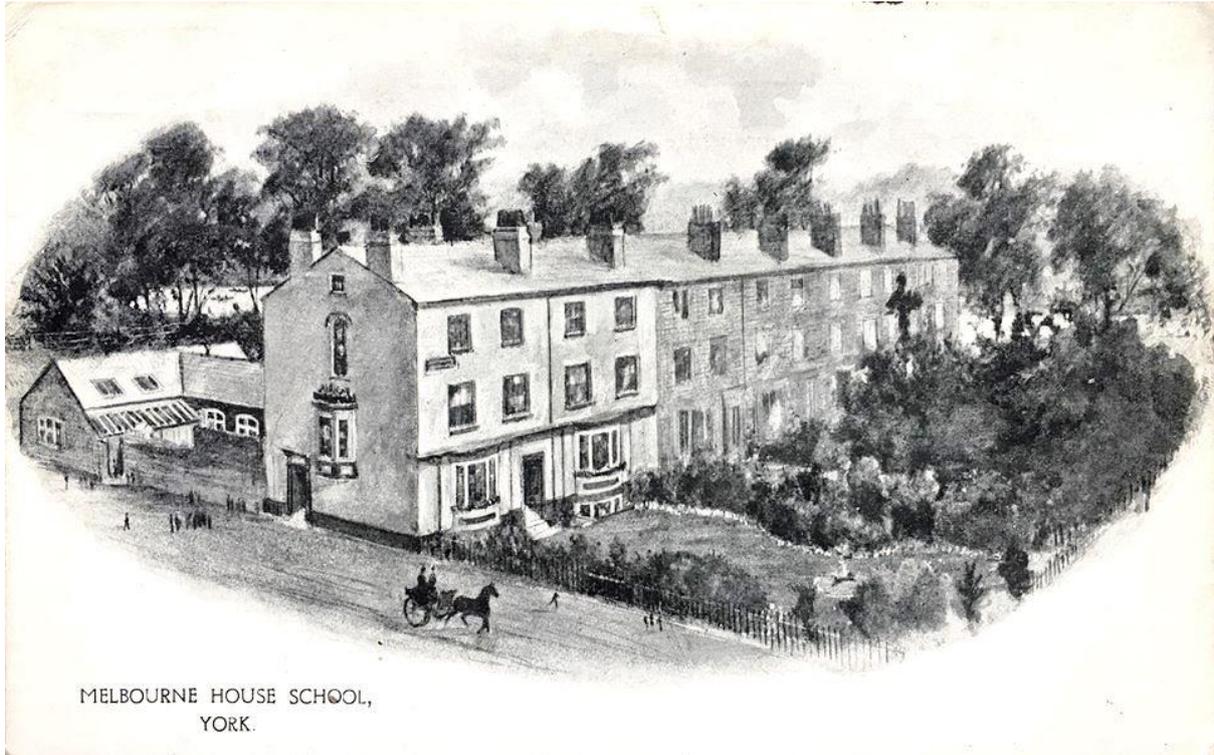


Melbourne House School, New Walk Terrace



Edwardian Postcard showing Melbourne House School (Mike Pollard Collection York Past & Present)



How they look today, as two houses and the top floor removed

Picture from Google Street View

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c.1900 Advertisement for Fulford Field House and Melbourne House Schools

Some Comments on the York Past and Present Facebook Page

John van Dijk

The terrace was built in 1824 in what was then called Lady Well Lane (later called New Walk Terrace on account of the 'New Walk' along the riverside).

The 2 houses at the near end in the post card were numbered 7 & 8 with No 1 on the riverside end of the terrace (now No 18 & painted pink)

One of the original investors in the terrace, Tomyns Dickens, knocked Nos 7 & 8 together.

The occupants were army and church people.

Meanwhile in the 1850's another Victorian terrace was built towards Fulford Rd. This terrace was built on land sold by "The Grange" to a speculative builder. These terraces houses have distinctive curved gables to the front.

Tomyns Dickens willed his properties 7 & 8 to his son, who sold to Frances Melbourne Armstrong in 1877 who ran a school there.

Various investors kept the school going with Mortgages transferring between interested parties over the years.

By 1928 with Melbourne House no longer a school, the old No's 1 to 6 were renumbered 13 to 18 and the Victorian terrace numbered 1 to 12.

