

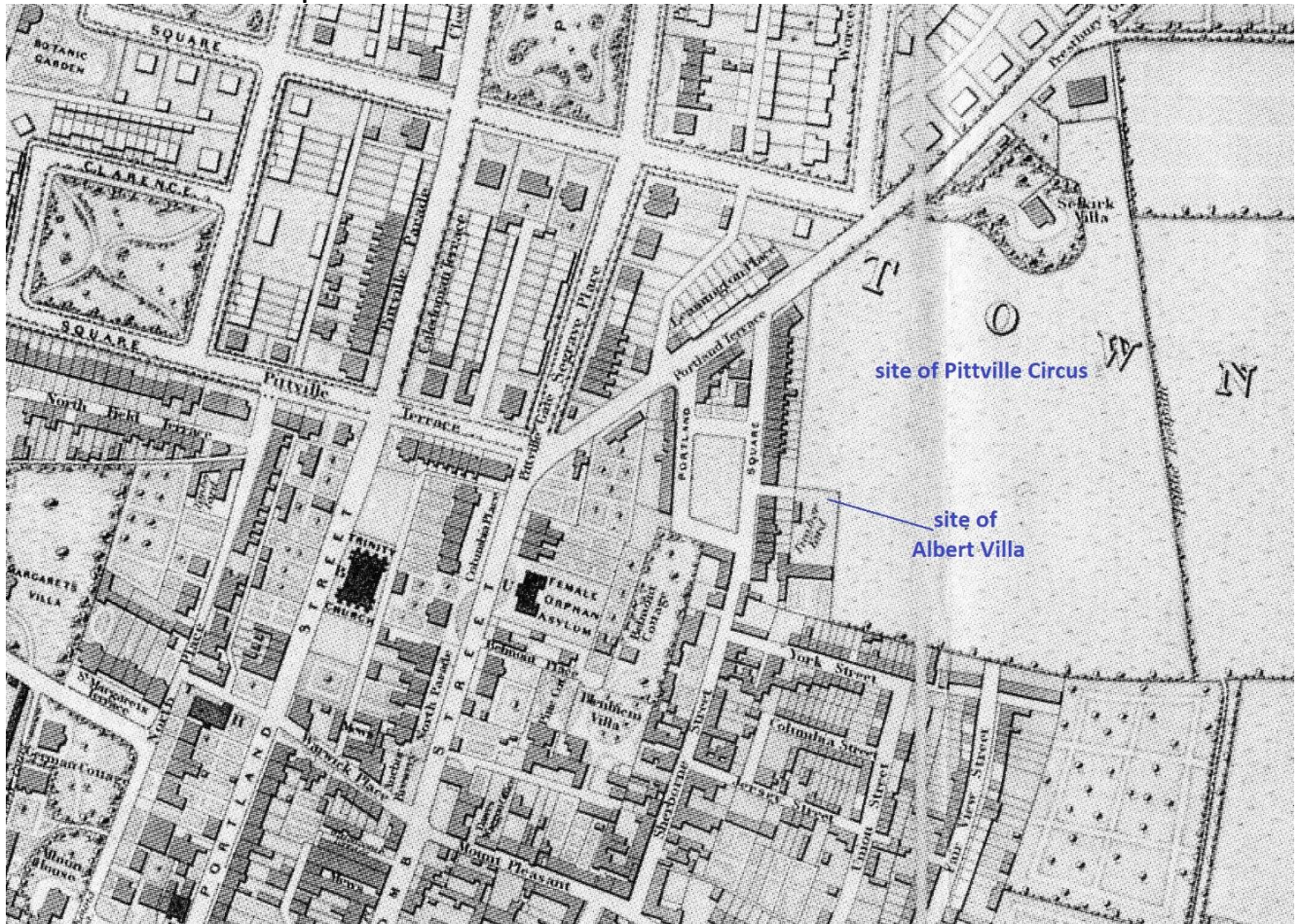
ALBERT VILLA, 3 SELKIRK STREET

[Jill Waller, CLHS, June 2022]

Albert Villa, c.2020 (Courtesy of Streetview)

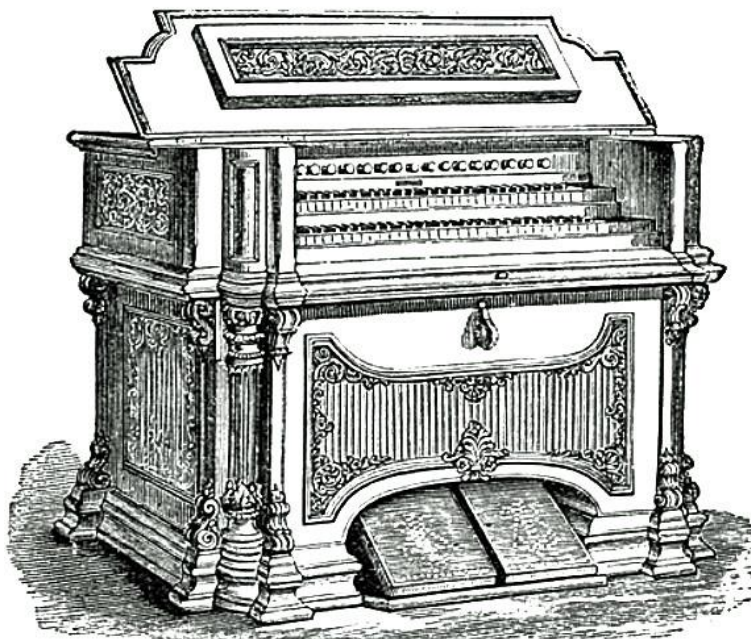


1834 Merrett's Map:



Albert Villa was built c.1840-41, probably by **William Morgan**. The first occupier was **Wardle Eastland Evans** (1810-1884), a musician. Born in **Margate**, **Wardle** married a Cheltenham baker's daughter, **Sarah Watcham**, in **1838**. Besides teaching, **W.E. Evans** was a skilled craftsman and inventor who did much to advance the of harmonium building in England. He designed the 'New English Harmonium', from **1843**, producing many patents for improvements to the instrument. **Henry Willis** (1820-1901), later to become one of the greatest English pipe organ builders of the 19th century, worked with **W.E. Evans** in Cheltenham from **1842-45**. Around this time (**1844**) **Evans** restored the pipe organ in **St. Peter's, Winchcombe**. **Evans** exhibited harmoniums at the **Paris 1867 Exhibition**, among others.

EVANS' ENGLISH HARMONIUMS. No. 2.



W.E. Evans moved to **Bath Buildings** (Bath Rd, junction with St. Luke's) in the mid-1840s, moving to **Sheffield** briefly in the late 1850s before settling in **London**. Here he developed and produced harmoniums for **Messrs Boosey & Sons**, as well as on his own account. **Evans** became bankrupt in 1867 and again in 1870, but undaunted he continued to bring out patents for 'improvements to harmoniums' until his death in **1884**.



While in Cheltenham, **W.E. Evans**, Leader & Director of the **Cheltenham Philharmonic Society**, taught a variety of musical instruments, available to hire or buy from a shop he had in **Pittville Street**. **Evans** had musical connections in **Stroud** as well. He also introduced Cheltenham to the **Mainzerian** system of singing. Prussian-born **Joseph Mainzer** (1801-1851) was a much respected composer, music journalist and pioneering music educator. He settled in **Paris** for a while, and was part of the revolutionary Association Polytechnique that offered free education to the working classes. His massed singing classes were a great success but aroused the suspicions of authorities, so **Mainzer** moved to England in **1841**, where he taught across the country before settling in **Edinburgh**.



Joseph Mainzer (1801-1851), in 1837

On arrival in England **Mainzer** had to teach himself to speak the language, and within a year he published *Singing for the Million*, written in English. Established music teachers and professors were often resistant to **Mainzer's** ideas, including musician and composer **John Barnett** (1802-1890), who published a pamphlet asserting 'SINGING CANNOT BE TAUGHT IN CLASSES'. **John Barnett** had retired to Cheltenham in **1841**, where he was a singing-master, publishing his own works on systems of singing! (**Barnett** was the son of a Prussian Jew, Bernhard Beer, who had changed his surname on settling in England as a jeweller, which makes **Barnett's** rivalry and criticism surprising. – JW)

ALBERT VILLA – NEWS, etc.

Cheltenham Examiner, Wed 6 Mar 1841 – NOTICE of REMOVAL

REMOVAL.

W. E. EVANS begs to inform his Pupils of his
REMOVAL from No. 1, *Trinity Terrace*,
to **ALBERT VILLA**, Prestbury Road.
Cheltenham, Feb. 26th, 1841.

Cheltenham Chronicle, Thur 8 Apr 1841 – ADVT.

ASSEMBLY ROOMS, CHELTENHAM.

