

# 200 Years of British Hydrogeology

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The collection of papers in this volume records the development of hydrogeology in Britain over the last 200 years. Following the application, by William Smith, of



stratigraphic principles to the sinking of wells, Victorian engineers and scientists established groundwater as a major contributor to public water supplies. In the twentieth century, the development of groundwater continued rapidly, controlled by an ever-changing regulatory regime. The 25 papers in this volume review the progress which has been made, and the lives and work of some of those who were intimately involved.

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Modern outfall of Bath thermal water from the main spring, above the original Roman drain. The ferric oxide staining is due to the oxidation of ferrous iron at or near the surface of the spring chamber.

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