

Dickens Family

A DICKENS CHRONOLOGY

- 1812 7th February Charles Dickens born at 387 Mile End Terrace, Commercial Road, Landport, Portsea.
- March Dickens baptized in the Parish Church, St. Mary's, Kingston.
- June Family moved to Hawke Street, Portsea.
- 1814 Family moved to London - Norfolk Street, Fitzroy Square.
- 1817 Dickens family at 2, Ordnance Terrace, Chatham, Kent.
- 1821 Family moved to 18, St. Mary's Place, The Brook, Chatham.
- 1822-23 Moved to 16 Bayham Street, Camden Town, London.
- 1824 Dickens employed in Warren's Blacking Warehouse, Hungerford Stairs.
- John Dickens, his father, in the Marshalsea Debtors' Prison, later released and went to live in Camden Town.
- Dickens sent to Wellington House Academy, Hampstead Road.
- 1827-29 Dickens employed by Ellis and Blackmore, Gray's Inn.
- 1829-31 At Doctors Commons as a shorthand writer.
- 1832 Dickens becomes a reporter on The True Sun.
- 1832-34 Dickens employed on Mirror of Parliament and Morning Chronicle. First story contributed to The Monthly Magazine, "Mr. Minns and his Cousin".
- 1835 Living at Furnival's Inn.
- 1836 First sketches of London in The Evening Chronicle. Collection of stories and sketches published as Sketches by Boz.
- 31st March First number of Pickwick Papers published (completed November 1837).
- 2nd April Marriage of Dickens to Catherine Hogarth at St. Luke's Church, Chelsea.
- 6th November First performance of The Village Coquettes, a burletta by Dickens at St. James's Theatre, London.
- 1837 Dickens editor of Bentley's Miscellany.
- 6th January First son, Charles, born.
- March Oliver Twist started in Bentley's Miscellany. Dickens moved to 48, Doughty Street, London. Death of his sister-in-law, Mary Hogarth.



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- 1838 March Daughter, Mamie, born.
April First number of Nicholas Nickleby published. Completed
October 1839.
- 1839 October Daughter, Kate Macready, born.
Dickens moved to 1, Devonshire Terrace, London.
- 1840 First number of Master Humphrey's Clock published which
later included The Old Curiosity Shop completed Nov. 1841
- 1841 January First number of Barnaby Rudge published in Master Humphrey's
Clock completed November 1841.
- 9th February Son, Walter Landor, born.
- 1842 October Dickens visited America.
American Notes published.
- 1843 January First number of Martin Chuzzlewit published. Completed
July 1844.
December A Christmas Carol published.
- 1844 January Son, Francis Jeffrey, born.
December The Chimes published.
- 1845 28th October Son, Alfred Tennyson, born.
December Cricket on the Hearth published.
- 1846 January Dickens founded The Daily News and became its first Editor
February Resigned editorship of The Daily News.
Pictures from Italy commenced. Finished in The Daily News,
March 1848.
October First number of Dombey and Son published. Completed
April 1848.
December The Battle of Life. published
- 1847 18 April Son, Sydney Haldeman, born.
- 1848 December The Haunted Man published
- 1849 16 January Son, Henry Fielding, born.
May First number of David Copperfield published. Completed
November, 1850.
- 1850 30 March First number of Household Words published.
16 April Daughter, Dora Annie, born.
- 1851 January Child's History of England started in Household Words.
Completed December 1853.
31 March Death of his father, John Dickens.
Autumn Moved to Tavistock House.
- 1852 March First number of Bleak House published. Completed Sept. 1853
- 1853 13 March Son, Edward Bulwer Lytton, born.
27 December First charity reading of A Christmas Carol.

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- 1854 1st April First number of Hard Times published in Household Words. Completed August 1854.
- December Third and last bound volume of A Child's History of England.
- 1855 February Dickens takes possession of Gad's Hill Place, Rochester, Kent.
- December First number of Little Dorrit published. Completed and published in book form, June 1857.
- 1858 15 April First Reading in aid of a hospital.
- 29 April First series of professional Readings.
- May Dickens and Catherine separate.
Reprinted Pieces collected.
- 1859 30 April First number of All the Year Round published incorporating first instalment of A Tale of Two Cities. Completed November 1859.
- 1860 28 January The Uncommercial Traveller started in All The Year Round. Completed 1861.
- 1861-62 1 December Great Expectations started in All the Year Round. Completed August 1861.
- Second series of Professional Readings.
- 1863 September Death of his mother.
- 1864 May First number of Our Mutual Friend published. Completed Nov. 1865. Published in book form, 1865.
- 1865 9 June Dickens in railway accident at Staplehurst, Kent.
- December Second collection of The Uncommercial Traveller in book form.
- 1865-70 Readings end in Farewell Series.
- 1867 9 November Dickens sailed to America (returned May 1868).
- 1870 15 March Last public Reading.
- April First number of The Mystery of Edwin Drood published. Completed as far as it was written, June 1870.
- 9 June Death of Dickens at Gad's Hill Place, Rochester, Kent.
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- 1902 The Dickens Fellowship founded.
- 1905 The Dickensian first published.
- 1925 The Dickens House Museum opened to the public.
- Recommended reading: Edgar Johnson, Charles Dickens his Tragedy and Triumph.
Angus Wilson, The World of Charles Dickens (1970).

Researchers are welcome to consult the Dickens House Library, which contains an unparalleled and world famous collection of Dickensiana. An appointment should be made by letter or telephone in advance. Fees: £2.50 per day, £7.50 per week, £20 per month.

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Isabelle W Ritchey *John W Ritchey*
Margaret M Wake

John W Ritchey - b after 1852 / before 1883
London

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Children

Vertinger

James W.

Edith

Ota M.

Sarah Jane

James Ritchey

John W Ritchey

James Childers

John W

James M

Frank F

Robert James

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