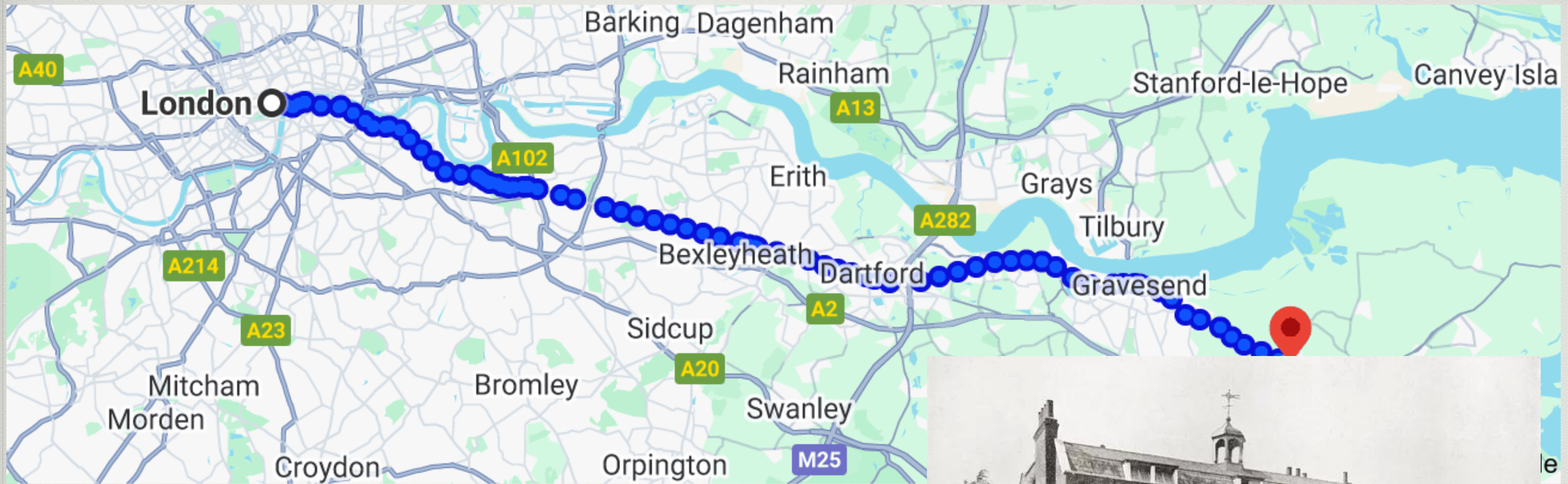


“IF I COULDN’T WALK
FAR AND FAST
I SHOULD
JUST EXPLODE
AND PERISH”

Charles John Huffam Dickens

Born Portsmouth Feb 7th 1812.

Moved to Chatham aged around 4 and enjoyed long walks with his father. On one, he saw Gads Hill Place in the village of Higham for the first time and thought it one of the finest houses he had ever seen. 40 years later, he owned and Gad’s Hill was where he died on June 9th 1870.



