

Copenhagen Schoolkeepers

1790-1820

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This is a database of schoolkeepers (*skoleholdere*) in Copenhagen between 1790 and 1820. That is, it includes those people who ran their own proprietary, for profit, private schools. It does not include schools which were run by institutions, be they the state, church or private associations of parents.

This is a listing of **schools**, not of schoolteachers, and although the two often overlap, they are not completely co-terminous. For schoolteachers, one should check Langkilde's index. This database is as complete as I could make it with reference to women schoolkeepers, but may have missed some of the men. Langkilde's index is a good supplement with particular regard to men schoolkeepers/teachers, less so when it comes to the women.

The primary source for this database are the records of ***Direktionen for Almue- og Borgerskolevæsenet i København (DABSV)***. These are available in Københavns Stadsarkivet in the Copenhagen Town Hall. There is a chronological *Journal* of cases handled by DABSV, with supporting material filed as *Journalsager*.

DABSV was formally established in 1815 and its records begin in 1816. There was, however, an earlier commission, called ***Den københavnske Skolekommission***, which operated from 1809 to 1815. Although the records are filed separately, in practice DABSV was a continuation of the earlier commission.

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Notes

Jour. year/no: refers to DABSV records -- year/*journalsag* number.

Other ref[erences]:

Balle report: Nicolai Edinger Balle, "*Efterretninger om Kirke-, Fattige- og Friskoler i København, indsendte i Henhold til Danske Kancellis Cirkulære 1790 10. juli,*" January 18, 1790 [sic, corrected to 1791]. Danske Kancelli, Kommission angaaende det almindelige Skolevæsen, 5a. Diverse. Rigsarkivet.

Berner report: "*Pro Memoria,*" til Det Kongl. Danske Cancellie [no date, 1802]. Danske Kancelli, 1. dept. *Brevsager nr. 922* (1801). The draft of Berner's summary report to the king is filed under *Brevsager nr. 673* (1802). Rigsarkivet.

Cph schools, 1813: *Fortegnelse over Københavns Skoler, 1813*. Den københavnske Skolekommission. Københavns Stadsarkivet.

DK 1801/906: Danske Kancelli, 1. dept. *Brevsager nr. 906* (1801). Rigsarkivet.

1789 Fortegnelse: "*Fortegnelse over dem der ifl. plakat af 17. Aug. 1789 har bevilling til at holde skole for pigebørn og smaa drenge, 1789-95.*" Den københavnske Skolekommission, 1809-15. Københavns Stadsarkivet.

Langkilde: H.P. Langkilde, *Skolekartotek*. Københavns Stadsarkiv.

Protokol 1809: *Forhandlingsprotokol*, Den københavnske Skolekommission, 1809-1815. Københavns Stadsarkivet.

Male relative/Relative title: Women are usually listed with reference to their closest male relatives, husbands or fathers. This entry indicates which is the relative referred to and gives his title. For men, the reference is to themselves ("self") and their own titles.

Age: This is the individual's age at the time of application.

App. date: date on letter of application for schoolkeeper's license.

School type:

daycare: daycare centers or preschools, open to all girls and young boys (to age eight); teaches basic "beginnings" -- reading, writing, arithmetic -- plus needlework (*håndarbejde*) for girls.

academy: open to all children who already can read, usually at age seven or eight; teaches "scientific" or academic subjects; boys and girls always taught separately, preferably in separate schools; *realskoler* or *døttreskoler*.

between: schools which fall between the two types above either because they span a large group of ages or because they focus more narrowly on an intermediate stage.

insufficient info: not enough material available on which to make a judgment.

NB: assignment of a school type is a subjective judgment call as the school board was not consistent in its terminology or licensing policies.

Information about the **schools, students, curriculum** and **teachers** is as given with the original application material and/or licenses. Schools often changed size and character over the years. This is sometimes indicated in the "additional info" category, when available.

Additional info: This category is used primarily to indicate additional sources of information on the schoolkeeper. Listings of "jour no." or "year/no." are references to DABSV records. Other information may deal with applicants' personal histories, school sizes or changes in the school.