MR. W. E. EVANS begs most respectfully to
inform the Nobility and Gentry of Cheltenham and its
Vicinity, that his

EVENING CONCERT

WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE ABOVE ROOMS,

On Thursday, April 15th, 1841,

For which he has engaged the following eminent Professor :

MISS WOODYATT,*(From the Philharmonic, Ancient, and Nobility's Concerts.)***MR. SAPIO,**

AND

SIGNOR BORRANI,*(From her Majesty's Theatre.)*

Mr. EVANS has the honour of announcing that the
Gentlemen of the Stroud Philharmonic Society
Have kindly promised their powerful assistance on this occasion.
Leader of the Band (which will be complete) Mr. EVANS.
Principal Violoncello Mr. UGLOW.
Conductor..... **PIO CIANCHETTINI.**

*In the course of the Evening TWO MADRIGALS, of the
Elizabethan Age, will be performed by an efficient body of voice.*

Tickets, Five Shillings each, to be had at the Assembly Rooms,
Libraries, and Music Shops; also of Mr. Evans, Albert Villa.

•• The Concert will commence at Eight o'clock.

1841 CENSUS (6 Jun)

	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Born in County?</u>
Albert Villa, Cheltenham:			
Wardle Eastland Evans	30	Teacher of Music	No
Sarah Evans	20	(née Watcham)	Yes
William Evans	2		Yes
Sarah Evans	1		Yes
Hannah Bendle	25	Female Servant	Yes
Mary Perkins	20	Female Servant	Yes
Selkirk Cottage (in adjoining yard):			
William Morgan	45	Builder	Yes
Rachel Morgan	45		Yes

+ 6 children: Charles 20; William 15; James 13; Samuel 9; Caroline 7; Mary 4.

There was a large builder's yard next to **Albert Villa**, occupied by **William Morgan**, then **Winstone**, and later by members of the **Billings** family. **William Morgan** went bankrupt in 1843, and became an auctioneer. The yard, with lofts and cellarage, adjoining **Albert Villa** was the reason the properties were bought by the Brewery later in the century, for use as 'Stores'.

Cheltenham Looker-On, Sat 18 Jun 1842 – ADVT.

CHELTHENHAM PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY,

BEGBS to announce that he is appointed by Mr. MAINZER, a Teacher of the MAINZERIAN SYSTEM of CLASS SINGING, and that he intends commencing his Classes in the course of a Fortnight, waiting the arrival of Mr. Mainzer, who will give the INTRODUCTORY LECTURE.

Albert Villa, Cheltenham, June 13, 1842.

Full particulars will be shortly announced.

Cheltenham Examiner, Wed 22 Jun 1842 – We see by an advertisement that Mr Evans, of Albert Villa, has been appointed by Mr Mainzer, instructor of his system of singing. Mr Evans, in addition to his lessons here, has opened classes at Stroud, with every prospect of success.

Cheltenham Chronicle, Thur 30 Jun 1842 – STROUD

Singing for the Million.

MR. MAINZER begs to announce to the Inhabitants of STROUD and its Vicinity, that he will give an INTRODUCTORY LECTURE on his System of Musical Instruction, adapted, from its pleasing simplicity and rapid effect, to render Sight Singing familiar to all ages, capacities, and conditions.

The LECTURE will be given on SATURDAY EVENING, July 2, at the SUBSCRIPTION ROOMS, to commence at half-past Seven o'clock.

Admission to the Room, 1s.; Gallery, 6d.

It is essential that every person should provide themselves with Mr. Mainzer's manual, "*Singing for the Million*," pp. 112, price 1s. 6d. which may be obtained of the Booksellers.

☞ Mr. W. E. EVANS will continue the course.

Cheltenham Chronicle, Thur 7 Jul 1842 – ADVT.

MR. W. E. EVANS,

Leader and Director of the

Cheltenham Philharmonic Society,

BEGBS to announce that he is appointed by Mr. MAINZER, a Teacher of the MAINZERIAN SYSTEM of CLASS SINGING, and that he intends commencing his Classes in the course of a Week.

Albert Villa, Cheltenham, June 30, 1842.

Full particulars will be shortly announced.

Singing for the Million!

Introductory Lecture to the Mechanics.

MR. MAINZER begs to notify that he will give an INTRODUCTORY LECTURE to the MECHANICS of this Town, on TUESDAY EVENING next, July 12, 1842, at the ASSEMBLY ROOMS, at Eight o'clock.

Admission to the body of the Room 6d. each, including a pamphlet; to the Gallery to witness the system, 1s.

Cheltenham Examiner, Wed 20 Jul 1842 – ADVT.

Singing for the Million.

MR. MAINZER begs to inform the Public that his **VOCAL CLASSES** will be commenced

On **MONDAY, July the 25th, 1842,**

And continued on **THURSDAY, July 28th,** and every succeeding Monday and Thursday after that date, at the **ROYAL OLD WELL PUMP ROOM,**

under the direction of Mr. UGLOW, until his departure for Ireland, and then by Mr. EVANS.

The Classes will meet as follow :

The Academy or Boarding School Class, from Nine until Half-past Ten.

Select Class, from Eleven until Half-past Twelve.

The Evening Class, from Half-past Eight until Ten.

It is earnestly requested that the strictest punctuality in attendance be observed by the above Classes.

TERMS :

Select Class—the Course of Sixteen Lessons..	£2	0	0
Per Month	1	4	0
The Academy Class—the Course of Sixteen Lessons	1	0	0
Per Month.....	0	12	0
The Evening Class—the Course of Sixteen Lessons	0	2	0
Per Month	0	1	0
Reserved Seats to this Class—the Course	0	4	0
Per Month	0	2	0

Juveniles will be admitted to this Class at half price.

The Children of the various Free Day and Sunday Schools will be taught gratuitously every Monday and Thursday, from Four to Five in the Afternoon.

Tickets to be obtained of Miss Hasell, at the Pump Room; of Mr. Uglow, 13, Suffolk Parade; and of Mr W. E. Evans, Albert Villa.

Cheltenham Chronicle, Thur 25 Aug 1842 – ADVT.

Instrumental Music.

MR. W. E. EVANS respectfully announces to the Public his intention of OPENING CLASSES for the INSTRUCTION and CULTIVATION of INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC, at the OLD WELL PUMP ROOM, about the SECOND WEEK in SEPTEMBER, and continue every MONDAY EVENING.

Terms:

		£.	s.	d.		s.	d.
Class I.	per quarter	1	0	0	per month	7	0
Class II.	"	0	10	0	"	3	6

Class I. to be in attendance from a quarter before 8 till
Class II. from 9 till a quarter past 10.

A general obstacle to the attainment of a practical knowledge of a musical instrument, is the outlay required in the purchase, in order to remove this the following plan is submitted to the members of the Class:

That Instruments may be hired of every description on the following Terms, and if purchased within three months, the hire to be deducted and the lowest possible price charged for the Instrument

Violin and Bow	from	2s.	per month
Violas	"	2s.	"
Violoncellos.....	"	3s.	"
Contra Basses.....	"	5s.	"
Flutes	"	2s.	"
Clarionets	"	2s.	"
Cornepeons and every other description of Wind In- struments	"	4s.	"

Persons hiring to be responsible for any damage done to the Instrument. Further particulars may be known by applying to W. E. Evans, Albert Villa.

Cheltenham Chronicle, Thur 6 Oct 1842 – ADVT.

MR. W. E. EVANS begs most respectfully to inform his Pupils and Friends that he has opened Premises, No. 5, PITTVILLE STREET, for the SALE and HIRE of PIANO FORTES, HARPS, and every description of MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS and PUBLICATIONS. The Stock has been selected from the First Makers, including the names of Broadwood and Sons, and Collard and Collard.

October 1, 1842.

W. E. EVANS begs also to announce to the Nobility and Gentry that his SELECT SINGING CLASS on the Mainzerian system, commenced on Monday last, at Four o'clock, and will be continued each MONDAY and FRIDAY, at the OLD WELL PUMP ROOM. The Class is limited to 36, five vacancies remain now open, which may be filled previous to the 7th inst. on application to Mr. Evans, at 5, Pittville Street, or Albert Villa.

Eligible Investments.
DUTY FREE.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION,
(By order of the Assignees of WILLIAM MORGAN, a Bankrupt.)
BY MR. HARPER,

At Mr. RONE'S, WELLINGTON ARMS, High Street, Cheltenham, on WEDNESDAY, the 12th day of April instant, between the hours of Two and Three o'clock, in the Afternoon, subject to such Conditions of Sale as will be then and there produced,

THE following desirable MESSUAGES and PREMISES:

Lot 1.—All that newly-built Freehold Messuage or Tenement and Premises, known as No. 9, Leamington Place, in Pittville, adjoining the Winchcomb Turnpike Road, and late in the occupation of the Rev. Mr. Sharwood.
N.B.—This Lot will be put up subject to a Mortgage thereon of £400.

Lot 2.—All those Two eligible Messuages and Premises, known as Nos. 15 and 16, situate in Grosvenor Place, South, in Cheltenham, and now in the several occupations of Mr. Chesshyre and Mr. John Millard.
N.B.—This Lot will be put up subject to a Mortgage thereon of £700.