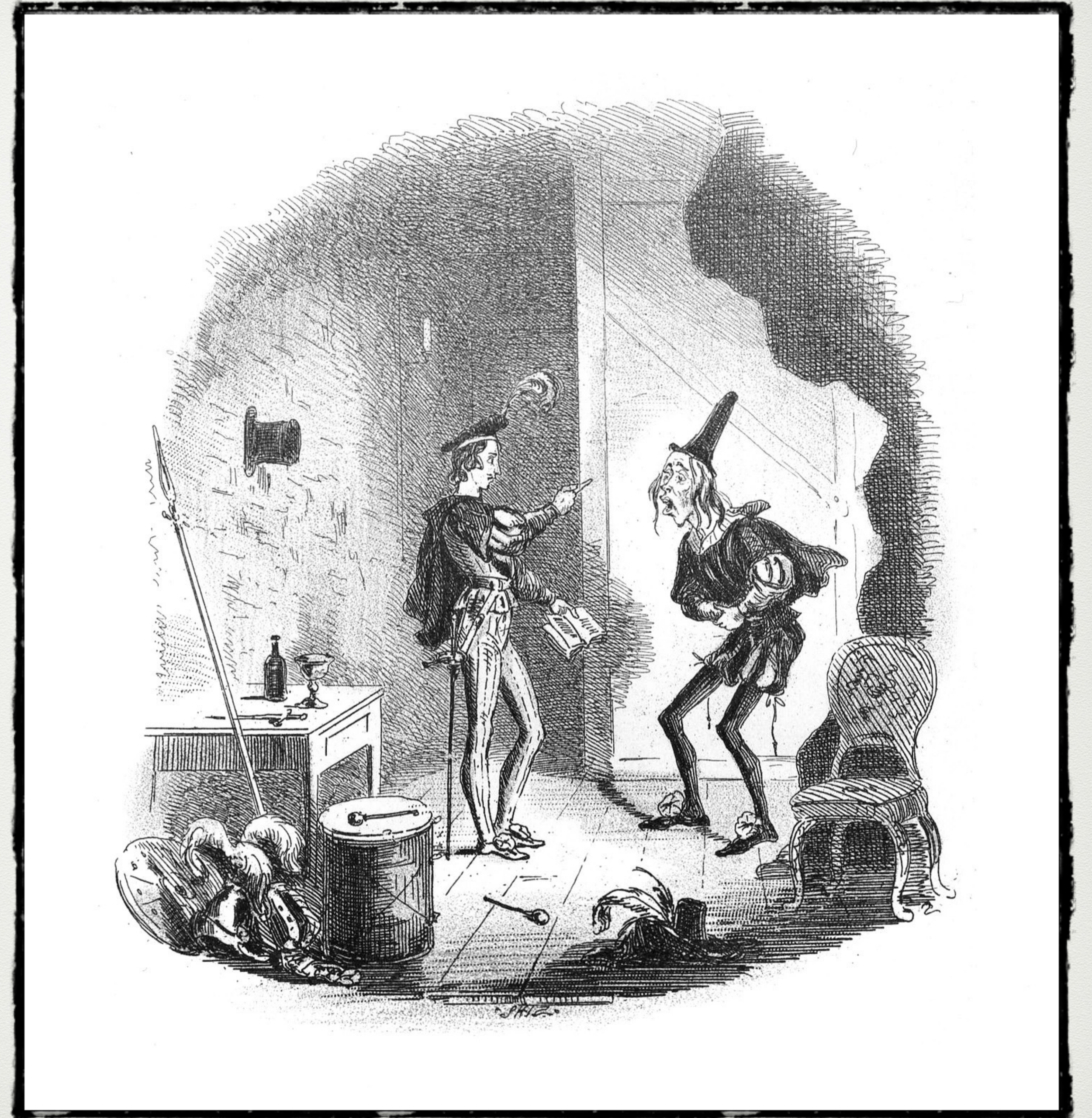
Central London
to
Gads Hill Place, Higham:

28 miles



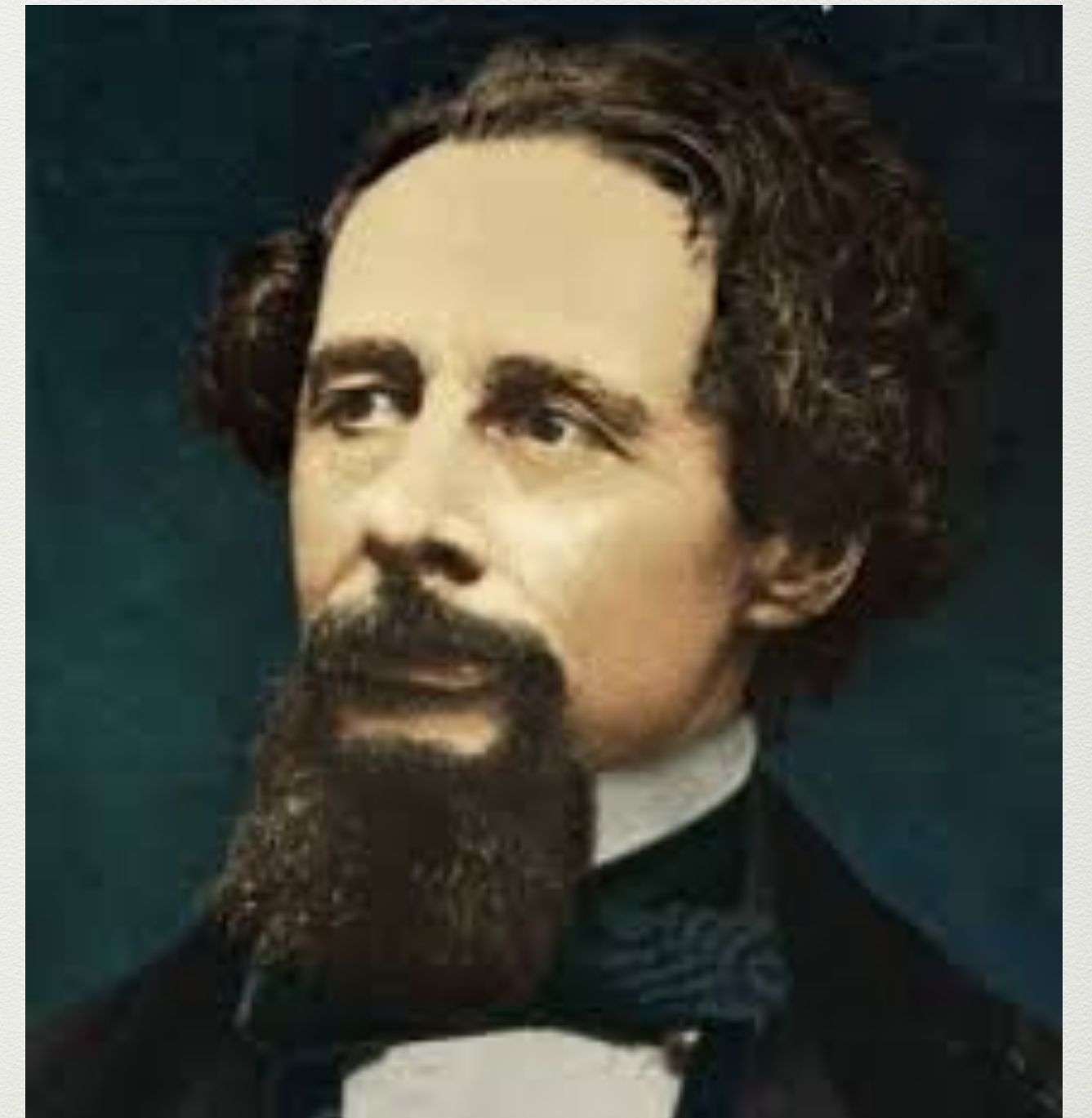
Nicholas Nickleby
and
Smike
walk from
London
to
Portsmouth

