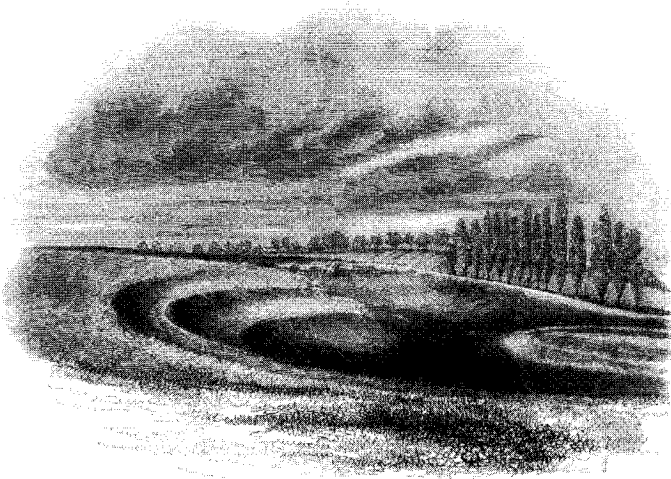


Mr Samuelson was the son of the founder of the iron [f.15] Foundry, Sir Bernard[sic] Samuelson. Many of the streets of houses in Cherwell lately demolished were built to house the workers in the Foundry. Sir Bernard Samuelson was at one time Member of Parliament for Banbury.

There were no houses on the west of Oxford Road except a farm house [Easington Farm] occupied by Mr Denchfield and family, so from High Town Road we will turn towards the town. The Horton General Hospital, although so much has been added to, had much the same appearance at the entrance.

I can just remember the next four houses being built, the first larger one by an architect named Mills who married Miss Perry of the Nurseries. All the houses following except one between the big house called Lismore and Calthorpe Lodge were there as today. Opposite the houses at the bottom of Oxford Road was a row of cottages with gardens in front, some still remain. We now cross the road to the Inn called the Case is Altered. There were no houses on either side of Bloxham Road except Springfield half a mile up on the right.



There were fields on both sides and occupying a large space inside the field bordered by Bloxham Road and Bear Garden Road there was the remains of an old out door theatre, and open space in the middle at the bottom of a hollow surrounded by raised seats as it would be a circus and a steep sloping path leading down from the top to the hollow with the approaches to seats on either side. This hollow was used to entertain