



History

Local History - Forty Hall

Year 5

Spring Term

Key Knowledge

1374	Palace of was Elsyng first mentioned.
1539	King Henry VIII bought the Palace of Elsyng.
1632	Sir Nicholas Rainton built Forty Hall.
1646	Sir Nicholas Rainton died.
1645 - 1951	Various families lived at Forty Hall.
1951	Enfield Council bought Forty Hall and it became a museum.
2012	The house was refurbished.

Important People

Sir Nicholas Rainton (1569-1646)	He was a wealthy textile merchant who became Mayor of London in 1632. He built Forty Hall as a country retreat. He was briefly imprisoned in 1640 in the tower of London. He died at Forty Hall and is buried in Enfield.
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Diagrams and Symbols



Background Information

Enfield Chase was a historic hunting ground for royalty from the time of William the Conqueror (1066). King Henry VIII lived in Elsyng Palace which stood in the grounds of what is now Forty Hall. His children, Edward VI and Elizabeth I would also stay at the palace.

Forty Hall was built by a wealthy merchant Sir Nicholas Rainton in 1632 and designed in the Jacobean style. He is buried in a magnificent tomb in St Andrew's church in Enfield. Although the house changed over the years, it has now been restored to back to how it would have been in Jacobean times.

Key Vocabulary

Spelling	Definition
Elizabethan	Era of Queen Elizabeth I (1558-1603)
Spanish Armada (1588)	A fleet of ships sent by the King of Spain to attack England.
Jacobean	Era of King James I (1603-1625)
Gunpowder Plot (1603-1625)	A plot by a group of Catholics to blow up the houses of parliament.
British Civil War (1642-49)	Fought between the Cavaliers and the Roundheads who wanted to remover the King.
Protectorate (1650-1660)	The era of no monarch on the British throne. Oliver Cromwell ruled as Lord Protector along with parliament.
pottage	A type of stew made with grain and vegetables and eaten by poorer people
dairymaid	A servant that worked in the kitchens churned milk to make butter.
marchpane	A decorative marzipan styled into shapes and placed on the dining table.
puritan	A Christian who believed in a life of prayer and hard work.