**85 miles in two days
(and Smike had a walking
impediment!!)**





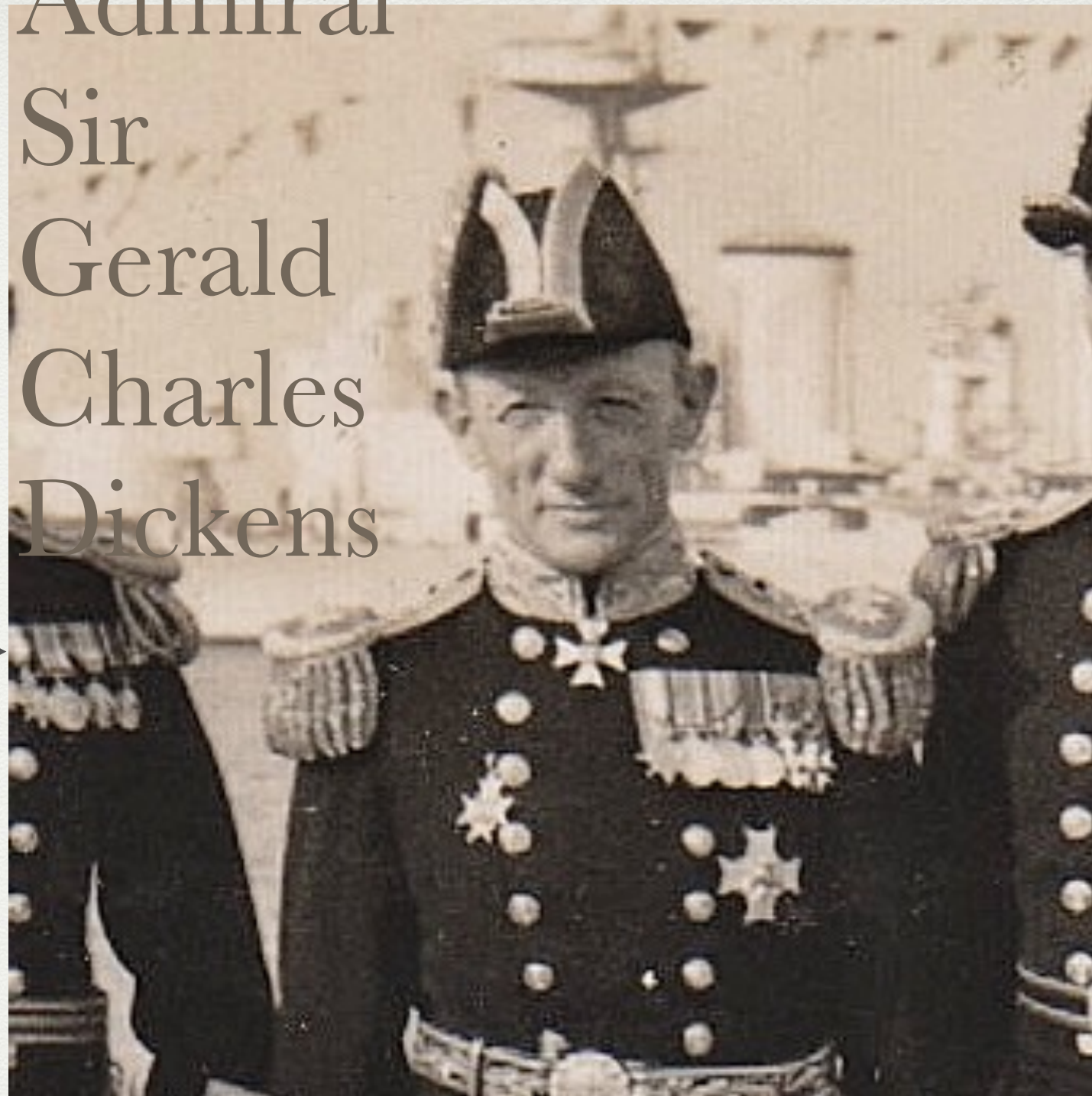
Aged around 38 and how he would have looked when visiting the Island.





