

# LEIGHTON'S DOMESTIC STAFF



The butler's pantry

Leighton lived alone and was often away. He needed only a small domestic staff.

Leighton's butler, Benjamin Kemp, was with him for twenty years from 1872. Kemp was succeeded by John Sandercock who remained until his death in 1896. Sandercock's wife, referred to as Mrs Reid was his last cook/housekeeper.

The butler's pantry and bedroom were in the basement as was the kitchen, scullery, wine cellar and servants' hall where the servants ate together.

Two live-in housemaids were accommodated in bedrooms on a separate floor at the top of the house.

The house had an annual 'spring clean' in September before Leighton returned from his summer travels.

Leighton leased accommodation about five minutes walk away in Pembroke Mews off the Earls Court Road for his coachman William Hogg and Hogg's wife and five children. A rented carriage was kept at the mews and brought around by Hogg when needed.

In the 1880s, Leighton made use of a secretary to help him with his considerable correspondence.