

Local History Collection has some typewritten notes on the HOWARD family, prepared by Mr. E. F. Oppe in 1955. Salient points are:

Gerrard Howard was born in 1709, son of John and Susannah Howard of the parish of St. Anne's Soho. He died at Hampstead in 1780, a resident in Church Row, JP and Deputy Lieutenant for Middlesex. He married firstly Mary Honeywood, in 1730. Secondly in 1762 he married at St. Martin's in the Fields Ann Mawhood, a daughter or sister of the Paravicini Mawhood who is mentioned in Boswell's Johnson. They had a son, Edmund Alexander, and a daughter Rebecca Elizabeth (see Walpole Letters), who married a prosperous clothier and army contractor, James (later Sir James) Duberly, from whom she eloped with Major General John Gunning, brother of the famous beautiful sisters (see DNB). A daughter was born to Rebecca - Ann Howard, commonly called Duberly - and, the father dying, the mother returned with her baby to the parental home in Hampstead in which Gerrard's widow, Mrs. Ann Howard, still lived. Rebecca died early, about 1804, soon after the death of her mother, the grandmother, so that the little girl grew up in the care of guardians, Sarah Johnston and a cousin Collett Mawhood, until she married Charles Barber, QC. (H.920/HOWARD)

Contemporary note on Howard's second marriage appears in Local History Index.

Park, p. 355; Barratt III, p. 347.

Rebecca's elopement, her love nest in Kentish Town, and her return to mother in Hampstead, are mentioned in Dear Miss Heber, edited by Francis Bamford (Constable, 1936).

The whole scandal is chronicled in The Pastel Portrait by Ida Gantz (Cresset Press, 1963).