# BOOK TWO

# BENTLEYS AT EAST VILLA S

ROSE GARDEN RECORDS

RICHARD BENTLEY 1794-1871, from the Shropshire branch of the family, tenth child of Edward Bentley of 1752-1838, and father of George Bentley who came to Upton with his family in 1860, joined his elder brother Samuel, (the fourth child), in business as Bentley Publishers in 1819.

Richard employed Charles Dickens as their Editor of "Bentleys' Miscellany", 1837 Young England Newspaper, 1845. Richard Bentley also paid Dickens £1.000 to write 'Oliver Twist'.

SAMUEL BENTLEY 1785-1868. had to abandon the Bentley Publishers' business in 1853 owing to failing eyesight. He had married in 1825, his wife surviving

Richard suffered an accident in 1867 which forced him to also retire relinquishing the business to George, his son.

GEORGE BENTLEY had come, with his family, in 1860, to 2 East Villas, Upton Park, Slough. With his son, Richard, they planned and built "The Mere" into George (1828- died 1895). which they all moved in 1887.

RICHARD BENTLEY. became the sole occupier of The Mere and principal of the Bentley Publishers in 1895 and sold out to Macmillams in 1898. Hr then concentrated on meteorology for some years. He died in 1936.

Within the Bentley family, of close relationship, although not precisely known, have been a number of personalities of note. - - -

THOMAS BENTLEY 1. Jan 1731 - 26 Nov, 1780. Porcelain manufacturer.

1754 married Hannah Oates of Sheffield.

1757. assisted in founding Warrington Academy.

1762. building Octagon Chapel, Temple Court. Liverpool.

1762, Met Josiah Wedgwood with whom he entered into partnership 11 Nov. 1768. Moved from Liverpool to London to be near to the works they established in Cheyne Row. Chelsea.

1772, 22 June, married Mary Stamford of Derby.

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NATHANIEL BENTLEY. 1735 ? - 1809. Had the first hardware shop in London to have glazed windows. Known as 'The Beau of Leadenhall St,' fastidious in dress and manners. His whole style of life changed with the sudden death of his bride to be on the eve of marriage. He became eccentric, of strange habits, dirty and miserable to the extent that he became known as "Dirty Dick". He died at Haddington about the end of 1809.

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Sir John Bentley. Vice-Admiral. Fought at Toulon 1743, Bay of Biscay 1747, Blockade of Brest, & Quiberon Bay 1759. Died 1772

CHARLES BENTLEY 1809-1854, painter. member of old Water-Colour Society 1844. Painted chiefly coast & river scenes.

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#### RICHARD BENTLEY.

1794 - 1871.

From the Shropshire branch of the family, tenth child of Edward Bentley and father of George Bentley who came to Upton, Slough, in 1860. with wife and son, Richard.





Photograph of Richard Bentley as from 'Le Livre'. 1885.

With his elder brother, Samuel, set up in business as Bentley Publishers in 1819.

Richard, in 1837, employed Charles Dickens as Editor of a regular publication, Bentleys' Miscellany, and later paid him £1000. to write 'Oliver Twist', a matter which later involved many re-agreeings.

Samuel, 1785-1868, retited from the firm in 1853 owing to failing eyesight. (Died 1871.)

Richard suffered an accident in 1867 and was forced to also retire from the Publishers

Bentley Publishers then passed to George Bentley who came to Upton in 1860.

Richard, in his lifetime, had been Citizen of London and Member of the Company of Stationers, Publisher in Ordinary to His Majesty and Publisher in Ordinary to Her Majesty. A Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society.

### RICHARD BENTLEY

24 October 1794 - 10 September 1871. c/o Founder of Bentley Publishers.



Here, at East Villas, Upton Park.

Not being a resident, probably visiting, latterly between 1860 and 1871.

Grandfather of Richard Bentley of The Mere.



