

LEICESTER
Henry GODDARD
Architect

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GRAVE MATTERS

In the early Victorian years many towns, with their rapidly rising populations, saw the need for municipal cemeteries. Not only were the churchyards vastly overcrowded, but many people were dissenters (members of denominations other than the Church of England) who did not want to be interred in Anglican graveyards. Leicester's Welford Road Cemetery was the result of both these pressures.

This publication is in two main sections:

- 1) a concise history of the cemetery
- 2) a conducted tour through the grounds taking in 48 of the memorials with brief biographies of some of the men and women who helped make Leicester one of the foremost towns of Victorian England. It is to these Lestrians that this book is humbly dedicated.

20: WILLIAM FLINT

The son of a Leicestershire schoolmaster, William Flint was born in 1801. Apprenticed to the Leicester architect William Parsons, he was articled at the age of 17 and, four years later, became Parsons' assistant. His first main job was that of Clerk of the Works to the building of St George's Church, Parsons being the architect. St George's, Rutland Street, was the first parish church to be founded in Leicester since the Reformation. In 1836 Flint was appointed to the post of Architect and Surveyor to the Borough. An amiable and unassuming man examples of his work include: Charles Street Baptist Chapel (1830), The New Hall (1831 - now part of the City Library, Wellington Street), The General News Room, Granby Street (1838 - demolished 1902), The Midland Railway Station, Campbell Street (1840 - demolished 1892), The Phoenix Assurance Building, Belvoir Street (1842 - only the facade now remains) and the West Bridge Mills (1848 - now occupied by Pex). William Flint died in 1862.

21: HENRY GODDARD

One of the town's foremost architects, Henry Goddard was born in 1792. He founded a practice which is still in existence. He first appears in the local directory in 1827, in Belgrave Gate. By 1841 he had moved to Market Street, premises now occupied by the Hinkley and Rugby Building Society, with an office in Bowling Green Street. His son, Joseph, who designed the Clock Tower, was articled to him in 1856. Amongst Henry Goddard's works in the town are 100 Regent Street, a house he built for the artist John Flower (30), the Stoneygate School (1859) and Alderman Newton's Boys' School near St Martins Church (1864). Henry Goddard died in 1868.

22: FRANCIS HAMES

Born in 1817, Francis Hames was also an architect. Although a Leicester man he moved to London where he practised. He did, however, return to Leicester in 1874 to supervise the building of the new Town Hall, which he had designed. A few years later he designed the fountain in Town Hall Square, which was presented to the town by Sir Israel Hart. Francis Hames died in 1887.



33: JOSEPH WALLIS GODDARD

No relation to the architects, Joseph was a chemist with a shop in Gallowtree Gate. Realising that articles coated in silver plate by the electro-plating process would be damaged by traditional abrasive powders, he developed a silver plate polish, still known today as 'Goddards Silver Plate Powder'. He lived in a house in Regent Road opposite Victoria Park and died aged 75, in 1927.

34: RICHARD HARRIS father and son

Richard Harris senior was born in October, 1777. He started his working life as a printer's apprentice on the *Leicester Herald*. His newspaper career, however, came to an end one evening when, just before the paper was to be printed, he knocked over some of the newly set print turning it into 'pie'. The publisher, Mr Philips (who, by the way, became Lord Mayor of London) was an ingenious man and, knowing that there was no time to reset the page, ordered it to be left as it was. Above the nonsensical jumble of letters he had printed words that just as the paper was going to print an important express had arrived from Holland, having no time to translate it, it had been printed in the original Dutch! The

translation, so the paper informed the reader, was to be carried in the next week's issue. Needless to say the translation never appeared. Sadly, no copies of this newspaper seem to have survived. Richard then entered his father's hosiery business, it not being long before he opened his own framework knitting shop in Soar Lane. So successful was he that he very soon moved into larger premises in Harvey Lane and a year later to King Street. He was voted onto the new council in 1835, becoming Mayor in 1843 when he was presented to the Queen at Belvoir Castle - the only Mayor so presented



who was not wearing any chain or gown of office. The town's mayoral chain and regalia had been sold in the sale of January, 1836, when the newly elected Liberal Council sold off the 'paraphernalia and appurtenances which symbolised the dignity and extravagance of the late Corporation'.

