

Wilton Lodge



The house was probably named after Joseph Wilton a sculptor/painter born 1722 who died in 1803, he was one of the founder members of the Royal Academy. Amongst his commissions was a statue of King George 111 and the Golden Coach (rococo

carving) for George 111's Coronation.

The area where the house was built pre-1799 was occupied by a much smaller dwelling, as can be witnessed on the below plan which shows a place called 'Windmill Hill Furlong' left of which is "Feltham Street" and then the pond; (the pond is not of the regular shape of today and is larger and intrudes onto the road) - although difficult to identify the actual building it 'overlooks' the pond as Wilton Lodge used to! The enclosure states it being but 10 perches and is 'copyhold' of the 'overseers of Feltham Parish, meaning no particular individual. It should be noted, however, that 'after' enclosure many small plots were sold and so amalgamated to form a more attractive acquisition! The allotment numbered 29 on the below pre-enclosure 'the large field' became part of Wilton Lodge land and used as a Cricket and Football ground (see following on Cricket)



Validating the date of build for Wilton Lodge has been by consulting Kellys Directory (1855) and Census returns from 1841 to 1911 and through which a date of 1850 is arrived at. The 1861 Census names James Pope Kitchen aged 38 a Stock and Share Broker... of the Stock Exchange with his wife Isabella Elisabeth aged 38 plus 5 children. Quihampton's name appears on the 1871 census but he may have been there earlier. Census returns before 1871 were, in the main, lacking in actual name and position of abode. As said, Thomas

Quihampton aged 40, a Stock Jobber “member of the Stock Exchange” (a pattern common to many) was in residence, with him was a brother William aged 26 and having a similar occupation; also, in occupation was a Barrister at Law named Howard Payn aged 30 from Dover a ‘visitor’ - there is another Stock Exchange member enumerated on the census and that is one Charles Poston ‘a visitor’ aged 25. Amongst other servants was a Groom, from Essex, named William Hasler – ‘a short trip to the Railway Station it may have been but they may have enjoyed the ride’

Their Census entries continue until 1901, not long following however, Thomas Quihampton was buried (1902) in Feltham Cemetery, his much younger brother Basil died 1927 he also being buried in the same grave. The 1911 census shows the house having a new occupant, a Mr. Childerhouse, with Mr. Basil Duckworth Quihampton residing at a house called Ashlea nr 40 High Street, this is substantiated by an entry in the Valuation record of 1909/13 where he is qualified by the initials BD, i.e. Basil Duckworth Quihampton.

The Quihampton’s tenure at Wilton Lodge was in excess of thirty years; their grave in Feltham Cemetery ‘polished red granite’ is as good as the day it was erected



The countrywide Land and premises Valuation Survey of 1909/13 describes and assesses the value of land and dwellings and provides information on Wilton Lodge thus: -

A brick and slate double fronted house with slate bays to both floors. A dwarf wall with iron railings to front garden and high walls each side of the remainder of front garden. Top floor six bedrooms and bathroom, H&C, (water) W.C. Lower floor four reception rooms, Hall, two staircases. Butler’s Pantry, Sink (c) Scullery (house) Kitchen, Larder. Brick and Slate Stables. Three Horse Box’s, Coach House, Wash house, ‘Copper’s ‘a’ Servants WC, large Loft over Paved Yard. Kitchen and Scullery at side. Range of brick and Slate Kennels. Small Vinery. Two Greenhouse, Potting Shed, Stoke Hole. Large garden.



Behind the house was a large meadow (1418) from where c1873 the fledgling Feltham Cricket (Rovers) club would play – with players such as ‘Lodge, Dash and Duell’ the cricket club at some stage adopted the name Acacia Cricket Club and consisted of many of the Lodge family.

A large meadow used as a football ground. (must have been Winter time) with an enclosure in one corner with a range of brick and slate Cow Sheds, also two other enclosures, one used as a garden and the other as a Meadow and Let to Mr. S Lodge for £9. Per annum.