Lot 3.—All those Three excellent Messuages or Dwelling Houses and Premises, known as Nos. 18, 19, and 20, in Grosvenor Place, South, aforesaid.
N.B.—Nos. 18 and 19 are in the occupations of Mr. Daniel Howse and Mrs. Bayley, and No. 20 is now void. This Lot will be put up subject to a Mortgage of £2,000.

Lot 4.—All those Freehold Messuages, Buildings and Workshops, Yard and Land, known as Albert Villa and Selkirk Villa, situate near and adjoining Portland Square, Cheltenham.
Albert Villa is in the occupation of Mr. W. E. Evans, and Selkirk Villa, with the Yards, Grounds, and Workshops, were late in the occupation of the Bankrupt.

Lot 5.—All that newly-erected Cottage with a large piece of Building Ground, containing in front 144 feet or thereabouts and thereto belonging, situate in a street intended to be called Princess Street, near to Priory Street in Cheltenham.
N.B.—This Lot, which is peculiarly advantageous for Building, deserves the attention of persons anxious to secure eligible and healthy premises for erecting genteel Cottages, and commands delightful views of the surrounding country. Should the Premises comprised in this Lot not be sold together, the same will be put up in several Lots, to be fixed upon by the Auctioneer at the time of Sale.

For further particulars, apply to E. M. Miller, Esq. Official Assignee, Bristol; Mr. Benjamin Norman, Ironmonger, High Street, Cheltenham; Mr. Packwood, Solicitor, and the Auctioneer, Cheltenham.

Cheltenham Examiner, Wed 21 Jun 1843 – PROPERTY ADVT.

Eligible Investment, Cheltenham.
TO BE PEREMPTORILY SOLD BY AUCTION,
BY MR. HARPER,

(By direction of the Mortgagee,) on **THURSDAY, June 22, 1843,** at Three o'clock, in the Afternoon, at the **ROYAL HOTEL, Cheltenham,**

ALL those **FREEHOLD MESSUAGES,** known as **ALBERT VILLA** and **SELKIRK VILLA,** together with the spacious Workshops, Stabling, Timber Yard, Building Land, &c. near Pittville Circus, Cheltenham.

ALBERT VILLA is in the occupation of Mr. W. E. Evans, at the yearly Rent of £34. The remainder of the Property was until lately, in the occupation of William Morgan, a Bankrupt.

☞ A large portion of the Purchase Money may remain on Mortgage.

Particulars may be known on application to Messrs. R. & J. [B. WINTERBOTHAM, Solicitors, Cheltenham; or Mr. HARPER, Auctioneer, 318, High Street.

Cheltenham Journal & Glos. Fashionable Weekly Gazette, Mon 11 Aug 1845 – PROPERTY ADVT.

At Albert Villa,
PITTVILLE CIRCUS, CHELTENHAM.

New, fashionable, and exceedingly genteel HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, richly Cut Glass, handsome China, &c. for absolute Unreserved Sale, the whole being the Property of Captain THATCHER, who is immediately going out to India.

To be Sold by Auction,
By Mr. Charles Wood,

On **TUESDAY,** the 19th of August, 1845, commencing at 12, punctually to the minute,

THE entire of the above very choice and genteel FURNITURE, and other EFFECTS, comprising, in *Drawing Room*, two elegant sets of green damask window curtains, with bullion fringed draperies, maple and gilt cornices, French rods, holders, &c. quite new and very complete; solid rosewood chairs and chaise lounge, covered, *ensuite* with the curtains; rosewood, loo and occasional tables, ditto highly finished whatnot, handsome new Brussels carpet, ditto imperial hearth rug, a pleasing variety of ornaments, &c. The *Dining Room*—handsome pedestal sideboard, cheffioneer, extending dining tables, chairs, &c. in fine Spanish mahogany; two sets of splendid new crimson damask window curtains, arranged with great taste equal with *Drawing Room*. The Four Bed Rooms and Dressing Rooms are complete with all the usual comforts and conveniences, in corresponding character. The Butler's Pantry, Kitchen and Offices, afford all the requisites generally to be found, complete and in good order.

☞ Will be arranged for public inspection on Monday prior to Sale, when Particulars (in Catalogues) may be had on the Premises, and at Mr. Wood's Office, Oriel Cottage, Bath Road.

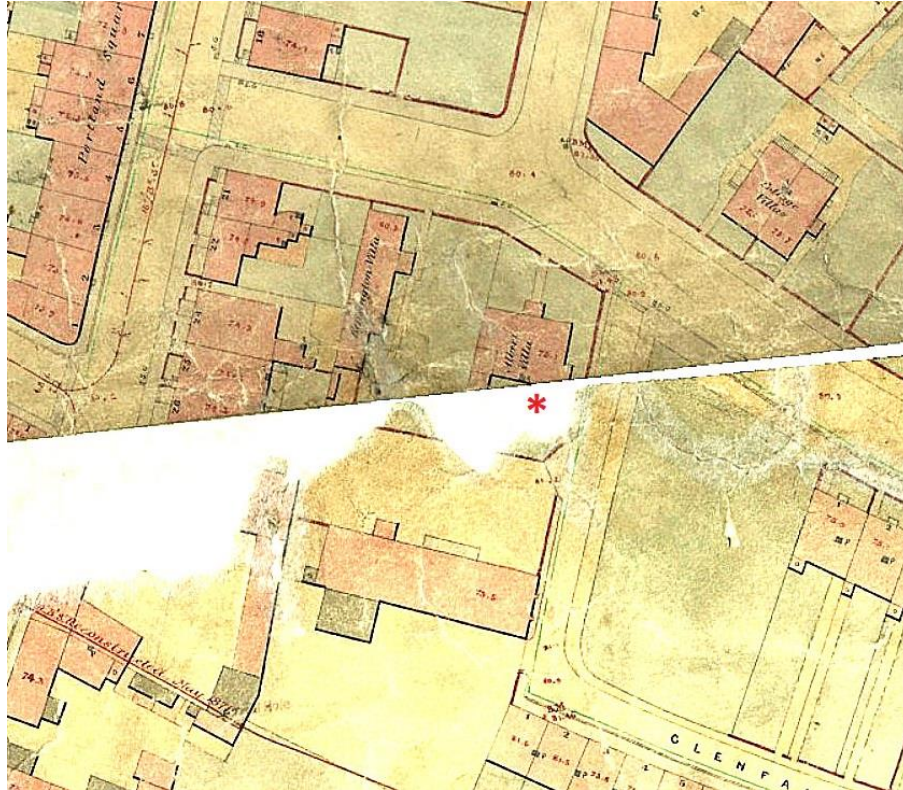
Captain Thatcher did not stay at Albert Villa for very long.

1851 CENSUS (30 Mar)

Albert Villa, Cheltenham:

Ann M Myers	Head	M	73	Annuitant	London
Eliza Myers	Dau		32		Greenwich, Kent
Sharlotte Robson	Servt	M	50	Servant	Northleach
Jane Goulding	Servt	U	31	Servant	Dunsbourne, Glos

1855-57 Cheltenham Old Town Survey:



Cheltenham Chronicle, Tue 1 Feb 1859 – PROPERTY ADVT.

Sale of Two Detached Suburban Villas, Two Large Yards, Extensive Warehouses, Lofts and Cellarage, near Selkirk Street.

MR. GEORGE SWEETING

Will offer by AUCTION, at the ROYAL HOTEL, on MONDAY, the 7th of February, 1859, at Six o'clock in the Evening, subject to Conditions,

THE following DESIRABLE PROPERTIES, (in the first instance in One Lot), viz.:

ALBERT VILLA,

Containing two Front Parlours, Study, four Bedrooms, Dressing Room, Kitchen, Scullery, Larder, &c.; a small Yard at the back and a railed-in Flower Garden round the front, occupied during the last thirteen years by Mrs. Myers, the present tenant, at £30 a year. Secondly,

KENSINGTON VILLA,

Containing three Bedrooms, Drawing Room, Parlour, Kitchen, Scullery, with Servant's Bedroom over same; and other Offices, all on the Ground Floor; together with a large Garden attached thereto, in the occupation of a yearly tenant at £30 per annum.

Each of these Villas have been recently put into thorough repair. Thirdly,

A LARGE YARD,

With two spacious Lofts 61 feet by 21½ feet, Cellarage, Stabling for three horses, and Hay Loft over same; the whole covering an area of 640 square yards or thereabouts.

Fourthly, another **LARGE YARD,**

adjoining the last premises, with sundry Buildings erected thereon, and having a separate entrance to the same, from Glenfall Street, in the occupation of Mr. Winstone, builder, at £6 10s. a year.

These premises cover an area of about 700 square yards.

••• Should the above Properties not be Sold in One Lot, they will then be offered in Four Lots as above arranged.

