

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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and * the 1867 Kelly's directory.

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notes entitled "Some Records and Happenings in Broughton from
1873". Dr.Hobbs added some notes, and Mrs. Frank Lansley and
Mrs.Ruddle added comments. B.A.}

[HR No.]

From Broughton to Bossington.

[1] 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.

{We have heard it said that the owner, to avoid creating
more claims to 'settlement' in Bossington, built the cottages at
the boundary of the parish and contrived to have the boundary
shifted. Mrs Oliver Maidment lived there all her life, single
and married. B.A.}

[2] 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.

{Should this not be 'connected to the old farm "buildings"
not house? I believe the house was on the same side of the road
as the existing buildings. G.C.H.

Not in 1790. The Langdons represent the Roak Manor family
and have documents. R.A.

Roake Farm anecdote of Petty and Hunt.}

[3] BREWERS ARMS

Owner - James Leabourne, brewed his beer. He was also a
wood and coal dealer.

{The Leabournes sent their son to board at Abbots Ann to
attend school there. Mrs.R. This inn did not exist in 1790.
Older people here call it 'The Fluttering Duck'. Mr.Langdon
remembers it as of no good reputation in his childhood.}

*James Leabourn, beer wood and coal, kept the Fluttering
Duck = The Brewers Arms.

[4] [YEW TREE COTTAGE]

The house next door was owned by a Mr. Davis, who was a small land owner, and general haulier, mainly for builders.

[5] 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.

[6] 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.)

{Mrs. Bevis remembers tying wheat in those fields for Fred King. Harry Marsh lived at one end of Grandfathers, and William Lansley at the other end. Mrs. L. Thomas King also owned Eversfield, the Old malthouse opposite, Mr. Fripp's house, the cottage where Maton now lives [Glenthorpe/Fortunes way]; and where George Brewer used to live and Miss Mitchell owns now [Meadowsweet]. South Road (where the Peddles and Rogers live) used to be called Stone Road. Mrs W. Davis and Mrs. O. Maidment. Sept '45.}

[7] HYDE FARM (now Mr. Halford's)

Owner - Mr. Thomas King, who was a farmer, corn merchant and malster.

{See Mr. Ray's conversation 1950.}

[8] 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.

{Sam Wallace, and after him Ted Rogers, lived in one of the Blackbirds cottages. Mr. & Mrs. Will. Davis (mother of Emily & Mary) came from Lockerley when first married and lived in one. George Hinwood sold the old farm and lands to Mr. Ayles, who afterwards sold some of it back to G.H. Ayles made the road now called South Road and sold the building lots and house where Capt. Smith. In front of Ayles small barn was a cottage occupied by one Hixon, and there were three cottages besides. When Ayles bought the property in 1901 and built the present house he closed the cottages; they burned down in 1915. Miss Ayles has heard of Wallace a small farmer (Miss A. 1956.) One field belonged to Blackbirds, the other to Roake Manor.}

[9] COOLERS FARM Former owner Mr. Clifton, of Wellow.

{Mr. Clifton also owned cottages at the top of the Gardens, above Mrs. Bevis. He was once engaged to Kate Stone, Mrs. R's sister.}

[10] 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 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.

{Mrs.Lansley and Miss M.Harman have not seen thrashing with a flail since they were children; Miss Harman's father used to beat out the corn his children gleaned. (100 years. Mrs.Wallace, Walter Marsh's g'mother kept the mill.) Frail not flail is the local form.

Millbrook House, Tomkins. L'hermite [Lermittel]. Llewellyn.
 Sales. Halford lived in it.)
 *William Fripp - father of the blind Mrs.Stone.

[111] BROUGHTON HOUSE

Then Edwards, with its stables, barns, cowsheds and farm. The Buildings (now belonging to Mr.Hunt) was a big business.

*Robert Daniel Walby - Broughton House.

[12] [BROOK COTTAGE & RUTHS COTTAGE]

The property now Daniels was a farm holding. Owners - Bompas and family, and called "Ruth's Barn". Stable, two cottages, all thatched. Burnt about 1902, and rebuilt by C.Robinson.

{The cottage where Spreadbury lived, where Daniels' shop is now, was taken down, not burnt. Tom Watts' cottage, nearer where Daniels' house is, was burnt, "set on fire while they were shaving", it's said; but how, is not remembered. No one present remembered the name Ruth.}

13] "GRANDFATHERS" (then two cottages).

{See 6. Walter Marsh's father, g'father, gt'g'father all inhabited Grandfathers, 100 years ago. He can't remember whether the roof was thatched. Mrs.F.Lansley went up to re-paper the rooms for the young Wm. Lansley, and was surprised to find the walls all oak-panelled.}

*Philip Marsh, wood dealer - in half of Grandfathers, his son in the other half. Married housemaid from Miss Tomkins.

[14] THE ROOKERY HOUSE

Built by Mr.Emmott in 1873 (Builder Robert Robinson) The old farmhouse, and a very large yard with buildings 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 with thatched roofs.

{Philip Emmott was overseer in 1809. Stone, Mrs.R's father, was carter at the Rookery Farm to the Emmotts for 21 years, lived in the old farmhouse, and Mrs.R. was born there. Her first service was with the Emmotts, where, under 14 she was house-parlourmaid with cap and apron. There was a cottage right in front of Rookery House, pulled down as being unsightly; Jack Stone lived there when first married, the year the Duke of