

THE BOWCLIFFE HALL STORY

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BRAMHAM CUM OGLETHORPE
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GREAT NORTH ROAD
(west side, off)

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Bowcliffe Hall and
attached screen
walls (Formerly listed
as Bowcliffe Hall)

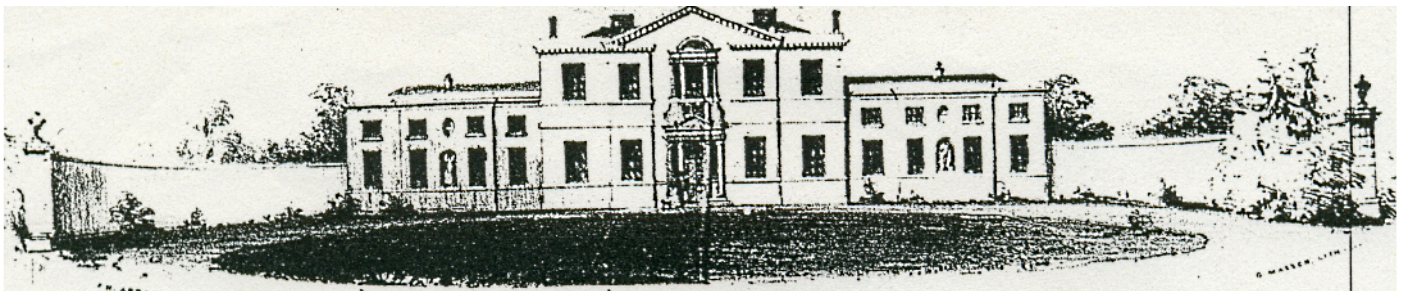
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Mansion, now offices, and attached screen walls. Circa 1805 for William Robinson, completed c.1825 for John Smyth, subsequently altered and enlarged for Lane Fox family (of Bramham Park, q.v.). Magnesian limestone ashlar, slate roof. Long rectangular double-pile plan. Two and 3 storeys, 15 x 3 bays, in classical style; symmetrical tripartite composition with 2-storey 5-bay centre flanked by 5-bay wings of 2 lower storeys (but 2nd storey added to left wing), each element itself symmetrical. Centre block has 3-bay pedimented centre breaking forwards slightly, Tuscan porch protecting panelled door with semicircular light, and above the porch a tripartite window with Ionic architrave including an apron with blind balustrade and segmental pediment breaking the modillioned cornice of the major pediment above; sillbands to both floors, 12-pane sashed windows, modillioned cornice and low parapets to the outer bays. The wings are slightly set back, each has a slightly-projected 3-bay centre, the centre of which has a coved niche containing a statue at ground floor and an oculus above; a sillband and four 12-pane sashes at ground floor, 4 square 6-pane sashes at 1st floor, a moulded cornice and low parapet (stepped up over the projected centre); right wing has an urn on the centre of the parapet; left wing has an added 2nd storey in matching style, with 12-pane sashes; low-pitched hipped roofs with ridge chimneys. Attached to the outer end of each wing, a quadrant screen wall with a doorway. Return walls and rear in similar style. Interior: contains entrance hall and imperial staircase with Ionic screen at ground floor and Corinthian screen at 1st floor. History: William Robinson, the 1st builder, was a Manchester cotton spinner, became bankrupt and completed only the right (west) wing; building completed by John Smyth; in later C19 purchased and enlarged by Lane Fox family as residence during dereliction and repair of Bramham Park (q.v.); in C20 was home of Robert Blackburn, founder of Blackburn Aircraft Company.



Bowcliffe Hall. See book page 95.





FRONT ELEVATION OF BOWCLIFFE HOUSE.

Bowcliffe House, Bramham.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE

OF A
FREEHOLD ESTATE,

IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BRAMHAM, IN THE WEST RIDING OF THE COUNTY OF YORK,

Comprising a Capital

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CALLED
BOWCLIFFE HOUSE,

WITH THE
PLEASURE GROUNDS THEREUNTO ADJOINING,

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ON MONDAY, THE NINETEENTH DAY OF APRIL, 1841,

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4 9 YORKSHIRE

BUTLER

4 9 SURREY, ABINGER

NURSE

4 9 YORKSHIRE, HUTTON PAYNAL

LADY'S MAID

4 9 LONDON

LAUNDRY MAID

4 9 YORKSHIRE, BOLTON

HOUSEMAID

4 9 LANCASHIRE

KITCHEN MAID

4 9 YORKSHIRE, RIPON

HOUSEMAID

4 9 YORKSHIRE, BISHOPTHORPE

VALL ET

4 9 YORKSHIRE, SWINDON

SCULLERY MAID

4 9 YORKSHIRE, CHURCH FENTON

LAUNDRY MAID

4 9 YORKSHIRE, ADWICK ON DEAN

NURSE MAID

4 9 FRANCE

COACHMAN

4 9 HAMPSHIRE, WINCHESTER

WASHERWOMAN

4 9 YORKSHIRE, BRAMHAM

GROOM

4 9 YORKSHIRE, LEEDS

STABLE HAND

4 9 YORKSHIRE, BRAMHAM

UNDER BUTLER

4 9 YORKSHIRE, BRAMHAM

NURSE

4 9 YORKSHIRE, BRAMHAM

FOOTMAN

4 9 YORKSHIRE, ABERFORD