Cheltenham Chronicle, Tue 11 Sep 1860 – DEATHS

Aug. 31, at Albert Villa, Pittville, Anna Maria Myers, relict of the late Thomas Myers, LL.D., in her 84th year.

Cheltenham Examiner, Wed 31 Oct 1860 – PROPERTY ADVT.

PRELIMINARY.

THE FURNITURE, PLATE, PLATED GOODS, PIANOFORTE, and Effects at
Albert Villa, Pittville.

MR. T. LEWIS

WILL SELL BY AUCTION,

On the Premises, on THURSDAY, November 8, 1860, at Twelve o'clock prompt, instructed by the Executors of the late Mrs. Myers, deceased.

Catalogues in due course.

Offices, 75, High Street, Cheltenham.

Cheltenham Examiner, Wed 28 Nov 1860 – PROPERTY ADVT.

**Sale of Capital FAMILY RESIDENCES, VALUABLE
MESSUAGES, Shop and Business Premises.**

Messrs. *ENGALL* and *SANDERS*

Have been favoured with instructions

T O S E L L B Y A U C T I O N .

**At the Cheltenham Auction Mart and Pantehnicon. on
TUESDAY, the 18th day of December, 1860, at 6 for 7
o'clock in the afternoon (subject to conditions of Sale to
be then and there produced.)**

**Lot 3.—All that genteel and compact VILLA RESI-
DENCE, pleasantly situate near Pittville Circus, and
known as**

ALBERT VILLA,

**comprising dining room, drawing room, four bed chambers,
dressing room, water closet, kitchen, scullery, larder, and
convenient wash house with neat flower gardens at the front
and back, yard, coal cellars, and out offices.**

1861 CENSUS (7 Apr)

	<u>Rel.</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
Kensington Villa, Selkirk Street:					
Edward Billings	Head	M	65	Carpenter empl. 10 men	Monmouth
Mary Billings	Wife	M	52		Warminster, Wilts
+ 5 children, all born Cheltenham: Alfred 21; Mary A 20; Emily 18; Henry 16; Sidney 14					
+ Servt, Mary Nicholls, 17, b. Drybrook					
Albert Villa, Selkirk Street:					
John Smith	Head	M	60	Builder	York
Eliza Smith	Wife	M	53		London
Charles Smith	Son	U	22	Upholsterer	London
Robert Smith	Son	U	17	Cabinet Maker Apprent.	Gloucester
+ 4 more children, all b. Cheltenham: Louisa 14; Laura 12; John 9; Harry 6.					
Elizabeth Pugh	Servt	U	46	Cook	Gloucester
Mary Reeves	Servt	U	21	Housemaid	Devon
Ellen Goff	Servt	U	16	Parlour Maid	Evesham

***Cheltenham Chronicle*, Tue 18 Mar 1862 – FEMALE INVALID HOME**

A new institution under the above title is in course of formation having for its object the provision of a comfortable temporary home for respectable women of the middle classes, especially during illness, at very moderate charges; as in fact an Invalid Boarding House for those whose means will not enable them to pay for expensive lodgings and maintenance in seasons of sickness or when destitute of employment. The design contemplates a self-supporting institution, but as its formation and establishment must necessarily involve a considerable outlay at starting, the contributions of the benevolently disposed are of course needed in the first instance. It is proposed the Home shall be under the sanction and supervision of a committee, and conducted by a qualified superintendent.

(This proved to be a very short-lived venture – JW)

Cheltenham Chronicle, Tue 6 May 1862 – ADVT.

Female Invalid Home,

ALBERT VILLA, BACK OF PITTVILLE CIRCUS,

CHELTENHAM.

THE Inhabitants of Cheltenham are respectfully informed that the Home is now ready for the reception of inmates at Moderate Charges, on the principles of a Private Home.

Also, arrangements have been made for receiving one or two Elderly or Invalid Ladies, as Private Lodgers, on moderate terms.

MISS HASTINGS, SUPERINTENDENT.

Visitors can see the Home any day during the week, between the hours of Two and Six.

Donations in aid of the Furnishing are earnestly solicited.

Stroud Journal, Sat 21 Feb 1863 – PROPERTY ADVT.

T O B E S O L D B Y A U C T I O N ,

By HUMPHRYS and SON,

At the RESIDENCE, on FRIDAY, the 27th day of FEBRUARY, 1863, punctually at One o'clock, subject to Conditions,—

ALL that Desirable Freehold Villa RESIDENCE, known as ALBERT VILLA, pleasantly situated in Selkirk Street, Pittville, in the occupation of Miss Maria Hastings, at the Annual Rental of £35.

Also will be Sold the same day, punctually at Two o'clock, the neat HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and other Effects in the above Residence.

For further particulars apply to Messrs. T. M. and F. H. Croome, Solicitors, Cainscross, Stroud; or the Auctioneers, Stroud.

Cheltenham Examiner, Wed 15 Jul 1863 – PROPERTY

[Established Twenty-nine Years.]

G E O R G E S W E E T I N G .

A U C T I O N E E R A N D A P P R A I S E R , H O U S E A N D E S T A T E

A G E N T ,

O F F I C E S — 1 1 1 , H I G H S T R E E T

**T O B E L E T , U N F U R N I S H E D , A L B E R T V I L L A , n e a r
P o r t l a n d S q u a r e . — 2 P a r l o u r s , 4 B e d R o o m s , a n d o f f i c e s .**

FLOWER & SONS era.

Flower & Sons, Brewers of Stratford-on-Avon, had acquired the builders yard next to Albert Villa by 1862, and later acquired Albert Villa as a house for their area manager.

Cheltenham Looker-On, Sat 1 Feb 1862 – ADVT.

**E. F. FLOWER AND SONS' BREWERY,
STRATFORD-ON-AVON.**

ALES and PORTER supplied to Private Families and the Trade from their **BRANCH STORES—
SELKIRK STREET, PORTLAND SQUARE, CHELTENHAM.**

BEAUCHAMP SQUARE LEAMINGTON.

PHENIX STREET, SOHO LONDON.

LOWER TEMPLE STREET BIRMINGHAM.

*ALES delivered in Cheltenham and its Neighbourhood at the following Prices:—
13s. 6d., 18s., 27s., 30s., 33s. per Kilderkin.*

Gloucester Journal, Sat 31 May 1862 – ADVT. – (First Agent – John Henry Cliffe)

E. F. FLOWER & SON'S BREWERY, STRATFORD-ON-AVON.

ALES and PORTER supplied to Private Families in **GLOUCESTER** and Neighbourhood,
(Carriage free.) from the
STORES, SELKIRK STREET, PORTLAND SQUARE, CHELTENHAM,

At the following Prices:—

INDIA PALE ALE, celebrated for its delicate flavour and very superior quality	30s. per 18 Gallons.
STOUT PORTER	27s. " "
XXX. of very superior quality	33s. " "
XX. ditto ditto	27s. " "
X. strongly recommended	18s. " "
A. ditto ditto	13s. 6d. " "

JOHN HENRY CLIFFE, Agent for Cheltenham, Gloucester, & Neighbourhood,
To whom Orders may be addressed, at the Stores, Cheltenham, which will meet with immediate attention.
THE TRADE SUPPLIED.

Cheltenham Mercury, Sat 15 Dec 1866 – ADVT.

FLOWER & SONS
Have NOT raised the price of their
ALES.
BREWERY: STRATFORD-ON-AVON.
CHELTENHAM STORES:
SELKIRK STREET, PORTLAND SQUARE

Illustrated Midland News, Sat 22 Jan 1870 – MESSRS. FLOWER & SONS BREWERY, Stratford-on-Avon.

... Messrs Flower & Son's establishment employs altogether about 130 men, and 45 clerks and travellers. They have special representatives at Bristol, Cheltenham, Birmingham, Leamington, London and other places; and some idea of the extent of their trade may be gathered from the statement that they have between 30,000 and 40,000 travelling casks in use.