Outside politics Harris was a devout Methodist and founded the Charles Street Chapel (still standing) in 1830. He died in February 1854, aged 76.

GILL, Abraham (d. 1834)

The son of William Gill, grazier, of Houghton-on-the-Hill, he was apprenticed to William Parsons on January 30, 1821, for five years, and eventually went into partnership with him. A pair of semi-detached Greek villas designed by Parsons and Gill "for a particular situation in the suburbs of Leicester" are included in Loudon's *Encyclopaedia of Rural Architecture*; it has not been possible to identify them. He died on December 8, 1834, "greatly respected by a large circle of friends".

Leicester Journal, December 12, 1834 (obituary notice).
J. C. Loudon. *Encyclopaedia of Rural Architecture*, p. 870-7.

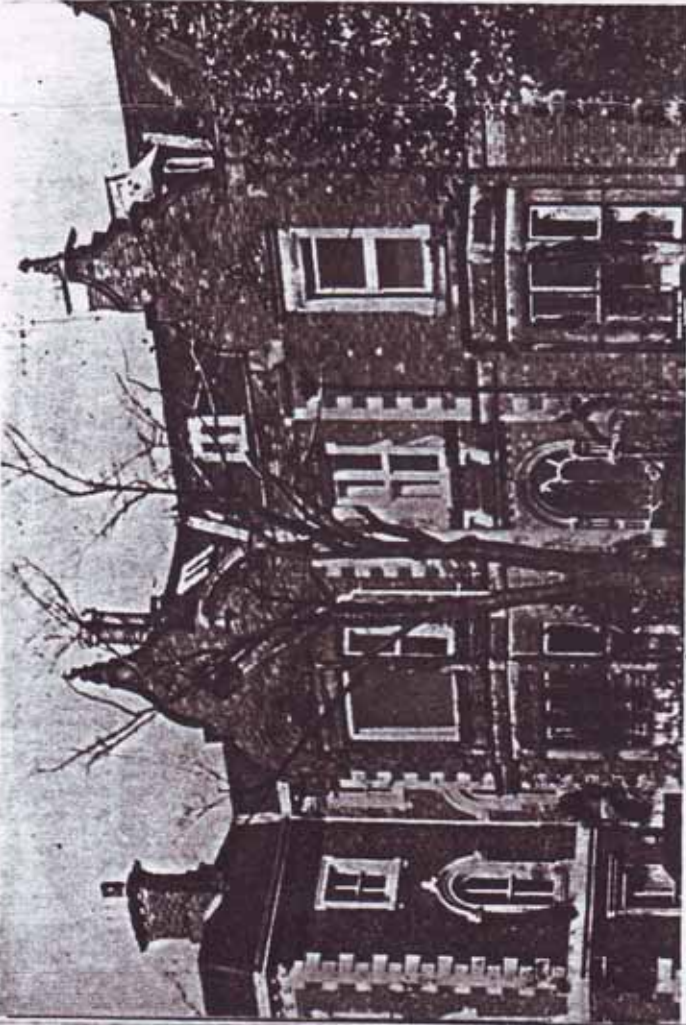
GODDARD, Henry (d. 1868)

Founded an architectural practice still in existence, and one which has produced five generations of architects. He was apprenticed to his father, Joseph Goddard, carpenter, joiner and cabinet-maker, of Belgrave Gate, Leicester, on January 1, 1807. Joseph Goddard's premises may be seen in John Flower's lithograph of the Roman Mile Stone, Belgrave Gate; and Group-Captain Goddard has a water-colour dated 1799 showing the yard at the back of the house. Among the figures is that of "poor old nurse Beeby, for 19 years Mr. Joseph Goddard's housekeeper, buried in Belgrave churchyard, and to whom Henry Goddard put up a gravestone". Henry Goddard first appears in directories in 1827, when his address is given as Belgrave Gate; his father was still alive at this date, and was then a surveyor. By 1841 he had moved to 6 Market Street; this building is still in existence, though the ground floor has been altered for a shop. He had made this his private house and opened an office in Bowling Green Street by 1846. His son Joseph (1840-1900), whose most famous local work was undoubtedly the Clock Tower, was articled to him in 1856 and commenced practice with him in 1862. Sometime in the 1860s he moved to 18 De Montfort Square, where he died on July 27, 1868, at the age of 76. Oil paintings of him and his father, both by unknown artists, are in the possession of his great grandson, Group-Captain H. G. Goddard of Newton Harcourt, who also has a number of his water-colour sketches; another of his water-colours,