Drawn by Bill Cole from original

For the field is full of shades as I near a shadowy coast, and a ghostly batsman plays to the bowling of a ghost, And I look through my tears on a soundless-clapping host

As the run stealers flicker to and fro, to and fro

O my Hornby (Dash) and my Barlow (Duell) long ago!

Francis Thompson 1859-1907



Garden of Wilton Lodge, 'so set out to take full advantage of the east -west transit of the Sun in the heavens'

The Meadow was mentioned under plans of 1920 and 1921 (Quihampton Meadow) to be a recreation ground, but as is patently obvious, it did not fruition find!

The Lodge was demolished 1935 to make way for Wilton Parade

'Wilton Parade' the Middlesex Chronicle of 30th December 1939 made mention of construction of service road, the amount being £1263.00, by the Middlesex County Council, subject to a Ministry of Transport Grant. The 'slip road' was constructed under the terms of settlement with Wigram Family estates.



Pleasant busy view, circa 1955, note the relative affluence of the time and those of prewar days; reflected so in their attire, particular note should be made of the lady on the left 'height of elegance'



J Richards Butchers 1948



Wilton Parade 1948
RICHARDS THE BUTCHER
 From left to right
 Dickie Dace, Percy Ashby,
 Robert Ashby, George Walton

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Views of Wilton Parade in its heyday with individual purveyors such as Freeman Hardy and Willis (shoes), Sam Cook (fruiter) Reeves, Giltrows (Bakers) Frisbys, Posners and others

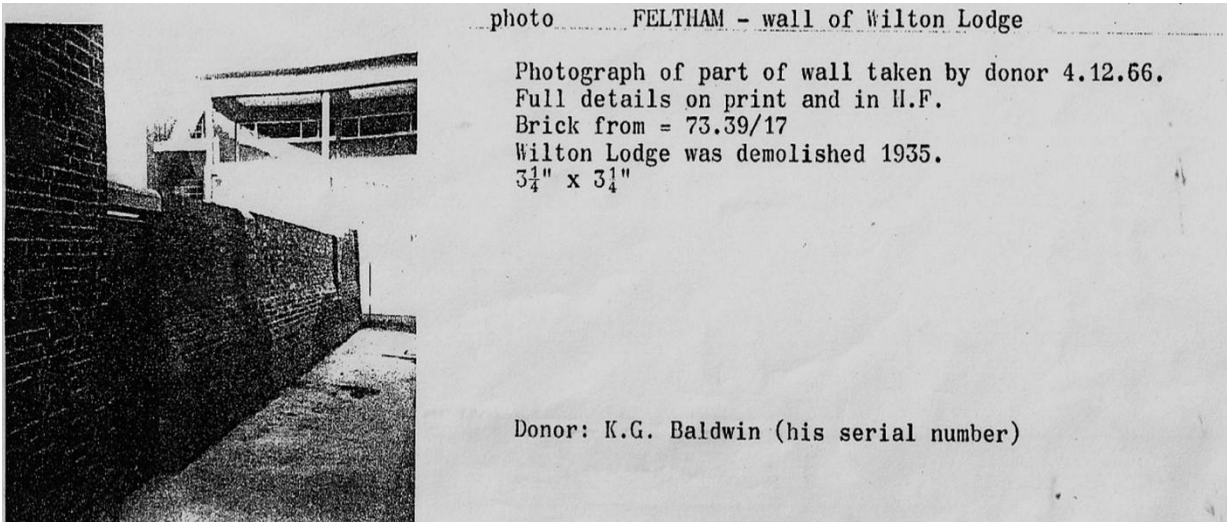


c1956



c1966
 (widened High Street)

The history of Wilton Lodge will end with the below, which 'I believe' there is no better description, brick size et-al, and it is one that budding photographic historians should take note of!



Note the mid height 'battered (strengthening) effect of the wall 'it was part of the dividing wall (there were others) between Wilton Lodge and the 'old' 'old' 'old' Cricketers.

Although Ken made extensive requests for its retention, the wall was demolished a short time following, thus ending a link with the past and 'almost' any vestiges of the High Street of old.

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