8th child. Sir Henry Fielding Dickens. Common Serjeant of London, presiding at the Old Bailey and Knighted in the 1920's.

Admiral
Sir
Gerald
Charles
Dickens



David Charles Dickens. Lt. Cmdr
RN and MD of Pitmans Publishing



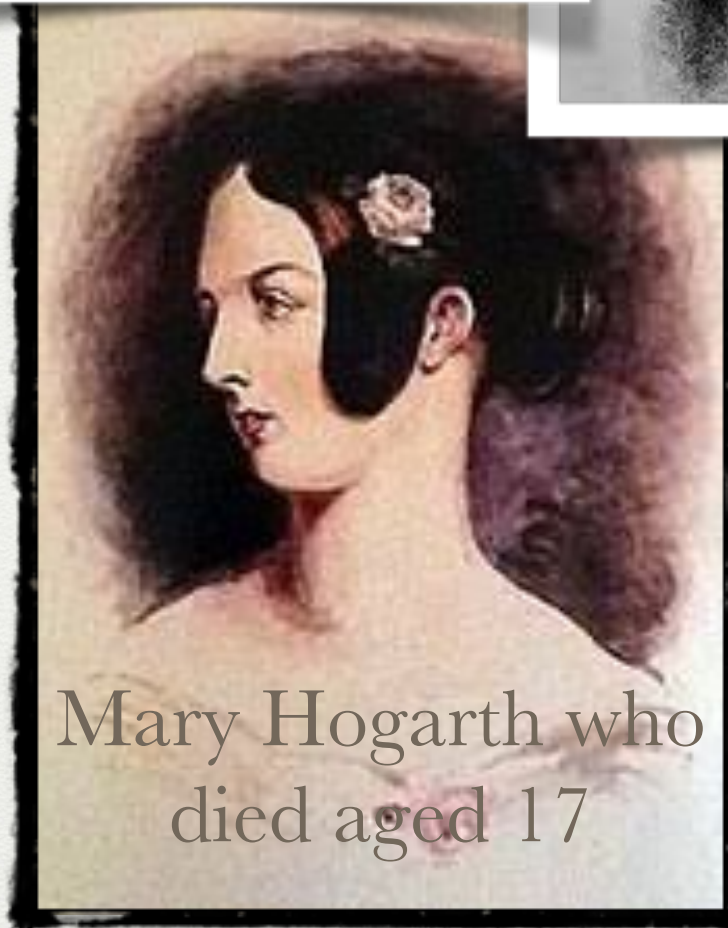
Ian Charles Dickens. President Dickens
Fellowship. Lives in Gurnard.

2019-2022

Charles & Catherine Dickens



GROVES' NEEDLES HOTEL, ALUM BAY.