MISS ANNE BENTLEY. DAUGHTER

OF THE RICHARD BENTLEY OF 1994-1871,

PUBLISHER, OF BENTLEY'S MISCELLANY

(EDITOR CHARLES DICKENS.).

SISTER OF MERE FOUNDER GEORGE

BENTLEY, ANNE WAS A MUSICAL

COMPOSER WHOSE WORKS WERE PUBLISHED

UNDER THE ALIAS OF ÉRNST HELMER



### THE BENTLEY HOME.

112

2, East Villas, Upton Park.
Before 1087.





### THE BENTLEY HOME.

2, East Villas. Upton Park. Before 1887.











#### GEORGE BENTLEY

1828 - 1895.

Co-builder of The Mere,

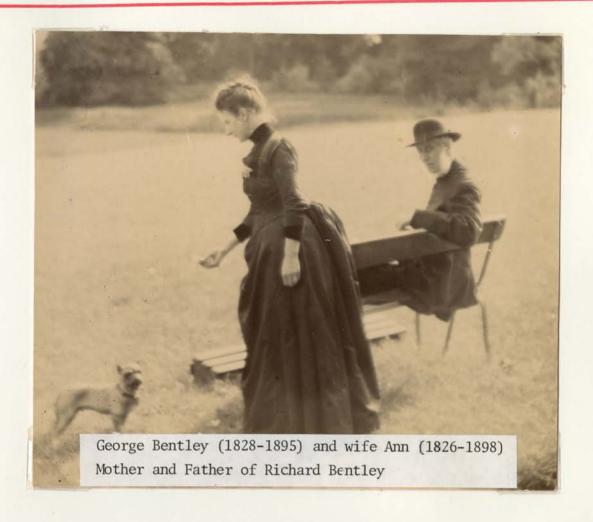


George Bentley, printer & publisher, succeeded his father, also Richard, founder of Bentley Publishers who engaged Charles Dickens to edit 'Bentley's Miscellany' and to write 'Oliver Twist' for him.

George was succeeded by his son Richard, of The Mere, who sold out to Macmillans in 1898.



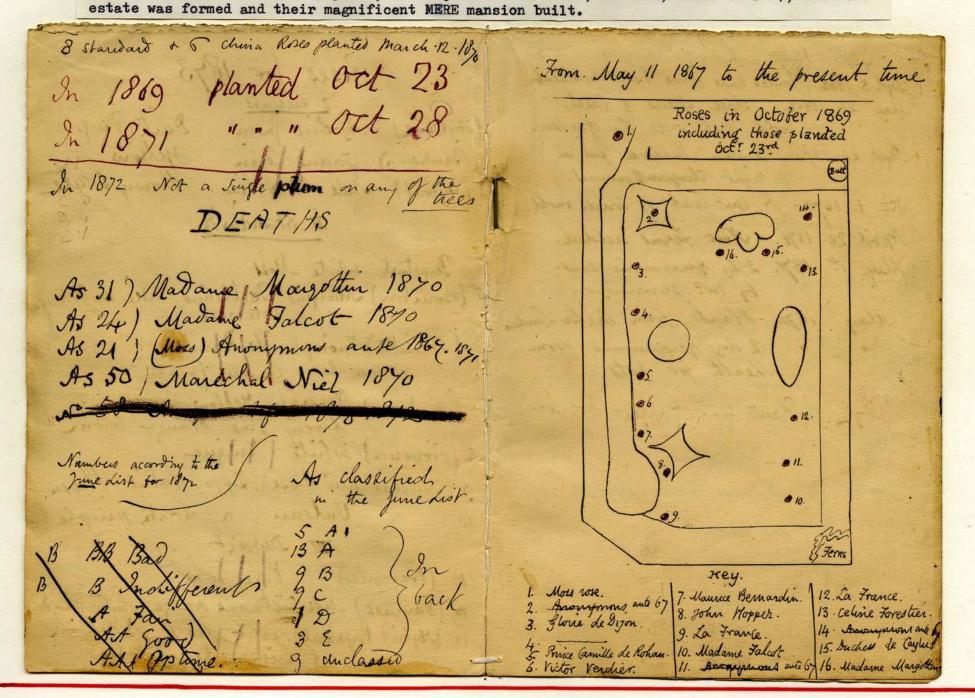
Thought to be the basement kitchen of 2 East Villas, Upton Park. The poster (calendar?), top left shows the date 1884, 3 years before the Mere was built.





