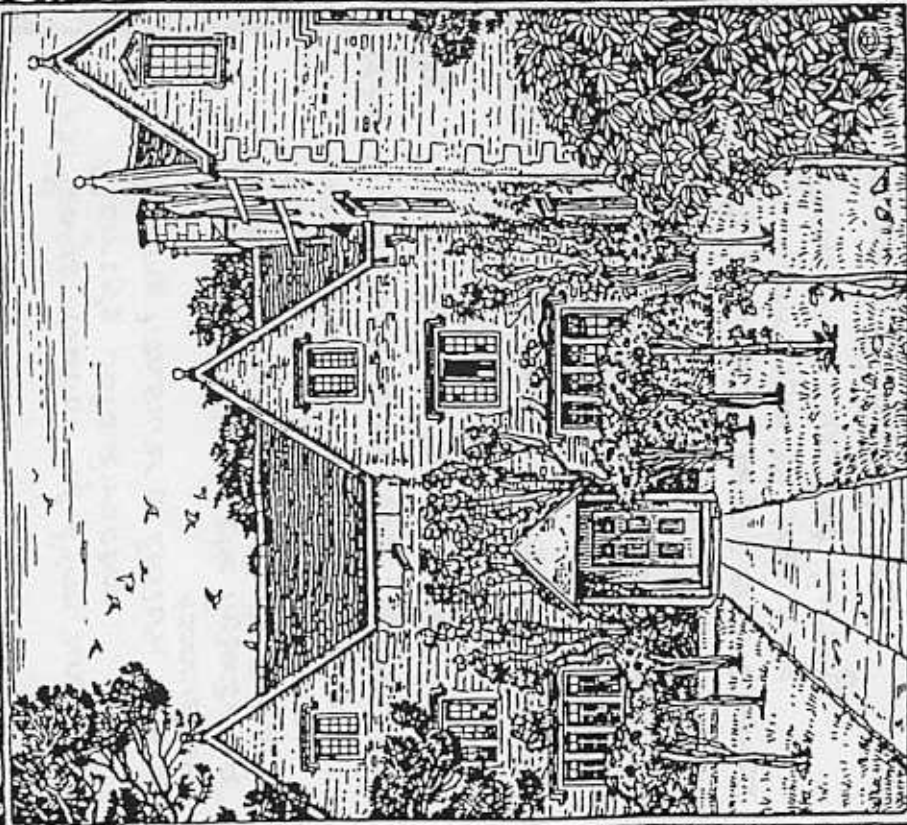


WILLIAM MORRIS

*"Have nothing in your houses
that you do not know to be
useful, or believe to be beautiful."
(THE BEAUTY OF LIFE 1880)*

*"... if you want to be comfortable
you should go to bed
(MORRIS ON FURNITURE)*



THIS IS THE PICTURE OF THE OLD
HOUSE BY THE THAMES TO WHICH
THE PEOPLE OF THIS STORY WENT
HEREAFTER FOLLOWS THE BOOK IT-
SELF WHICH IS CALLED NEWS FROM
NOWHERE OR AN EPOCH OF REST &
IS WRITTEN BY WILLIAM MORRIS.

1834 - Born at Elm House Walthamstow Essex.

1847 - Studied at Marlborough School.

1853 - Went to Exeter College Oxford to

study for Holy Orders, met Edward

Burne-Jones. Read widely

especially John Ruskin.

1856 - Inherited annual income of £900 -

a lot of money in those days!

Articled to Gothic Revival architect

G.E. Street - met Philip Webb.

1857 - Joined project led by Rossetti to

paint frescoes for Oxford Union

Debating Hall. Met Jane Burden.

1858 - Publication of first volume of poetry -

THE DEFENCE OF GUYENNE & OTHER POEMS.

1859 - Married Jane Burden. Commissioned

Webb to design Red House, Bexley Heath.

1861 - Formation of Morris, Marshall, Faulkner & Co.

1865 - Moved with firm to Queen Sq Bloomsbury.

Red House sold.

1868 - Publication of EARTHLY PARADISE began.

1871 - Acquired lease of Kelmscott Manor

Oxfordshire with Rossetti.

Visited Iceland for first time.

1875 - Reorganisation of firm under

Morris's sole direction.

1876 - Became Treasurer of Eastern Question

Association.

1877 - Founded Society for the Protection of

Ancient Buildings - (Anti-Scrap).

First public lecture - THE LESSER ARTS.

Opened Showroom in Oxford Street.

1878 - Moved to Kelmscott House Hammersmith.

1881 - Morris & Co. workshops moved to

Merton Abbey Surrey.

1883 - Joined Social Democratic Federation.

1884 - Resigned from executive of S.D.F.

and co-founded Socialist League.

1885 - Arrested in police court disturbance.

1890 - Left Socialist League and renamed

its Hammersmith branch the

Hammersmith Socialist Society.

1891 - Founded Kelmscott Press

Publication of News from Nowhere.

1896 - Completion of Kelmscott Press Edition

of CHAUCER.

Morris died 3rd Oct. Buried in

graveyard of Kelmscott Parish Church.