

SOME RECORDS AND HAPPENINGS

IN BROUGHTON, HAMPSHIRE, From 1873

(With Apologies for mentioning certain peoples' names, for the purpose of explanation.)

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From Broughton to Bossington

Broughton Cottages

Built by the Owner of Bossington. They are mainly of Chalk, and Thatched. Builders and Thatchers- Beauchamp & Family, who lived in Broughton 300 years ago.

Roake Farm

Formerly belonged to the Bompas Family. The Farm Buildings were of Wood and Thatched. The House - Front part was of Brick, connected to the old Farm House. The whole was burnt in about 1900, and rebuilt by the Bompas Family. Builder - Christopher Robinson. The Farmer used to send a man with Milk to Queenwood College, carrying it with Yoakes and Buckets.

Brewers Arms

Owner - James Leabourne, Brewed his Beer. He was also a Wood and Coal Dealer.

The House Next door was owned by a Mr. Davis, who was a small Land owner, and general Haulier, mainly for Builders.

The Hollow Road

Used for Farm work, and for Sheep from Bristol and Salisbury Fairs to the Brook for water, thence to the very wide Road called the Drove to rest before going on to Stockbridge and Weyhill Fairs.

The Fields from the Hollow to Hyde Farm were farmed by Mr. Thomas King. Crops - wheat and barley. (I have seen the corn reaped with hooks by the Marsh Family, who then lived at "Grandfathers" when it was two Cottages).

Hyde Farm (now Mr. Halford's)

Owner - Mr. Thomas King, who was a Farmer, Corn merchant and Malster.

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Blackbirds (now Ayles) was a small Holding with four cottages, Stable and Barn, which were burnt down. The Land then belonging to Blackbirds now contains cottages - Peddle, Leigh, Ingram &c. The Owner of Blackbirds was Wallace & Family.

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Coolers Farm Former Owner Mr. Clifton, of Wellow.

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The Mill

Belonged to Mr. Davis, of Queenwood, Farmer. Manager - Mr. Fripp. (Mrs. Stone, the Blind lady now living, was a daughter.) The Mill was a "going" concern, i.e. grinding corn for the farmers, making wheat flour, and when there was a shortage of water, a Steam engine was used. At that time, Farmers used to send sheep to be washed, and the Barn now standing was used for Corn to be thrashed with the Frail. The Cottagers used to take their wheat they had gleaned to be thrashed and made into Flour.

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Broughton House

Then Edwards, with its Stables, Barns, Cowsheds and Farm. The Buildings (now belonging to Mr. Hunt) was a big business.

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The Property now Daniels, etc. was a Farm holding. Owners - Bompas & Family, and called "Ruths Barn". Stable, two Cottages, all thatched. Burnt about 1902, and rebuilt by C. Robinson.

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"Grandfathers" (then two cottages)

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The "Rookery House"

Built by Mr. Emmott in 1873 (Builder Robert Robinson) The old Farmhouse, and a very large yard with Bldgs were burnt and rebuilt by Christopher Robinson. The land was at the back, connecting up with the Buildings land. There were cottages belonging to the Rookery, since pulled down, all of thatch roofs.

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Hayters Farm (now Hinwoods)

About the same, excepting six cottages or thereabouts, similar to the above, then standing nearby.

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