

Back in Time - 21 - Sandwich Road in the 1890s

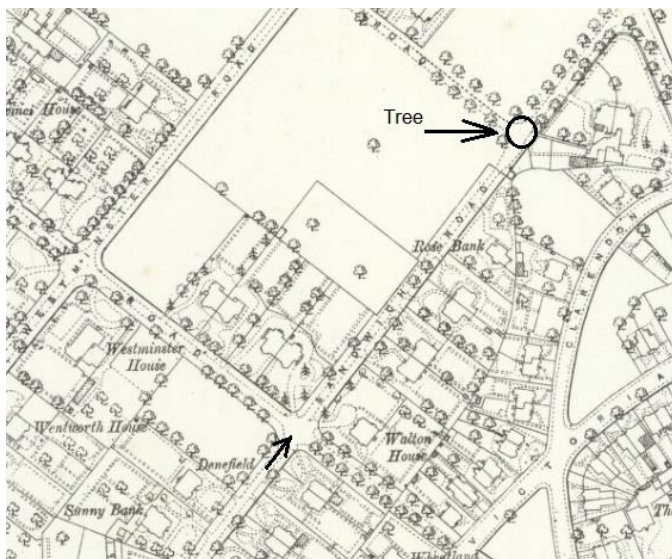
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The photograph 'Sandwich Road 1 - c1895' is lovely early picture of Sandwich Road. The photograph was taken at the junction of Ellesmere Road looking towards the junction of Rutland Road. Elmsleigh is the house on the left, Walton House (or Brackley House as it was renamed) would be on the corner to the right.

Sandwich Road 1 - c1895

The direction of view of the photograph is indicated on the map below, Sandwich Road 1893



What is particularly interesting is the large tree that appears to be in the middle of the road at the Rutland Road junction. I've indicated where the tree would be on the 1893 map. You can see that Sandwich Road was not metalled past Rutland Road. Maybe that tree was not removed until the houses on Rutland Road were built.

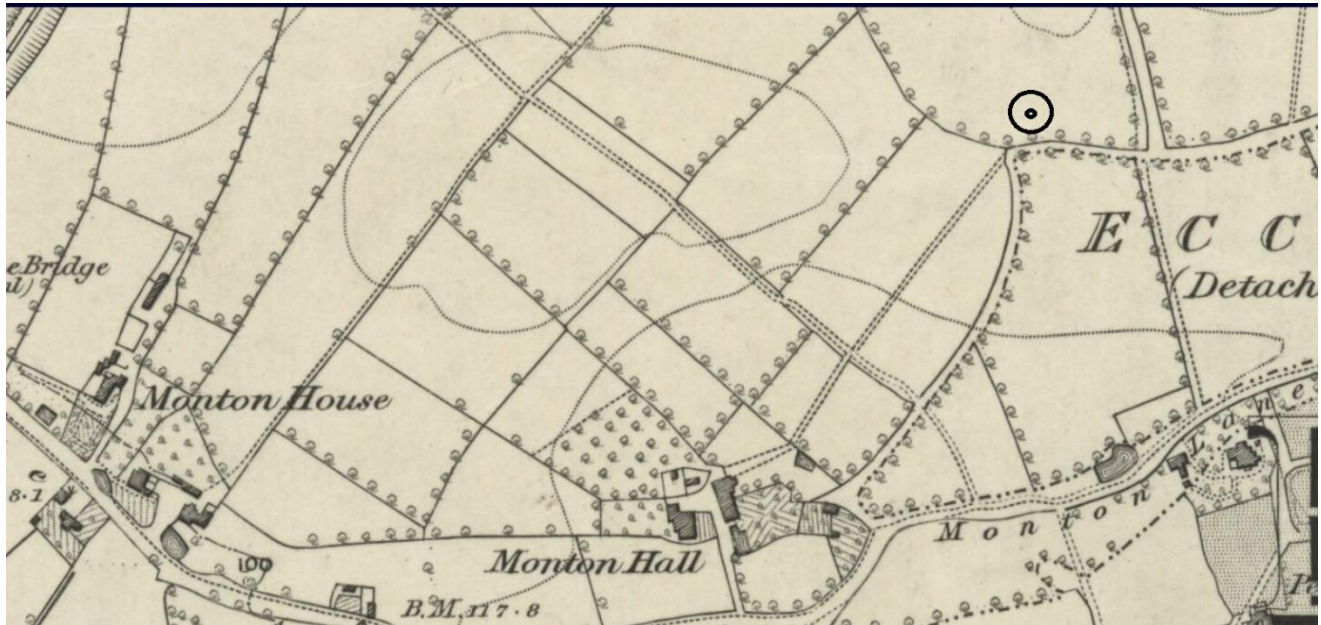
Map of Sandwich Road 1893



The second picture, 'Sandwich Road 2 - c1895', is taken from a little further down Sandwich Road, The boundary wall of Walton House is on the right, the large tree growing in the middle of the road can clearly be seen behind the horse and cart. The diameter of the trunk is significant, that tree has got to be of the order of 100 years old.

Sandwich Road 2 - c1895

Looking at the 1893 map you can see a distinctive curve in the rear boundary of the houses on Sandwich Road, terminating in the garden at Rose Bank. This distinctive curved feature is one of the few features that can be identified on the 1848 - 6 inch O.S. map surveyed before Ellesmere Park was laid out. This curved feature (possibly a path or a significant ditch) can clearly be seen on the map: Sandwich Road Area 1848. The circle I've put on the map shows where our mystery Sandwich Road Tree was actually growing pre-Ellesmere Park.



Map of Sandwich Road Area 1848

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