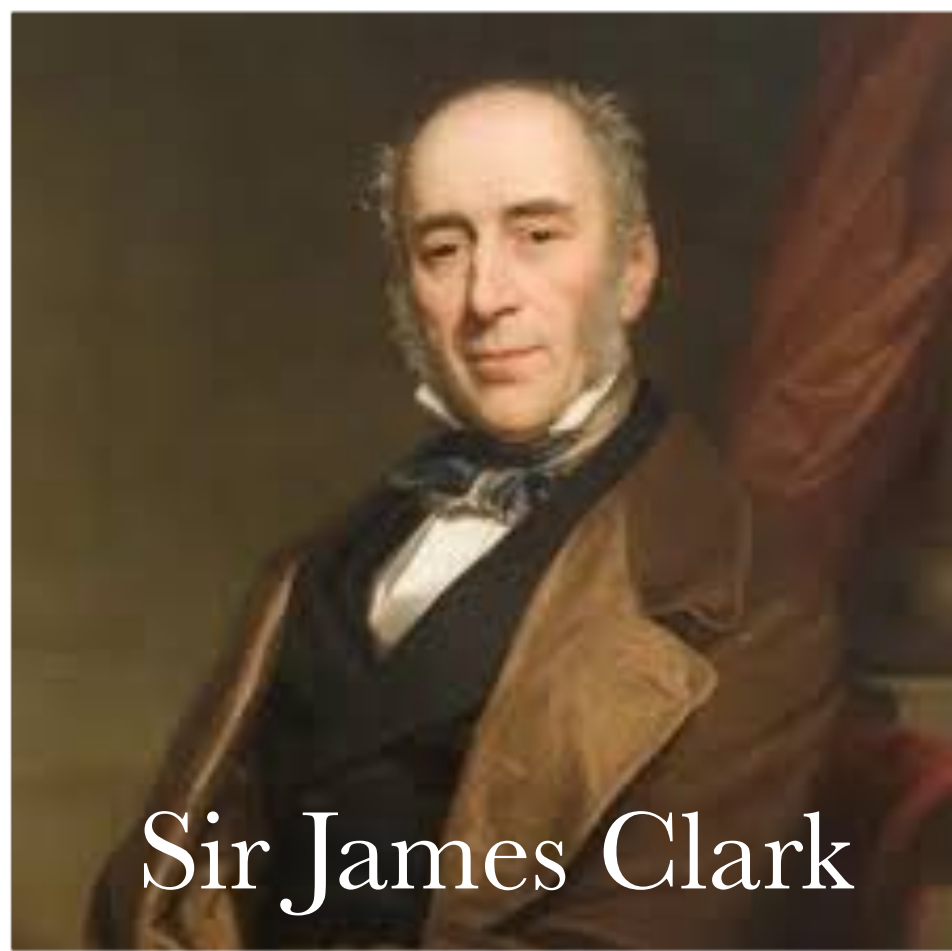


Mary Hogarth who died aged 17

1838



Little Nell



Sir James Clark



Queen Victoria

"I think it is the prettiest place I ever saw
in my life, at home or abroad"