1871 CENSUS (2 Apr)

	<u>Rel.</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
Kensington Villa, Selkirk Street:					
Edward Billings	Head	M	74	Builder empl. 34 men, 3 boys	Monmouth
Mary Langley Billings	Wife	M	62		Warminster, Wilts
Edward Billings	Son	U	32	Linen Draper	Cheltenham
Mary Ann Billings	Dau	U	30	No occupation	Cheltenham
Emily Billings	Dau	U	28	Daily Governess	Cheltenham
Henry Billings	Son	U	26	Jeweller	Cheltenham
Sydney Billings	Son	U	24	Builder's Assistant	Cheltenham
Mary Elizabeth Spencer	Servt.		15	General & Domestic Servant	Salperton, Glos

Albert Villa, Selkirk Street: - UNOCCUPIED – (*But neighbouring yard used by **Flower & Sons** as office and stores.*)

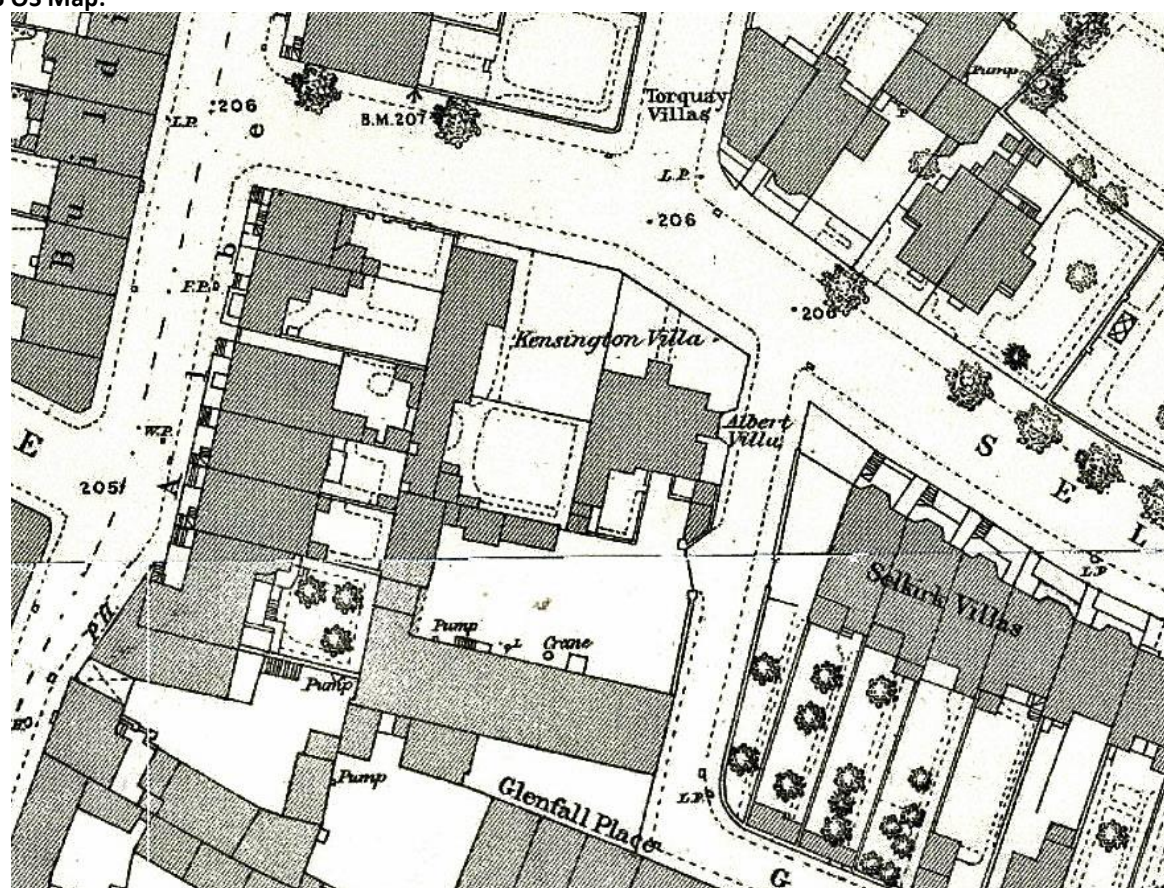
Cheltenham Mercury, Sat 23 Sep 1876 – BIRTHS

Aug 5, at **Albert Villa**, Selkirk Street, **Mrs A. Green** of a daughter, **Marion**.

(*Wife of **Abraham**, agent for **Messrs Flower & Sons**; the Brewery had bought **Albert Villa** by this date.*)

1881 CENSUS (3 Apr)

	<u>Rel.</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
Kensington Villa, Selkirk Street:					
Samuel D. Powell	Head	M	40	Hosier's Assistant	Oxfordshire
Catherine N. Powell	Wife	M	43		High Wycomb
George Albert Powell	Son	U	19	Hosier's Cashier	Oxfordshire
+ 4 more children: Alfred Elizabeth (<i>sic</i>) 17; Samuel James 14; William E. 11; Ada Mary 9.					
Albert Villa, Selkirk Street:					
Abraham Green	Head	M	35	Manager of Brewery Stores empl. 8 men, 2 boys	Cassington, Oxford
Marianne Green	Wife	M	41		Oxford
Ethel Marion Green	Dau		4	Scholar	Cheltenham
Sarah Sophia Williams	Visitor	U	32		Oxford

1885 OS Map:

Cheltenham Examiner, Wed 12 Dec 1888 – ADVT.

**FLOWER & SONS, LIMITED,
THE BREWERY,
STRATFORD-ON-AVON.**

**OFFICES AND STORES :
SELKIRK STREET, CHELTENHAM.**

WE beg to call attention to our **INDIA PALE ALE**,
Light Pale, and Bitter Beer or Guinea Ale,
which we recommend particularly for *the use of Invalids* ;
also to our **XK and AK FAMILY ALES**. These are
brewed from the **BEST MALT AND HOPS ONLY**, are
pale in colour and delicate in flavour, and guaranteed to
be absolutely pure. See annexed Copy of County
Analyst's Report :

[COPY.]

County Analyst's Laboratory, Unity Buildings,
Temple-street, Birmingham, Oct. 7th, 1887.

I hereby certify that I have analysed samples of Messrs
Flower and Sons' Ales and found them **PERFECTLY
PURE, WHOLESOME, and REMARKABLY FREE FROM
ACIDITY OF ANY INJURIOUS SUBSTANCE**. I am of
opinion that they are of **EXCELLENT QUALITY**.

(Signed), **A. BOSTOCK HILL, M.D., F.I.C.,**
Public Analyst to the County of Warwick, &c., &c.

1891 CENSUS (5 Apr)

	Rel.	Status	Age	Occupation	Birthplace
(Albert Villa), 2 Selkirk Street:					
Abraham Green	Head	M	45	Manager of Ale Stores	Cassington, Oxon
Mary Ann Green	Wife	M	51		St. Giles', Oxford
Ethel Marion Green	Dau		14	Scholar	Cheltenham
Sarah S Williams	Visitor	U	41		St. Giles', Oxford

Gloucestershire Echo, Tue 11 Dec 1900 – ADVT. –

THE BREWERY, STRATFORD-ON-AVON.

Having received many enquiries from our Customers during
the last few days as to whether our Beers are free from Arsenic,
we beg to say that we herewith Guarantee that all Ales and
Stout supplied by us may be relied upon as being absolutely
free from this or any other impurity.

FLOWER & SONS, Limited.

BRANCH OFFICES—377, HIGH STREET, CHELTENHAM:

(Branch office has been opened at 377 High Street, corner of Regent Street, now No.166 High Street.)

1901 CENSUS (31 Mar)

	<u>Rel.</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
Albert Villa, Selkirk Street:					
Abraham Green	Head	M	55	Brewer's Manager	Cassington, Oxon
Mary Ann Green	Wife	M	62		St. Giles, Oxford
Ethel M. Green	Dau	U	24		Cheltenham
Harriett Whaceham	Visitor	W	68		St. Giles, Oxford
Sarah S. Williams	Visitor	U	54		St. Giles, Oxford

+ Office Buildings**Gloucestershire Echo, Fri 12 May 1905 – LOST & FOUND**

LOST, on Tuesday, black smooth-coated retriever dog, answers to the name of "Rock". – Finder will be suitably rewarded on returning to **Albert Villa, Selkirk Street**, Cheltenham. Anyone detaining same after this notice will be prosecuted.

1903 OS map:**Cheltenham Chronicle, Sat 4 Mar 1905 – BREWSTER SESSIONS**

OBJECTION TO THE CONTINENTAL CAFÉ – *re.* renewal of the license of the **Continental Café**, (*corner of Regent Street*) one of the 13 houses in the town of which the Justices' Licensing Committee at the annual licensing session instructed Supt. Hopkins to give notice of opposition to the renewal of their licenses. ... The licensee was **Mr Charles M. Gwynn**. ... Supt. Hopkins went on to state ... within a radius of 200yds there were 13 on-license houses, within 300yds 43 on-licenses ... *etc.* ... the house had a clean record ...

... Seven or eight years ago the character of the house changed from a restaurant to a beerhouse, one part being taken off for **Messrs Flower's** offices, which occupied what was the eating department. ... **Mr Abraham Green**, local manager for **Flower & Sons**, stated that the average yearly value of beer supplied to the **Continental Café** during the past three years was £177 14s 6d. He should say that **Mr Gwynn** was making a good livelihood. There had, so far, been no change in the character of the neighbourhood during the past 25 years. ... (*The license was provisionally renewed.*)

Gloucestershire Echo, Thur 11 Jul 1907 – POLICE COURT

Mr Haddock applied for the temporary transfer of the *Lamb Hotel*, High Street, from Thomas Bache to Richard Jones. On July 5 an application was made to the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) to appoint a receiver. Mr Justice Warrington granted the application to **Mr Abraham Green** being appointed receiver and manager on behalf of **Messrs Flower & Son**. **Mr Green** had appointed Mr Richard Jones (late licensee of the *White Lion*, Brighton) as manager of the *Lamb Hotel*. – The application was granted.