GEORGE BENTLEY coming to East Villas, Upton Park, in 1860, soon began to develop extensive gardens and plots immediately adjoining. He made meticulous records of layouts, positions of trees, shrubs, and most particularly, Roses.

Records here start from 11 May 1867, they reveal preparations 20 years in advance of the purchasing of an eventual 15 plots, in conjunction with son, RICHARD, where in 1887, the Mere



Just: 16. 1872 Themometer 71 Shade 100 Sun June 19 th Remarks This morning before the rain nearly all the roses were well ont. Horace Vernet a rich scarlet original had just unfolded, Charles Leferre was crowded with rich deep red bloom, abel grans was full of delicately formed punk roses. The morel had shown for the fish time rather like Olbel frand; a huge ha france was open at the sur of the walk. John Nopper has unfolded its fish bloom The Devonceusis was push out, to the 1867 tree has shown its only bloom. Whe rictor berdier a new Edinburgh, the Black Prince on very delicately shap of Rose colors. I Paul Ricant (crowded) were out. Madame Branque was also full of waxhite delicately shaped white roses, Juleu Blanche of Papery punk ones, I the Madames Falcot of loose ones. To others wicholing Imice Camble De Roham, Victor Verdier et THEN RAIN! I markal Wil of 1872 Roses of 1871 2 maxang Bosanquet or Book de Nego Bato Lifere 1 La France 2 & who of Edubryh 3 Prince Carrille de Rohan 4 La Hance ) Baronesski I flood de Byon 4 Senatur Vaisse 5 Charles Lepevre maran Falo 5 6 ma Carrille de Khan 6 theB

Boule de neige Itil more perfectly shaped & fashioned than the wary write madame Bosanquet. A splentid rose, both.

June 23 .

Ariong & Coopers loses the most noticeable were Madame Hantier (pink) Pierre Notin, Engene appert (crisison) general Jacqueminst a Splendid rose (scarlet) and Le dueil de Junice Albest an extraordinary rose of a red beetwood colorn; besides the roses which we have also. In all there were over 2000.

July 2

after a deal of water Paul Ricant came out a very fine cumion, very down, o well former. Baronep Lottischilo came out a delicate waxy rose colon, Duke of Willing ton a geranium scarlet. Charles Lefebre was convided. Victor Verdier & the Edinburghs improved later as. The cloth of gots did not bear. Genater Vaisse & Mike Victor Vertice with Gowdes with average bloom as were the John Hoppers. The dwarf roses by the Ferres offered some very fine roses especially the malmaison and Jules margother . queen Blanche was a failure only one degree. better to an the Duchepe de Caylus. The little glorie de Dyon ( rog) bore rity but at the 2th bloom + some fine 2020s.

May 18th 1878. GEORGE BENTLEY'S Printed List of the Roses in his gardens at UPTON.

9 Years before the building of THE MERE.

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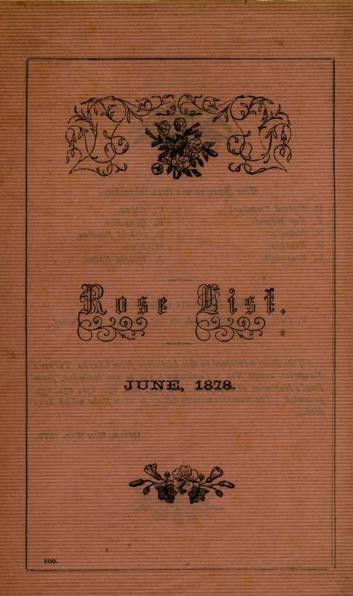
## ROSE LIST.