Between 1935 to 1938 Melbourne House was split back into 2 properties and "modernised" to look like a pair of 1930's semi's called 12A & 12B.

John van Dijk

In 1839 Fulford Grange Estate was sold to Charles Harris for £9,800 but 5 years later he died and his son also Charles inherited when he reached 21 in 1864. Four years later he sold to John & Ambrose Walker for £7,200. They sold "a parcel of land" to Architect and Surveyor William Lewis who built the 12 houses also known as the 12 disciples some time between 1869 and 1878. Each plot 7 yd's wide and 123 feet long. No 10 was sold by William Lewis to William Smith in 1890 for £525

David C Poole

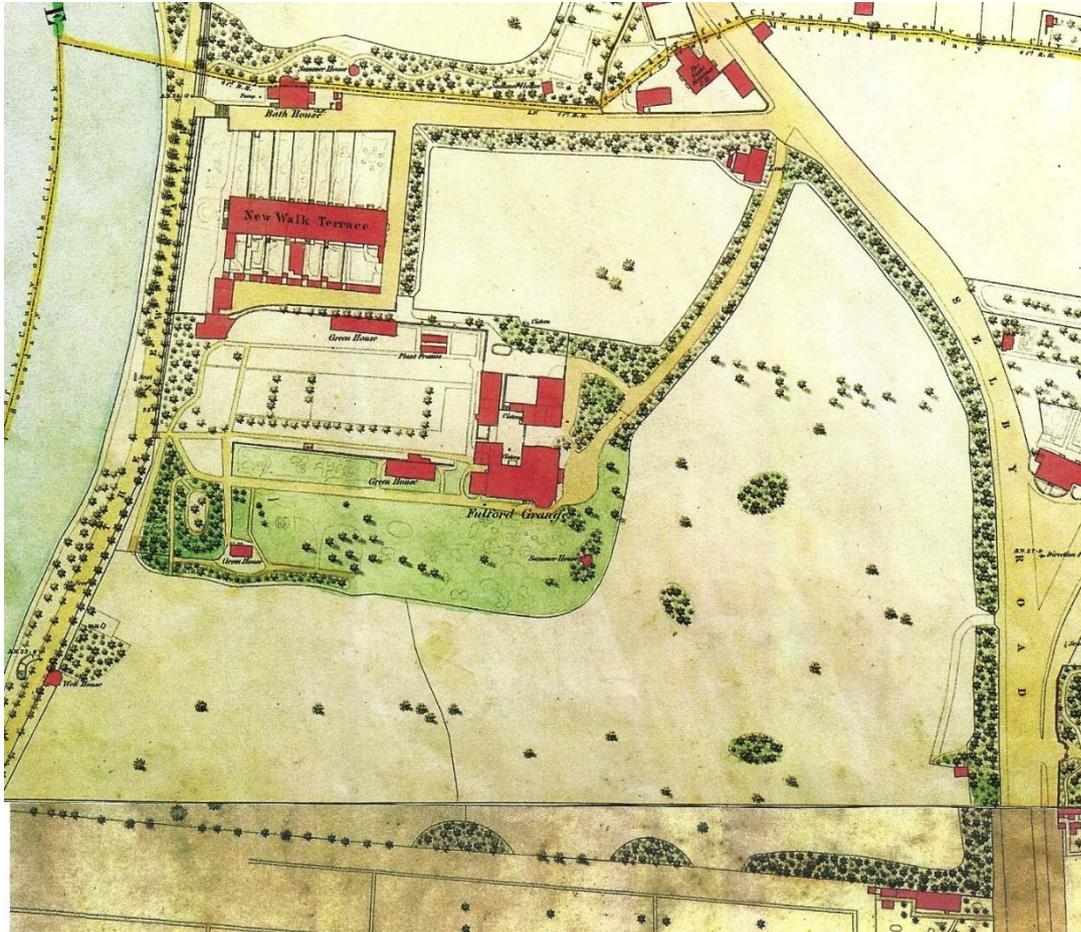
In 1911 the NWT school was being run by George Armstrong, almost certainly a brother of Francis. One of the masters was 22 year old Oscar Needham (easy to locate) but I cannot find a master name match with the sender of the 1908(?) postcard- he had probably moved on before the 1911 census. It is possible that the 1908 electoral register will list a master's name which will match.

