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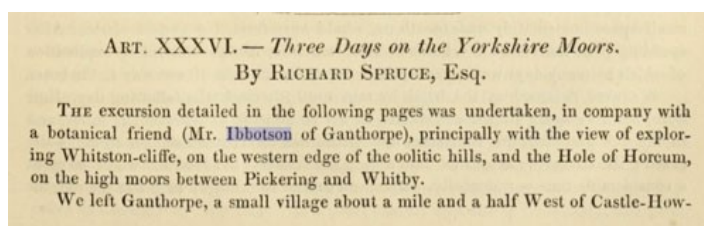
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**Ibbotson, Henry (1814-1886)**

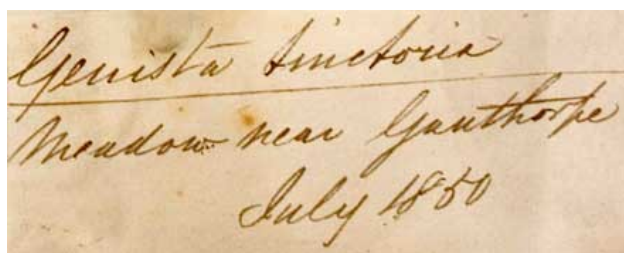
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Henry Ibbotson was born at Ganthorpe , near Castle Howard, Yorkshire. He was the son of the gardener, John Ibbotson and his wife, Elizabeth. Richard Spruce (1817–1893) was his contemporary in Ganthorpe ; Spruce went on to become one of the great Victorian explorers in South America (see article at [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard\\_Spruce](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard_Spruce)).

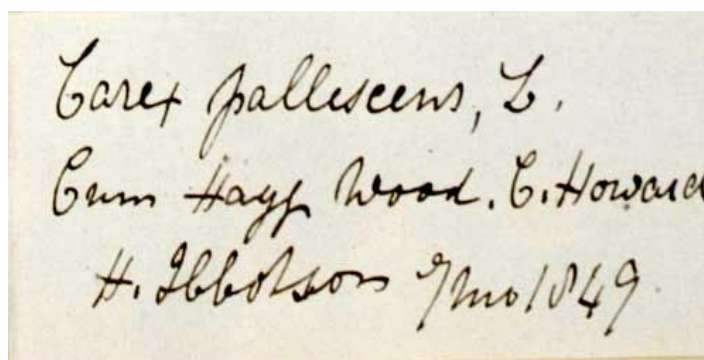
Spruce’s article entitled “Three days on the Yorkshire Moors” page 101 – available at [www.archive.org](http://www.archive.org)



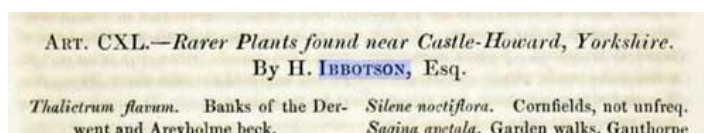
In 1851, the census records Ibbotson as living in **Ganthorpe** with his sister Elizabeth and mother (widowed), and he is described as a ‘botanist’.



In the 1861 census, Ibbotson is recorded as a gardener at Castle Howard Reformatory School (Welburn). He produced [A Guide to Castle Howard](#). Interestingly, some of Mudd’s specimens were collected from **Castle Howard** by Ibbotson:-



He contributed to Henry Baines’ **Flora of Yorkshire** (1840) and to J. G. Baker’s works (who, after Thirsk, worked at Kew). He also prepared and published ‘Rarer plants near Castle Howard’ – *The Phytologist* 1844, p.557 at <http://www.archive.org/stream/phytologistpopul4144luxf#page/100/mode/2up/search/ibbotson>.



<i>Ranunculus Lingua.</i> Bogs near Kirkham.	<i>Stellaria nemorum.</i> Oxcar's wood.
<i>Trollius europæus.</i> Terrington North Carr and in Holly-hill bogs.	— <i>glauca.</i> Boggy ground near the Derwent.
<i>Helleborus viridis.</i> About Mowthorpe and Conesthorpe.	<i>Cerastium arvense.</i> About Terrington and Conesthorpe.

His main work was “A catalogue of the phaenogamous plants of Great Britain”, which came out in parts between 1846 to 1849”, see

<http://www.archive.org/stream/catalogueofphaenooibbo#page/n1/mode/2up> .

His 'last' contribution was probably a booklet / pamphlet on “The ferns of York” in 1884. He sold specimen sets of the rarer plants of the northern counties. The 1881 and 1891 censuses record him variously as a botanist / gardener and lodger / boarder in York.

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