June, 1878.

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Registered Number.	NAME.		
3 13 14 16 17 18 19	Anonymous 1867 John Hopper 1868 La France 1869 Gloire de Dijon Celine Forestier John Hopper Gloire de Dijon Madame Victor Verdier 1870		
22 23 24 25 27 28 29 31	Prince Camille de Rohan Celine Forestier Senateur Vaisse Abel Grand Charles Lefebvre Horace Vernet Maréchal Niel Gloire de Dijon Paul Ricaut	HAHAM	
32 33 38 42	La France	l l	

	Registered Number	NAME	Species.	Size or Habit.
	202	Princess Beatrice	H.	F.
	203	Edward Morren ,	H.	F.
-	204	Prince Camille de Rohan	H.	F.
	205	Star of Waltham	H	E
	206	Star of Waltham	H.	F.
	207	Madame Falcot	T.	F.
	208	Madame Falcot	T.	F.
	209	Madame Falcot1878	T.	S.
	210	Edward Morren	H.	F,
	211	Jules Margottin	H,	F.
	212	Anna Alexieff	H.	F.
	213	General Jacqueminot	H.	S.
	214	La France	H.	S.
	215	Doctor Audry	H.	F.
	216	Celine Forestier	N.	S.
	217	Jules Margottin	· H,	S.
	218	Madame Bosanquet	C.	S.
	219	La France	.H.	S.
	220	Madame Azelie Imbert	T.	- S.
	221	Abel Grand	H.	S.
	222	Madlle. Annie Wood	H,	S
	223	La France	H.	S.
	224	Gloire de Dijon	T.	S.
	225	Madame Nachury	H.	S.
	226	Madame Falcot	T.	S.
	227	Gloire de Dijon	T.	S.
	228	Gloire de Dijon	T.	S.
	229	Anonymous	7	C.
	230	Maréchal Niel	N.	E.
	231	Gloire de Dijon	T.	S.
	232	Anonymous	1.7	C.
-772	233	Anonymous	. 2	C.
	234	Mrs. Baker	H.	F
	235	Prince Paul Demidoff	H.	F.
	236	Royal Standard	H,	F.
	237	Madame Hippolyte Jamain	H.	F.



#### ANIMALS.

Dog. | Rat. | Field Mouse. | Cat. | Mouse. | Mole. | Bat.

#### REPTILES.

Frogs (and Tadpoles).
Slugs. | Snails. | Toads. | Worms.

#### BIRDS.

(Nests found of those marked.)\*

Blackbird
Cuckoo.
Finches.
Kestrel Hawk.
Nightingale.
\*Robin Redbreast.
Rook, etc.
\*Skylark.

Starling.
Swifts.

\*Thrush.
Tom Tit.
Water Wagtail.
Wren.
Fowls.

Sparrow.

N.B.—No Ducks, Geese, Peafowl, Pheasants, Quails, Turkeys, or Owls.

Pigeons.

#### INSECTS.

Gnats. Ants. Aphides. Grasshoppers. Humble Bees. Bees. Lace Wing Fly. Blackbeetles. Ladybirds. Butterflies. Centipedes. Midges. Moths. Cockchafers. Rosebeetles. Crickets. Spiders. Cuckoo Spit (Hopper). Daddy Longlegs. Stagbeetles. Wasps. Dragon Flies. Waterbeetles. Water Scorpion Earwigs. Empis. (Fly). Weevil. Flies. Wire Worms. Wood Lice. Gerris Fly. Glowworm.

And the Caterpillars, Larvæ, and Chrysallides of the above.

## GARDEN NOTES,

1887.

Compiled on the 21st of June, the Jubilee

Day of the Reign of Her Majesty

Queen Victoria.

### A BOOK

OF

THE GARDEN

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Upton

Latitude 51° 30′ 8″ Longitude 0° 35′ 24″ W. About 80 feet above sea-level

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