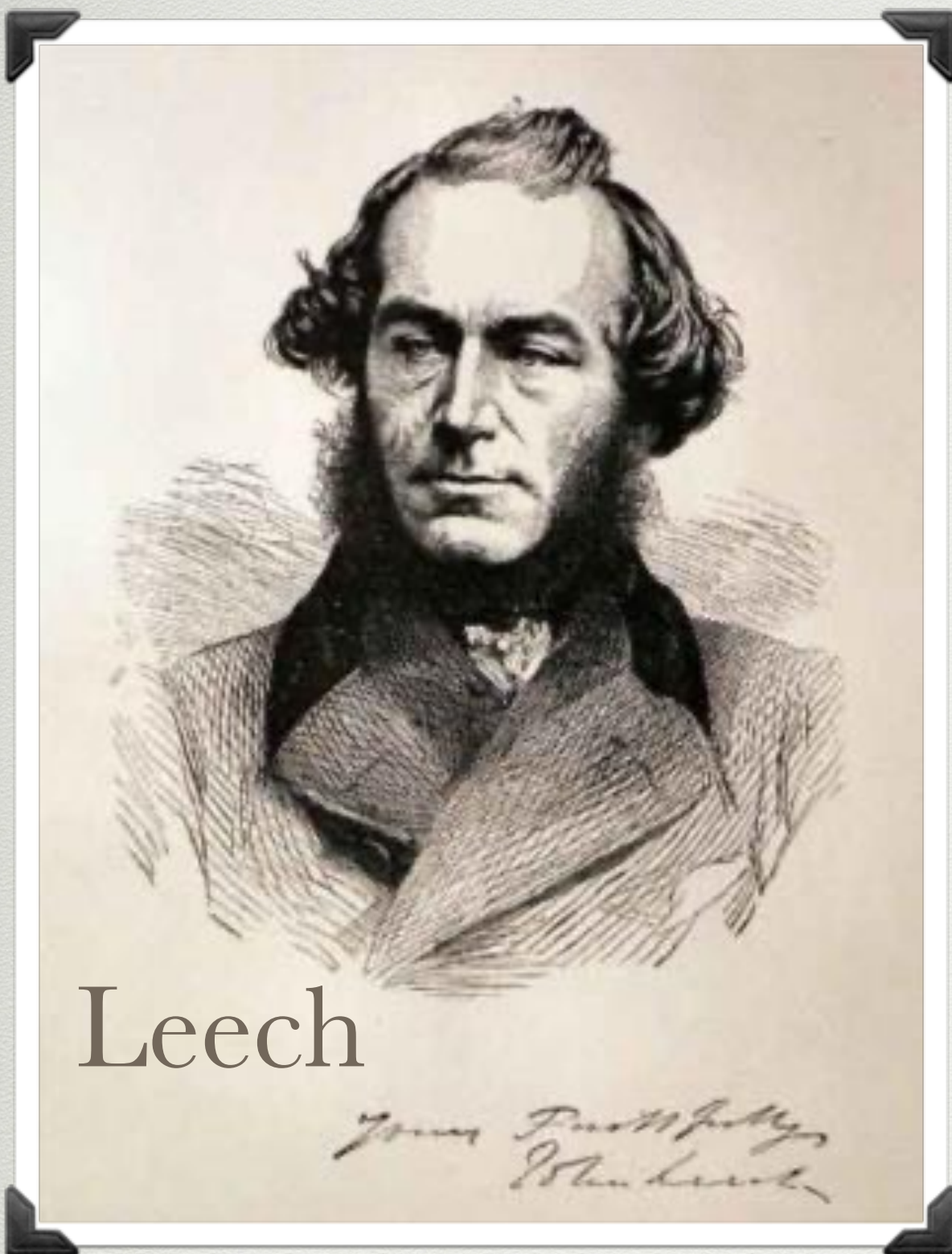
1849

Winterbourne House, Bonchurch, Isle of Wight

July - October, 1849.

“Where the inimitable
becomes invisible”

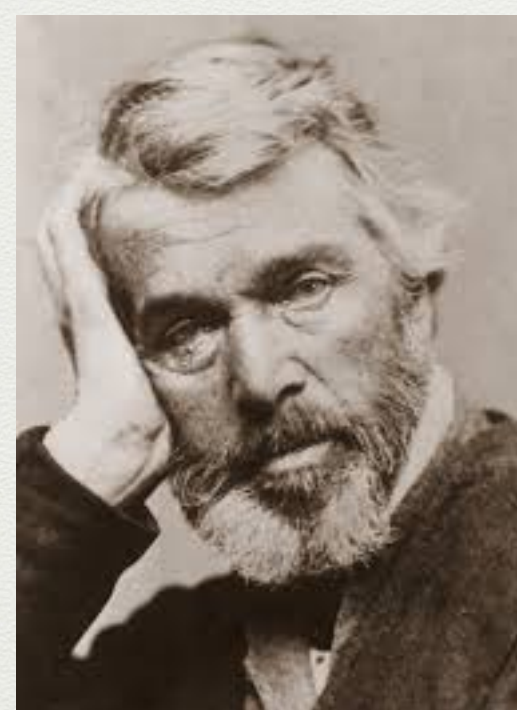




Thackeray



Tennyson



Carlyle



John Forster

Charles and Margaret Dick, Bonchurch
1849 & 1860



Mr Dick in David Copperfield.



Miss Havisham in Great Expectations.





*“Like many fond parents, I have in
my heart of hearts a favourite child.
And his name is David Copperfield”*

Charles Dickens



*“If you sift the world’s prose literature, Dickens will remain;
sift Dickens, David Copperfield will remain;
Sift David Copperfield,
the description of the storm at sea will remain.” Leo Tolstoy.*



The Royal Yacht 'Victoria & Albert' off Cowes. 1849



Owned by Rev Chauncy
Hare Townshend.

He and Charles Dickens
were great friends and
admired each others talents.

Charles Dickens gave him
the original manuscript of
Great Expectations as a gift.

It now lives in the Fenland
Museum in Spalding,
Lincolnshire.

TOWNSHEND HOUSE, COWES.

