

'128' Camden Road – early history

Brecknock Crescent was conceived by the Camden Town Estate architect, Joseph Kay – a future founder-member and vice-president of the Royal Institute of British Architecture. The crescent was set looking northwards up the hill, with villas either side of Camden Road. Plot 'V11' was the prestige building of the row and its back garden was in line with the rest of the houses in the crescent. Plot 'V12' became Brecknock Place, a terrace on the main road.

1837



1875



Camden Town Estate maps, 1837 and 1875 respectively (London Metropolitan Archives).

The land was leased for building early in Camden Road's history, in 1826. William Line, developer 'V', took a large number of the plots but quickly became financially over-extended and the ownership was passed to another local developer, Thomas Greenwood, who was better resourced.

On style grounds, the individual builders of plots 'V11' and 'V12' appear different.

