

ORIGIN OF BRAILLE

Louis Braille was born on 4 January 1809 in Coupvray, a small town near Paris, France.

His father was a shoemaker and the young Louis enjoyed playing in his father's workshop. One day, while his father was not watching, Louis accidentally punctured his eye with a sharp tool used to punch holes in leather. Infection eventually set in and spread to his other eye, leaving Louis completely blind.

Louis Braille invented a tactile (touch) alphabet for the blind.

In 1829, Louis Braille published the Method of Writing Words using six raised dots to represent the standard alphabet. The system of raised dots is called Braille and enables blind people of any age to read with the tips of their fingers.