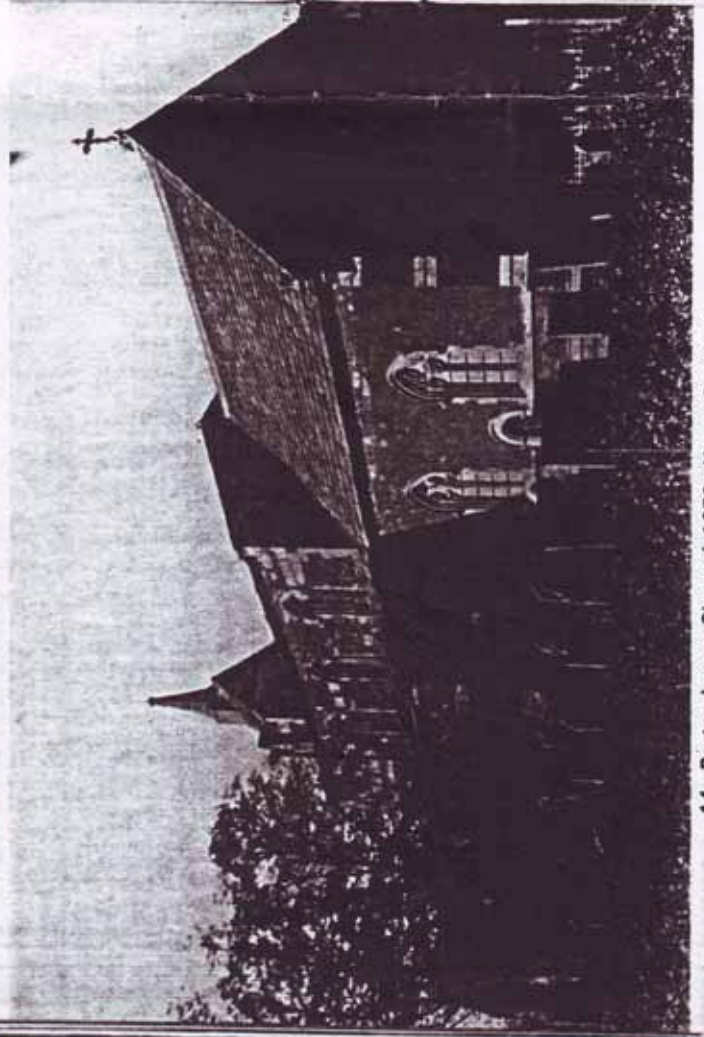


12. Henry Goddard, d. 1868
(By permission of Group-Captain Goddard)

FROM LEICESTERSHIRE ARCHITECTS 1700-1850
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13. John Flower's House, 1851: Henry Goddard



14. Burton Lazars Chancel, 1850: Henry Goddard

showing the treadmill in the old Borough Gaol in High-cross Street, is in Leicester Museum. Henry Goddard of Lincoln, who did a great deal of work for the Great Northern Railway was his uncle.

