



Montague House Oriental Plane

Platanus orientalis

(in Waitrose Car Park)

How old is it?



The tree grows behind Montague House

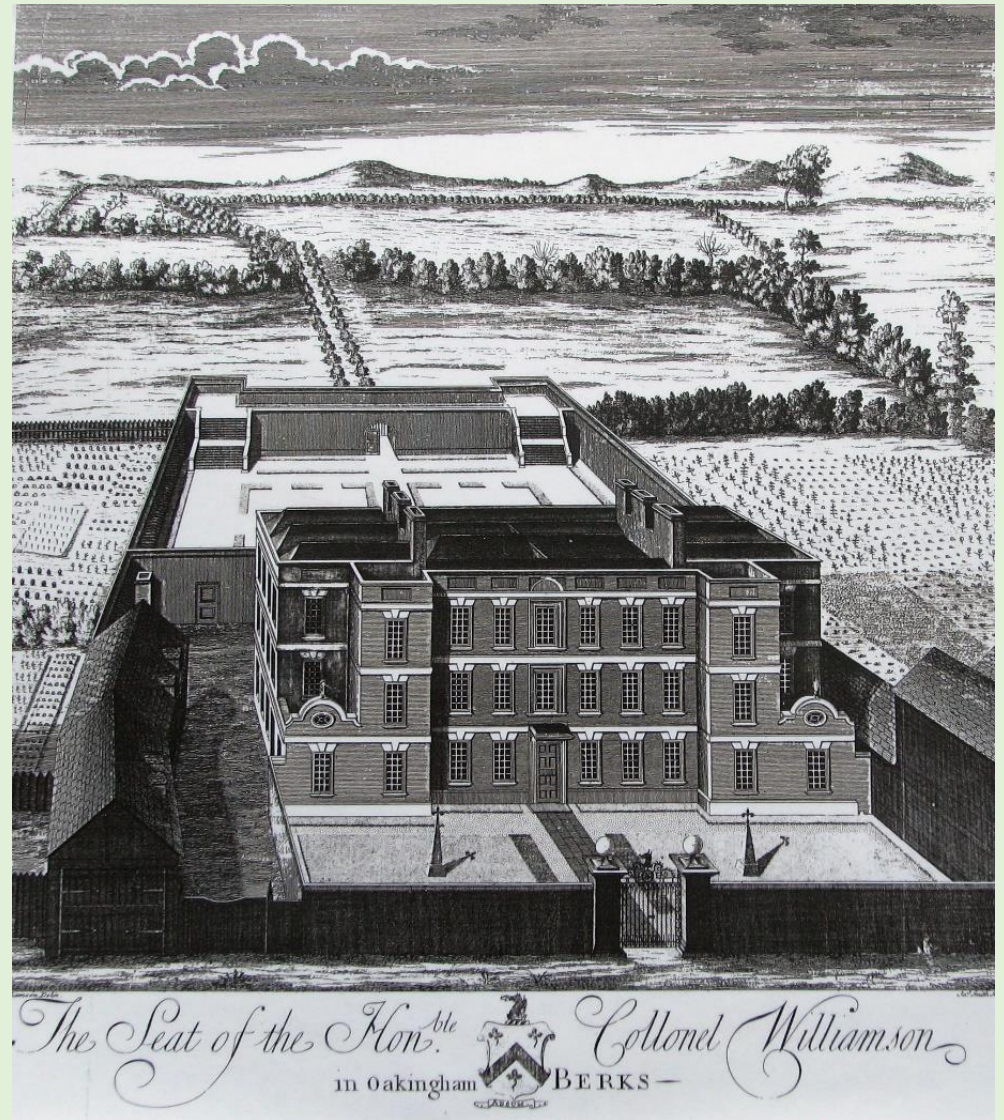
Named after
Henry Montague
who left house
and garden
to son Ephraim
in late 1690s.