John van Dijk

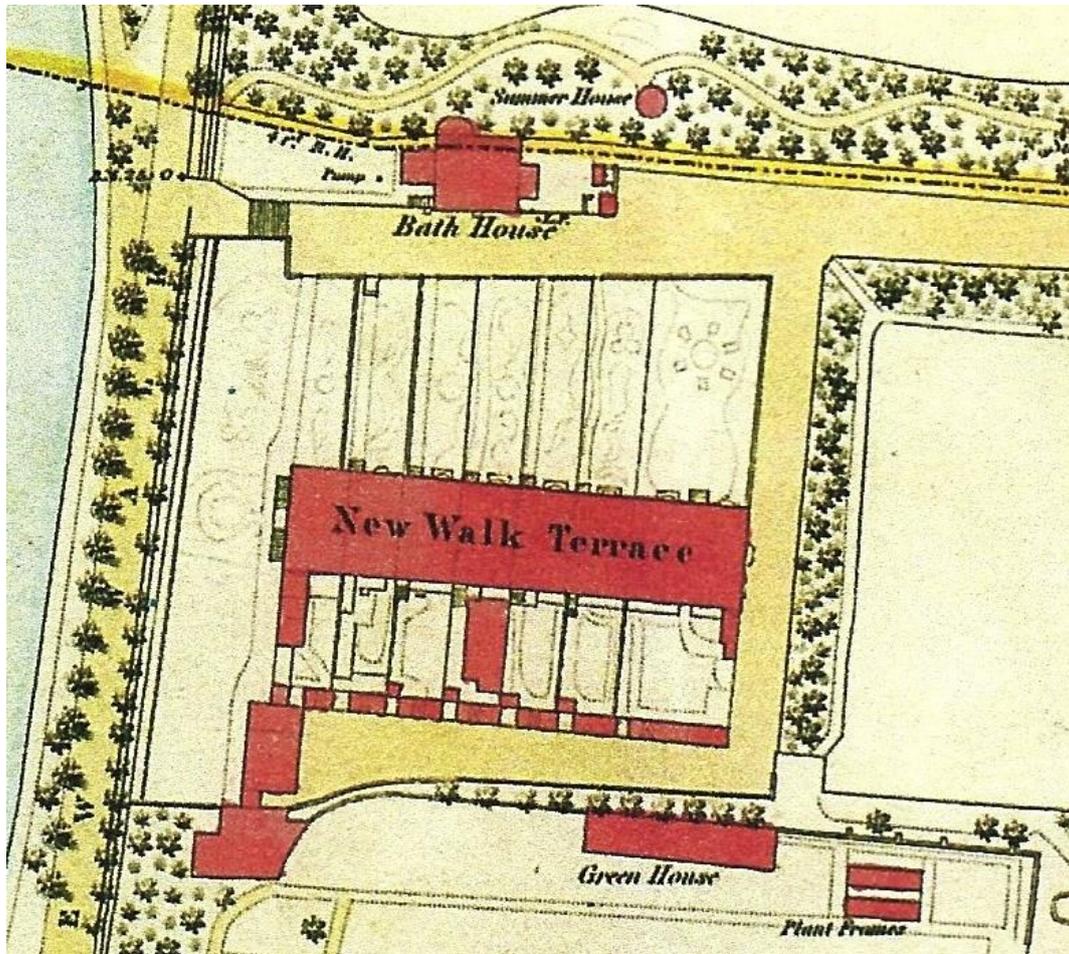
That's my house at the near end... I have the deeds going back to when the terrace was built. These two original end houses now numbered 12A & 12B we're knocked together shortly after being built and was used as a private school called Melbourne House School. Separated again in 1934 after the top floors were lowered after an alleged roof fire. This was the first terrace of Town Houses built outside of the City walls.

Dave Taylor

John van Dijk's house is the one at the near end and that, and the one next door were severely damaged by fire. When they were restored after the fire the top storey was not re-built.



New Walk Terrace and Fulford Grange and grounds, as shown on the 1852 OS Map



Detail from the 1852 OS map showing the school with the special flower bed or fountain in the front garden.
Lady Well is the bath house on the opposite side of New Walk Terrace