1. Repewed Billesdon Church, 1838.
2. Rebuilt Countesthorpe Church, 1841-2.
3. Additions to Lamport Hall, Northamptonshire, 1842-58. Plans in N.R.O.
4. Refurnished Shangton Church, 1845.
5. Restored and added new chancel to Burton Lazars Church.
6. 86 Upper Regent Street, Leicester, for John Flower, 1851. Now 100 Regent Road.
7. Renewed the roof of All Saints Church, Leicester, 1855.
8. Rebuilt Kilby Church, 1858. A photograph, showing him looking at the ruins of the old church, is in the possession of his great grandson.
9. Probably designed Stoneygate School, 252 London Road, Leicester, 1859.
10. Restored Burrough-on-the-Hill Church, 1860.
11. Restored Goadby Church, 1860.
12. Restored Owston Church, 1861.
13. Alderman Newton's Boys' School, St. Martins, Leicester, 1864. (Goddard & Son).
14. Design for the National Provincial Bank, Granby Street, Leicester. It was not adopted. Plans and elevations, dated March 1868, are in the possession of Group-Captain Goddard.
Leicester Chronicle, August 1, 1868 (obituary notice).
Information from Group-Captain H. G. Goddard. (5)
T.L.A.S. vol. XV, p. xxx (6); vol. XXXVI, p. 31 (13).
J. H. Hill. *History of Market Harborough*, p. 338. (10) (11) (12)

HAMPSON, William

His plans, elevations and proposals for a new County Gaol at Leicester, dated 1789, are in C.R.O. Nothing else is known about him.

Mr. H. G. Coates.

Sharp, daughter of the late Samuel Wallis, of Barton Lodge, Northamptonshire, and has issue one son and one daughter.



Mr. J. B. Everard, J.P.

Everard.—JOHN BREEDON EVERARD, J.P., Woodville, Knighton, Leicester; second son of the late Breedon Everard (died 1882); born at Groby Old Hall, county of Leicester, September 22nd, 1844. Civil engineer; Justice of the Peace for the county of Leicester, and for the county borough of Leicester. Married, in 1868, Harriet Selby, only daughter of the late Samuel Mumford, of Dartford, Kent, and has issue two sons, Samuel Mumford, B.A., LL.B., educated at Harrow, and Trinity College, Cambridge, barrister-at-law; and Bernard, B.A., Trinity College, Cambridge, civil engineer; and two daughters.



Mr. H. L. Goddard, M.A.

Goddard.—HENRY LANGTON GODDARD, M.A., The Manor House, Newtop Harcourt; son of Joseph Goddard, J.P.; born at Leicester, July 9th, 1866; educated at Haileybury College, and Wadham College, Oxford; M.A.Oxon. Was articled to his father, and joined him in partnership in 1889, and is now senior partner in the firm of Goddard and Company, architects; chiefly engaged on ecclesiastical and domestic architecture, and has been responsible for St. James's Church, etc.; Associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects; member of Billesden Urban District Council; Captain in the Volunteer Battalion of the Leicestershire Regiment; was Hon. Secretary of the Leicestershire Golf Club for several years; shoots and fishes, and has travelled in Italy, France, Germany and Sweden.

Leicester & Market - on the opening of the Jubilee ceiling
by W. Scarff.
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Mr. J. W. Goddard.

Goddard.—JOSEPH WALLIS GODDARD, Avenue Road, Leicester; son of the late Joseph Goddard, of Leicester; born at Leicester, in 1852; educated privately. Originally studied as an architect, being articulated to Shenton and Baker, of Leicester, and was for three years with Sir Gilbert Scott, of London, but subsequently joined his father as a manufacturing chemist, and is now carrying on business as such in Leicester; early in life evinced an interest in public life, and in 1886 became a member of the Leicester Board of Guardians; was at one time Chairman of the Board; resigned after twelve years' service; was for six years a member of the Leicester School Board, and Chairman of the Building Committee; has been an active worker in the local temperance movement, and took a prominent part in the promotion of the Leicester and District Temperance Union nineteen years ago, having been its Treasurer since the commencement. Married, in 1878, Ellen Jane, third daughter of Thomas Viccars, of Leicester.



Mr. John Hallam.

Hallam.—JOHN HALLAM, The Hermitage, Wymeswold, Loughborough; son of the late William Hallam, of Wymeswold, Leicestershire; born at Wymeswold, April 24th, 1854; educated at Mr. Potter's school, Wymeswold, and at Loughborough Grammar School. For the past fourteen years Churchwarden of Wymeswold Parish Church; one of the managers of Wymeswold National Schools; member of the Royal Agricultural Association; has devoted his time purely to agricultural pursuits, and takes an active interest in local and national agricultural associations and societies. Married Mildred Annie, eldest daughter of Mr. George Henson, of Prestwold, Leicestershire.

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