1911 CENSUS (2 Apr)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Relat.</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
Albert Villa, Selkirk Street: (Occupying 8 rooms)					
Abraham Green	Head	M	65	Manager of Ale Stores	Cassington, Oxon
Mary Ann Green	Wife	M	72		St. Giles, Oxford
Ethel Marian Green	Dau	U	33		Cheltenham
Sarah Sophia Williams	Wife's sister	U	63		St. Giles, Oxford

(couple were married 42 years; 1 children, still surviving)

Gloucestershire Echo, Wed 8 Jan 1913 – DOMESTICS WANTED

WANTED, general servant, about 17, country girl preferred; two in family. – Apply between 5-8 p.m., **Mrs Lyne, Albert Villa, Selkirk Street**, Cheltenham.

Gloucestershire Echo, Sat 17 May 1913 – DOMESTICS WANTED

WANTED, a good day girl. – Apply **Albert Villa, Selkirk Street**, Pittville, Chelt.

1914 KELLY'S DIRECTORY OF GLOS:

Albert Villa, Selkirk Street – Harry Gladstone Lyne

Flower & Sons Ltd, brewery stores, (H.G. Lyne, manager), 377 High Street & Selkirk Street.

Gloucestershire Echo, Wed 4 Nov 1914 – DOMESTICS WANTED

WANTED, young general; good references; sleep out. – Apply between 2-3, **Lyne, Albert Villa, Selkirk Street**.

Gloucestershire Echo, Tue 7 Aug 1917 – ADVT.

TO FARMERS AND FARM LABOURERS.

AT THE REQUEST OF THE GOVERN-
MENT WE HAVE UNDERTAKEN TO
SUPPLY DURING THE MONTH OF
AUGUST

HARVEST ALE

IN CASKS OF 9 GALS. AND UPWARDS.

At the Price of 48s. net per 36 Gls.

AT THE BREWERY.

DELIVERY EXTRA. NO RETURNS.

Purchasers must be responsible for the
Return of Casks in Good Condition.

Under the Order of the Liquor Control
Board, All Goods must be Paid for in
Advance.*

FLOWER & Sons, Ltd.
**377 HIGH STREET and SELKIRK
STREET, CHELTENHAM.**

Gloucestershire Echo, Thur 25 Jul 1918 – ADVT.

By Arrangement with the Food
Controller,
FLOWER & SONS, LTD.,
Have a Limited Supply
of
HARVEST BEER
For Farmers & Agricultural
Labourers :
PRICE 50/- per 36 Galls.
25/- „ 18 „
12/6 „ 9 „
Delivery Extra.
Net Cash with Order to
377 HIGH ST., CHELTENHAM.

Gloucestershire Echo, Tue 19 Apr 1921

The **Norwood Bowling Club** will open their green on Saturday next. The members are being entertained to tea by the president, **Mr H.G. Lyne**.

1921 CENSUS (19 Jun)

Albert Villa, Selkirk Street: – (3 members in household) – **Harry Gladstone Lyne + Mary Ann + Elizabeth (?)**

Gloucestershire Echo, Wed 2 May 1923 – MOTORS

FOR SALE– 10 h.p. four-seater Humber car, in excellent condition; dynamo lighting, one-man hood, speedometer, clock, full tool kit and spares; tax paid to end of year; any trial. Apply between 5 and 6, **Albert Villa, Selkirk Street**, Cheltenham.

Gloucestershire Echo, Fri 22 Feb 1924 – CHELTENHAM PARISH CHURCH

Annual Meeting of the Church Council – ... The Rector, in a brief address, first warmly thanked the churchmen and sidesmen of both churches (*St. Mary's; St. Matthew's*) for their valuable services. ...Having acknowledged the work of the hon. secretary of the Council (**Mr H.G. Lyne**), he said the clerical staff was much as it was last year ...

1926 KELLY'S DIRECTORY of CHELTENHAM

Albert Villa, Selkirk Street – Harry G. Lyne

Flower & Sons Ltd. (H.G. Lyne, manager), brewers; town order office, 377 High Street;
stores, Glenfall Street (*behind Albert Villa*). Tel. No. 228

Gloucester Citizen, Sat 4 Jun 1927 – REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL CLUBS

The 18th annual **Convention of Rotary International** begins at Ostend on Monday and continues until Friday. The deputations from the local clubs are as follows: ...

... Cheltenham: ... Mrs L. Scott Langley (*my grandmother – JW*), Rotarian, and **Mrs H.G. Lyne**, Rotarian ...

Gloucestershire Echo, Sat 5 May 1928 – MOTOR CARS

12 h.p. Humber car for sale, fully equipped, sound mechanical condition, tax paid end of year; trial by appointment; £100 or reasonable offer. – **Lyne, Albert Villa, Selkirk Street**, Cheltenham.

Cheltenham Chronicle, Sat 13 Jun 1931 – TEWKESBURY PROPERTY SALE

... Five cottages at **Kemerton**, bought for £240 by **Mr. H.G. Lyne**, of Cheltenham. ...

Gloucestershire Echo, Tue 15 Mar 1932 – ROTARY CLUB – OFFICIALS ELECTED AT ANNUAL MEETING

The Cheltenham Rotary Club's luncheon at the Queen's Hotel today was followed by the annual general meeting of the club. Mr L.G. Dimmer (president) presided. – By a unanimous vote **Mr H.G. Lyne**, the senior vice-president, was elected to the presidency. He takes office on July 1. ...

Gloucestershire Echo, Thur 5 May 1932 – CHELTENHAM DOG SHOW AWARDS

The annual show of the West of England Ladies' Kennel Society, held at Pittville Gardens, Cheltenham, yesterday, attracted a record entry of dogs from all parts of the country. There were over 3,350 entries, and the 60 breeds required 42 championship judges to cope with them. ... Local Winners:

AIREDALE TERRIERS – **Mrs M.A. Lyne, Albert Villa, Selkirk Street**, Cheltenham, won a third in the novice dog class of the Airedale terriers; ...

Gloucestershire Echo, Sat 6 Aug 1932 – DOGS & CATS

FOR sale, champion bred Airedale puppies, very healthy and promising – **Mrs Lyne, Albert Villa, Selkirk Street**.

Gloucestershire Echo, Fri 21 Oct 1932 – HOUSES, &c., TO BE LET OR SOLD

TO be let, **No.17 Selkirk Street**, 3 sitting rooms, 3 bedrooms, spacious basement, large garden and room for garage. – Apply **Lyne, Albert Villa, Selkirk Street**.

Gloucestershire Echo, Fri 3 Nov 1933 – LECKHAMPTON PROPERTY SOLD

A sale of property was held by Cornelius & Boulter at **Trevor House, Leckhampton Road**, today. The property was sold to **Mr Harry Gladstone Lyne**, of **Albert Villa, Selkirk Street**, for £730. A sale of furniture followed.

Cheltenham Chronicle, Sat 2 Nov 1935 – CHELTENHAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

... Two new members, **Mr W.E. Court** and Mr A.W. Aldridge, were welcomed to the meeting. ...

Gloucestershire Echo, Tue 26 Nov 1935 – A SPARKLING “MAID of the MOUNTAINS” AT THE OPERA HOUSE

Another feather was added to the already beplumed cap of the Cheltenham Operatic and Dramatic Society last night when “The Maid of the Mountains” was presented to a record first night house at the Cheltenham Opera House.

... The cast were: ... Brigands, officers, soldiers and fishermen: ... **W.E. Court**, ...

Cheltenham Chronicle, Sat 30 Jan 1937 – OPERATIC SOCIETY

At the annual general meeting of the Cheltenham Operatic & Dramatic Society on Wednesday night a loss of £71 was reported on the year's productions. Mr John Howell was re-elected president, **Mr W.E. Court** succeeds Mrs T.J. Craig as general secretary, and Mr D.B. Harris was elected treasurer in place of Mr J.N. Sidaway.

Gloucestershire Echo, Thur 15 Apr 1937 – CHELTENHAM BOWLING CLUB'S CHEERY FUNCTION

The bowling season opens on April 24, and last night members of the **Cheltenham Bowling Club** had a merry pre-celebration. About 120 members, visitors and friends attended a supper and smoking concert in the clubhouse, when, following an excellent repast, a delightful entertainment programme was given. ...

... Considerable concert talent within the club was displayed in the programme arranged by Mr W.H. Jones. ... The musical part of the programme was contributed to by Mr Cruwys and Mr J.H. Finch (baritone), **Mr W.E. Court** (tenor) and the Bowling Club Chori; and community singing was vigorously indulged in, with Mr. J.T. Cooke at the piano. ...

