

Presumably the family of the Matthew FORSTER, M.P., who
lived at Belsize House (or Court) from c. 1833-67.

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Matthew FORSTER (1786-1869) merchant, shipowner and underwriter;
MP for Berwick-on-Tweed 1841-53; he was also a reformer and an
advocate of Free Trade. He contributed to the abolition of the
West African Slave Trade by importing palm oil from the area for
lubricating railway axles. This proved more profitable to the
African chiefs than exporting their own people as slaves.