "A GIFT TO THE CITIZENS OF LIVERPOOL." WHEN IT OPENED IN 1887 IT SPECIALISED IN HOMEOPATHIC MEDICINE AND WAS BUILT TO AN INNOVATIVE DESIGN, WHICH TOOK ACCOUNT OF THE EFFECT OF BUILDING DESIGN ON HEALTH. THE HOSPITAL WAS NAMED AFTER DR SAMUEL HAHNEMANN (1755-1843) WHO WAS KNOWN AS THE FATHER OF HOMEOPATHIC MEDICINE. IT CLOSED AS A HOSPITAL IN 1976.