Gloucestershire Echo, Thur 13 May 1937 – THOUSANDS SEE THE CORONATION PROCESSION

Cheltenham's Mile-long Line of Colour and Comedy – Last night's Coronation procession organised by Cheltenham Rotary Club was a splendid success. Crowds numbering many thousands lining deeply the route from Montpellier, along the Promenade and High Street to Sandford Park, saw a fine succession of tableaux, picturesque and comic, decorated vehicles and people ranging in costume from the charming to the grotesque. ...

... A strong committee, of which Mr Reginald Haidon was chairman, **Mr W.E. Court** secretary, and Mr H.B. Poulton marshal of the procession, were responsible for the arrangements.

Gloucestershire Echo, Wed 7 Apr 1937 – MOTOR CLUB AND USE OF THE ATHLETIC GROUND

Traders Support Plea to Town Council for Facilities – Cheltenham Athletic Ground was again thrust into the limelight last night when, at a chamber of commerce meeting, a resolution asking that the Cheltenham Motor Club be granted facilities by the town council for staging entertainments there, was passed following a long discussion. The discussion arose when Mr G. Pyecroft raised the question of an application for the use of the Athletic Ground which has been made by the Motor club for the purpose of running rodeos, etc., principally for the benefit of local charities. ...

... **Mr W.E. Court** said that as a resident of that locality he had had much more noise from the mop fairs held on the Athletic Ground than he had ever had from motor rodeos. He asked what happened to the 1,000 children when the Rugby club had the ground for the whole 12 months. ... (*discussion about children being deprived of the use of the ground during Motor Club events – JW*)

1938 KELLY'S DIRECTORY of CHELTENHAM:

3 Selkirk Street – **Wilfred E. Court** (Albert Villa); **Flower & Sons Ltd**, brewers, (stores)

Gloucestershire Echo, Thur 3 Feb 1938 – CHELTENHAM BOWLS CLUB DINNER

For the first time since the Cheltenham Bowling Club's pavilion was presented in 1922, the annual dinner of the members was held there last night. ... A capital entertainment arranged by Mr F. McKenna was much enjoyed. The artists were Messrs P. Largey, W. Liddiard, H.F. Cruwys, G. Jones, C. Pearce, and **W.E. Court** (accompanist). ...

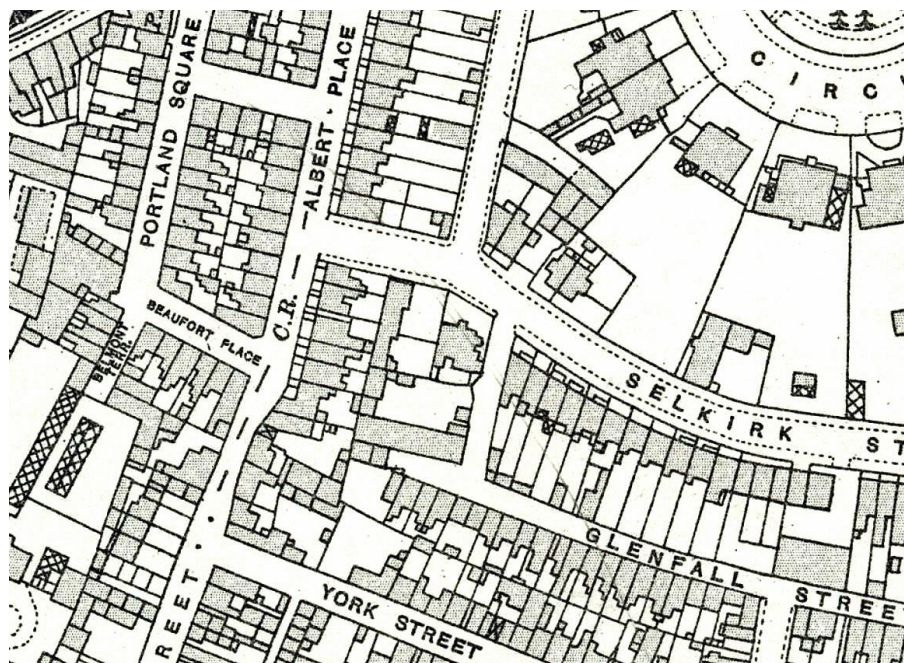
Gloucestershire Echo, Wed 7 Sep 1938 – CHELTENHAM ROTARY CLUB LUNCHEON

... **Mr W.E. Court**, who had been holidaying in **Switzerland**, conveyed to the club the greetings of the **Interlaken** Rotary Club, accompanied by the gift of a small embroidered banner. ...

Gloucestershire Echo, Fri 23 Dec 1938 – OPENING OF NEW PUBLIC HOUSE – “HISTORIC OCCASION” AT WHADDON

The Cat and the Fiddle, Cheltenham's newest public-house, erected on the Whaddon Estate by **Messrs Flower & Sons Ltd**, of the Stratford-on-Avon Brewery, was officially opened to the public yesterday by Alderman J.P. Pates, chairman of the Housing Committee of the Cheltenham Town Council. ...

... Among those present were ... **Mr W.E. Court** (Cheltenham manager, **Flower & Sons Ltd.**), **Mr H.G. Lyne** (formerly Cheltenham manager of **Flower & Sons Ltd**), ...

1939 OS Map:**1939 WW2 National Registration (29 Sep)**

	<u>Name</u>	<u>D.o.B</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Marital Status</u>	
3 Selkirk Street:	Wilfred E Court	30 Jul 1895	Brewers District Manager	married	(Special Constabulary)
	Lina E Court	4 Nov 1889	Unpaid Domestic duties	married	
	Doris E Court	19 Feb 1921	At School		
	+ 1 closed record				
	Ellen Wray	23 Feb 1865	Unpaid Domestic duties	Unmarried	
	+ 2 closed records				
	Pauline Pond	8 Oct 1927	At School		
	+ 3 more closed records –				(One of the closed records is <i>Lisl Ehrmann</i> – JW)

Gloucestershire Echo, Wed 31 Jan 1940 – SWISS MEMORIES ADDRESS TO LOCAL ROTARIANS

An interesting address on a holiday spent in **Switzerland** in **1938** was given by Rotarian **W.E. Court** at the weekly luncheon of the Cheltenham Rotary Club yesterday. **Mr Court** described how with members of his family he made **Interlaken** the centre for his tour, and spent a considerable part of the holiday walking to the many beauty spots of the district in the immediate vicinity. He described mountain climbs, walks along the lake-side and trips by mountain railways which gave admirable views of the magnificent Swiss scenery.

He gave a day-to-day account of the excursions which he made, and mentioned his visits to Swiss Rotary Clubs, which he found among the most interesting events of the holiday. One Rotary dinner had been planned to take place on a mountain in the moonlight, and it was a considerable disappointment to **Mr Court** that a heavy mist made this impracticable. At the dinner he met many visitors from all over the world, and had since renewed acquaintanceship with one of the members when he paid a visit to Cheltenham. Humorously **Mr Court** mentioned that on one occasion he succeeded in getting a bank to re-open after the customary hours in order to provide him with money, and compared this experience to the attitude which would be adopted by a British bank if they received such a request. – **Mr Court** was thanked by Rotarian C. Stock.

Gloucestershire Echo, Wed 22 Jan 1941 – FIRE-WATCHERS' MEETING

Under the chairmanship of **Mr W.E. Court**, a meeting of the householders of **Selkirk Street** and **Glenfall Street** was held at All Saints' Institute on Tuesday evening, for the purpose of forming a fire-watching party. An attendance of about 50 listened to an instructive talk by Mr Bence jun., an ARP Warden, after which a call for volunteers for night duty resulted in 32 names being handed in. A small committee was formed, with Mr J. Turner as secretary, to make arrangements to obtain the necessary equipment, and it is hoped that in a short time the scheme will be in operation.

Gloucestershire Echo, Mon 10 Aug 1942 – ROTARIANS' TREAT FOR CHILDREN

Cheltenham Rotary Club's annual summer children's treat was held on Saturday in the College grounds, by permission of the headmaster (Mr A.G. Elliot-Smith) and the College authorities. Some 200 children were invited from the Girls' Orphanage, St. Monica's Home, the Boys' Orphanage, Nazareth House, and from the blitzed areas. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves with races and games. Pony rides were provided by vice-president **W.E. Court**. ...

Gloucestershire Echo, Mon 7 Dec 1942 – ADVTS – CYCLES

WILL anyone who has an unwanted child's tricycle sell it to **Rotary Club**, which wishes to supply a need? – **W.E. Court**, **377 High Street**, Cheltenham. 'Phone 2228.

Gloucestershire Echo, Wed 26 May 1943 – NEW PRESIDENT

Honours rotate in the **Cheltenham Rotary Club**, and every year the members elect a new President to fill the chair. This year the honour has fallen upon **Mr W.E. Court**, the senior vice-president, to succeed Mr C.C. Dodwell. Though elected yesterday, the new president does not take office until July. **Mr Court** is a well-known figure in business circles. He succeeded **Mr H.G. Lyne**, a past president of Cheltenham Rotary Club, as manager of **Messrs Flower & Sons Ltd**, in **1935**, and took over his classification in Rotary at the same time.