Montague House Broad Street Wokingham

ENGRAVING OF MONTAGUE HOUSE

1739

*"The Seat of the Honorable Collonel
Williamson
In Oakingham, BERKS"*

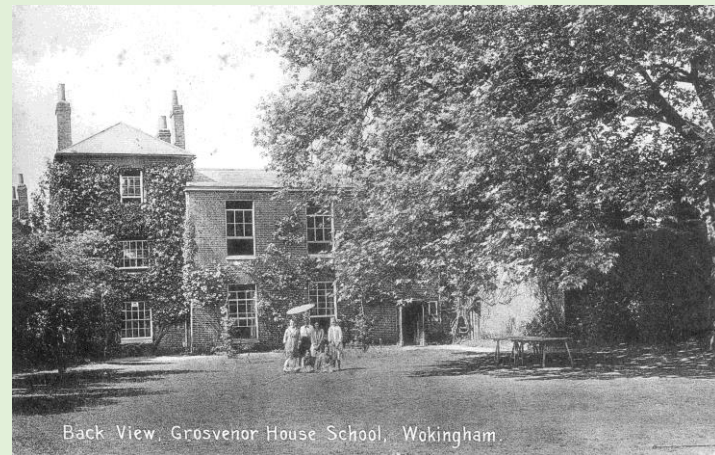
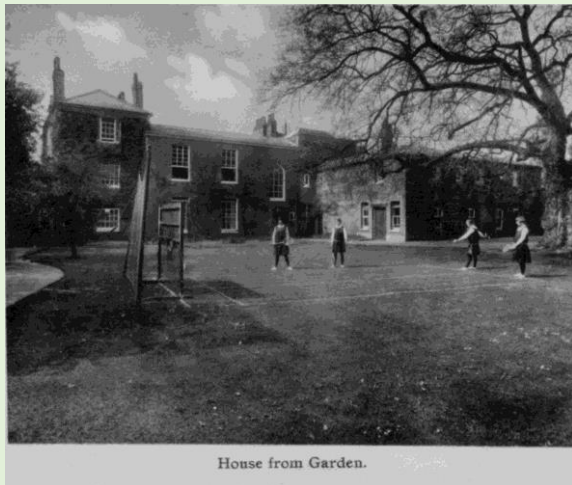


18th 19th early 20th centuries

Many occupiers including 'Boarding School for Young Ladies'

Mid 19th century house (and garden?) substantially rebuilt
by John Roberts and Family. Was the tree planted then?

1919 House and garden let to
Grosvenor house School for Girls



1929 *'the plane tree, giant of its race'*

1951 bought by Berkshire County Council



Used as a
College
of Further Education

Students taking a break
under the oriental plane

1970 it housed Wokingham Branch Library.

1996 John Lewis Partnership bought the land adjoining Montague House

The tree now stands
in Waitrose Car Park

2005

Tree included in a
Tree Preservation
Order (TPO)



2008 Plaque unveiled



Waitrose
Car Park



Wokingham Borough
Mayor
Mrs Pauline Heliar-
Symons
unveils plaque



Richard Oughton, Waitrose Manager,
WDVTA chair (and members) in attendance

2011 Tree management



Pruned to reduce load on split trunk

WDVTA Survey MRN 76

First record (2006) Verification (2011)



Cap fungus

2006 Girth recorded at 6m (est)
2011 Girth recorded as 6.68m

Where else is the tree recorded?

Tree Register of the British Isles (TROBI)

1992 Tree registered as No 4583 (Girth 6.57m at 1.5m)

2011 The record revised (Girth 6.68m at 1.5m)

Tree designated County Champion for girth and height

Woodland Trust

Ancient Tree Inventory

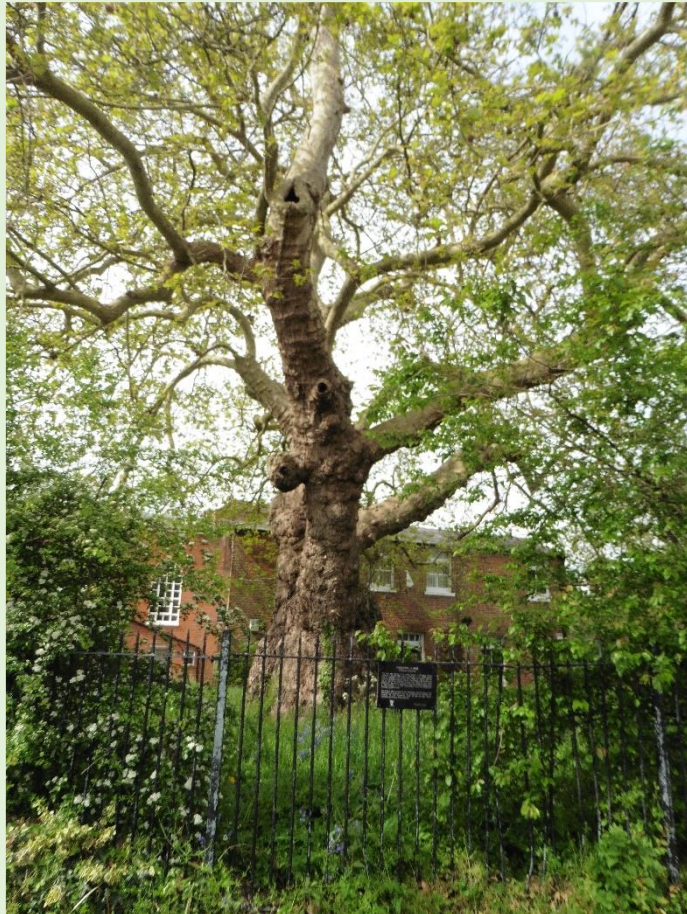
2012 Recorded as Tree 164822

notable (private).



2021

The tree today



What of the future?