Gloucestershire Echo, Tue 4 Sep 1945 – FOR SALE

Mauve dance frock, silk, £3 10s, suit young girl. Call mornings – **3 Selkirk Street**.

Gloucestershire Echo, Tue 23 Oct 1945 – GOOD PROGRESS

Mr W.E. Court, THE local manager of **Messrs Flowers & Sons Ltd**, and Past President of the **Cheltenham Rotary Club**, who underwent an operation at a Cheltenham nursing home recently, is, we are informed today, going on very satisfactorily. For some months before his operation **Mr Court** had been carrying on his business under extreme difficulty. His many friends in the town wish him a speedy recovery.

Gloucestershire Echo, Tue 26 Feb 1946 – MARLOW-COURT

The engagement is announced between **John Welton Marlow**, elder son of **Mr and Mrs F.J. Marlow**, of **Sutton Coldfield**, and **Eileen Nancye Court**, younger daughter of **Mr and Mrs W.E. Court**, of **Albert Villa, Selkirk Street**, Cheltenham.

Gloucestershire Echo, Thur 6 Jun 1946 – MR W.E. COURT

The friends of **Mr W.E. Court**, the Cheltenham manager for **Messrs Flower & Sons**, will be glad to hear that he is making satisfactory progress following an operation he underwent at a local nursing home a few days ago.

Gloucestershire Echo, Fri 4 Oct 1946 – LOCAL TIES

Two Czechoslovakian children, **John** and **Lisl Ehrmann**, found a haven in Cheltenham during the war, and both took quite an active part in the young life of the town. – **Lisl**, who was "adopted" by **Mr and Mrs W.E. Court**, of **Albert Villa, Selkirk Street**, and who continued her education at Pate's Grammar School, is back in **Prague** with a post on the Czech Broadcasting System. – It is therefore, a matter of considerable interest for both and the many friends they made in Cheltenham during their six years' stay that, in a broadcast in the home service this evening, **Lisl** is to take the part of "The Czechoslovakian Housewife".

The broadcast, which is entitled "World Harvest", is from 9.30 p.m. to 10.15 p.m. and, writes **Lisl** in a letter to **Mr Court**, "I have a three-minutes speech in the programme". The recording was made in Prague and flown to London last week. – **John Ehrmann**, her brother, who was "adopted" by the late **Mr. G.H. Bastin** and **Mrs Bastin** of **Wallington, All Saints Road**, and was a boarder at Cheltenham College in the war years, has paid a visit to England since his repatriation. He is a leader of a youth movement in Czechoslovakia.

Gloucestershire Echo, Wed 7 May 1947 – RETURN VISIT

A warm welcome was extended, on his reappearance in Cheltenham yesterday, to **Mr Jan Ehrmann**, of **Prague**, who is now Editor of *World Student News*, the organ of the International Union of Students. – **Jan** and his sister, **Lisl**, found shelter in Cheltenham after the Germans marched into Czechoslovakia. From **July 1939**, until the end of the war, they lived here, the boy going to Cheltenham College and **Lisl** to Pate's Grammar School. – He later went to London University; she won a scholarship at Exeter University. Their stay in Cheltenham is their most cherished memory, **Jan** living at the home of **Mrs G.H. Bastin**, of **Wallington, All Saints' Road**, and **Lisl** with **Mr and Mrs W.E. Court**, of **Albert Villa, Selkirk Street**.

1947 Aerial Photo (Courtesy of Britain from Above):



Gloucestershire Echo, Sat 25 Jan 1947 – NOTICE

IN THE COUNTY OF
GLOUCESTER,
PETTY SESSIONAL
DIVISION OF CHELTENHAM
TO: The Clerk to the Rating
Authority for the Borough
and Parish of Cheltenham
and the Clerk of the
Licensing Justices of
Cheltenham and to the
Superintendent of Police
of the District of Cheltenham in the County of
Gloucester and to all to
whom it may concern.
I, WILFRED ERNEST
COURT of Albert Villa,
Selkirk Street, Cheltenham in
the County of Gloucester
Brewers Manager, DO
HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that
it is my intention to apply at
the General Annual Licensing

Meeting for the Division of
Cheltenham to be holden at the
Magistrates Court, Cheltenham
in the County of Gloucester on
the 13th day of February next
at 11 o'clock in the forenoon
for the granting to me of a
Justices Licence authorising
me to apply for and hold an
Excise Licence to sell by retail
intoxicating liquor, namely,
beers for consumption off the
premises situate at Selkirk
Street in the Parish of Cheltenham
and known by the sign of
the "Selkirk Stores" and of
which premises Messrs. Flower
and Sons Ltd., whose registered
office is situate at Stratford-on-
Avon in the County of Warwick,
are the owners.
GIVEN under my hand this
15th day of January 1947
W. E. COURT

Gloucestershire Echo, Mon 24 Nov 1947 – PRESENTATIONS AT THE OPERA HOUSE

At the conclusion of Saturday night's performance of *The Arcadians* by the Cheltenham Operatic & Dramatic Society, after its successful week at the Opera House, **Mr W.E. Court**, who was the secretary of the Society from 1936 until his retirement this year, was presented with a hide suitcase and a spirit flask, in recognition of his services to the Society. The presentation was made by Mr I.D. Yeaman, the president of the Society, who described **Mr Court** as "an energetic and capable secretary in the highest degree". A bouquet was presented to **Mrs Court**. ...

Gloucestershire Echo, Fri 16 Jul 1948 – ADVTS. – DOGS & CATS

THREE black Labrador dog puppies for disposal, ready for training. – **W.E. Court, 3 Selkirk St.** 'Phone 2228.

Gloucestershire Echo, Sat 4 Nov 1950 – ROTARY BALL



ROTARY BALL – The President's table at the Cheltenham Rotary Club Ball at the Town Hall last night.

Standing (L to R) – Mr W.E. Court (past president), Mrs L.E. Bastin, Mr K.W. Finch (chairman of the Round Table) and Mrs Finch, Mr A.M. Palmer (president, Cheltenham Chamber of Commerce), Mrs F.D Littlewood, Major W.W. Hicks Beach, MP, and Mrs A.M. Palmer.

Seated – Mrs G.M. Locke, **Mrs W.E. Court** (president of the Inner Wheel), Mr G.M. Locke (president, Cheltenham Rotary Club), the Mayor and Mayoress (Ald. and Mrs P.T. Smith), and Mrs W.W. Hicks Beach.

Cheltenham Chronicle, 23 Jun 1951 – INNER WHEEL FETE



INNER WHEEL FETE – The Mayoress (Mrs A.J. Bettridge) receiving a bouquet from Angela Hogg at the opening by the Mayor of Saturday's fete. On the right is **Mrs W.E. Court**.

Cheltenham Chronicle, Sat 22 Dec 1951 – NOTICE

Messrs.

Flower & Sons Ltd.

in announcing the retirement of Mr. W. E. Court from the position of District Manager have pleasure in informing their customers that MR. A. R. COCHRANE has been appointed as his successor.

Mr. Cochrane will live at Albert Villa, Selkirk Street (Telephone: Chelt. 2228).

**THE BREWERY,
STRAFORD-ON-AVON
December, 1951.**

1952 & 1961 KELLY'S DIRECTORIES of CHELTENHAM:

3 Selkirk Street – FLOWER & SONS LTD, brewers (stores & order office) (Alex. Rt. Cochrane, manager)
Rosslyn, Moored Grove – Wilfred Court

1963 KELLY'S DIRECTORY of CHELTENHAM:

3 Selkirk Street – Page Woodcock; Flower & Sons Ltd, brewers

1965 OS Map:



('C' stands for 'crane')

Tewkesbury Register & Agricultural Gazette, Fri 8 Jul 1966 – WELCOME TO TEWKESBURY’S NEWEST PUBLIC HOUSE



Mr W.E. Court (second from the right) drawing the fist pint of beer at *The Canterbury Inn*, Tewkesbury, on Wednesday to open the new **Flowers** house. With him are (L to R) Mrs Link and Mr Anthony Link, the landlords; Mr Tony Monkton, a director of Messrs Flowers & Sons; and Major J.P.P. Taylor, also a director, who welcomed the guests at the opening.

A Chronology of Trade & Industry in Cheltenham, CLHS, 2022:

In 1968 Flowers Beers was transferred to the **Cheltenham Whitbread Brewery**.

1969 KELLY’S DIRECTORY of CHELTENHAM:

3 Selkirk Street – Charles W. Brewster; **Flower & Sons Ltd**, brewers

1972 & 1975 KELLY’S DIRECTORIES of CHELTENHAM:

3 Selkirk Street – Page Woodcock; **Whitbread Flowers**, (Cellar Service Dept)

2020 OS Map: – (The site of the brewers stores and yard has become a play area – JW)



Sources:

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