

HITCHMOUGH'S BLACK COUNTRY PUBS



BRIERLEY HILL

(INC. PENSNETT, QUARRY BANK, ROUND OAK)

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INTRODUCTION

Well over 40 years ago, I began to notice that the English public house was more than just a building in which people drank. The customers talked and played, held trips and meetings, the licensees had their own stories, and the buildings had experienced many changes.

These thoughts spurred me on to find out more. Obviously I had to restrict my field; Black Country pubs became my theme, because that is where I lived and worked. Many of the pubs I remembered from the late 1960's, when I was legally allowed to drink in them, had disappeared or were in the process of doing so.

My plan was to collect any information I could from any sources available. Around that time the Black Country Bugle first appeared; I have never missed an issue, and have found the contents and letters invaluable. I then started to visit the archives of the Black Country boroughs. Directories were another invaluable source for licensees' names, enabling me to build up lists. The censuses, church registers and licensing minutes for some areas, also were consulted. Newspaper articles provided many items of human interest (eg. inquests, crimes, civic matters, industrial relations), which would be of value not only to a pub historian, but to local and social historians and genealogists alike.

With the advances in technology in mind, I decided the opportunity of releasing my entire archive digitally, rather than mere selections as magazine articles or as a book, was too good to miss. This would allow those people with interests, such as mentioned above, to search for relevant information. (sic) The files contain information about every pub that has been found to exist in each of the districts within the Black Country, along with a number of illustrations.

Originally a series of 3 CDs was for sale, covering the Black Country boroughs. After 2 editions of each CD I am now producing individual files for each township sub-area. These files are available for free download by anyone interested.

A number of years have passed since the first CD came out. In that time I have looked at a lot more sources of information (discovering some new old pubs), acquired many more photographs, and made many helpful friends. Thanks to the many people such as Denis Harper and Keith Hodgkins, who have allowed their own photographs to be used. In 2010 I was asked by the relatives of the late John V. Richards to sort through his own archive of material, in order to redistribute it to appropriate groups. This has been very useful in confirming, and providing new, information. I have also been asked to disseminate information gathered by Jim Laws, Wolverhampton CAMRA's pub preservation officer/pub historian, who is unfortunately incapacitated.

I hope you find this file useful. Please, if you can, show your appreciation by contributing information or photographs. If you feel so inclined you can even make a donation via the [downloads](#) page on the website to help defray our expenses.

The work, as ever, continues.

Tony Hitchmough
September 2015

With many thanks to the 'back office': Janet, Sam and Gavin.



Hitchmough Quaffs

DISTRICTS

The districts covered by the CDs were generally based on the modern places created in the 1970's, ie, Sandwell, Dudley, Walsall and Wolverhampton.

These are then subdivided into the old townships which had existed for many years previous, and are as follows:-

SANDWELL

Oldbury (inc. Causeway Green, Langley, Oakham, Rounds Green, Tividale)

Rowley Regis (inc. Blackheath, Cradley Heath, Old Hill, Whiteheath)

Smethwick (inc. Bearwood, Londonderry, Warley)

Tipton (inc. Dudley Port, Great Bridge, Princes End, Toll End)

Wednesbury (inc. Kings Hill, Leabrook, Mesty Croft)

West Bromwich (inc. Golds Green, Greets Green, Hill Top, Lyndon)

DUDLEY

Brierley Hill (inc. Pensnett, Quarry Bank, Round Oak)

Dudley (inc. Harts Hill, Kates Hill, Priory, Woodside)

Halesowen (inc. Colley Gate, Cradley, Hasbury, Lapal)

Kingswinford (inc. Himley, Wall Heath)

Netherton (inc. Darby End, Dudley Wood, Saltwells, Windmill End)

Sedgley (inc. Coseley, The Gornals, Woodsetton)

Stourbridge (inc. Amblecote, Lye, Wollaston, Wollescote, Wordsley)

WALSALL & WOLVERHAMPTON

Bilston (inc. Bradley, Hallfields)

Darlaston (inc. Butcroft, Moxley, Wood's Bank)

Walsall (inc. Bloxwich, Leamore, Palfrey, Pelsall, Rushall, Shelfield, Walsall Wood)

Wednesfield (inc. Ashmore Park, Fallings Park, Heath Town, Moseley Village, Park Village, Wood End)

Willenhall (inc. Bentley, New Invention, Portobello, Short Heath)

Wolverhampton (inc. Blakenhall, Codsall, Oxley, Penn, Tettenhall, Whitmore Reans)

UPDATES

I am planning to continue my researches, and will be producing updated versions of each file (for free download) as sufficient additional content is found. Hopefully new old pubs will continue to be discovered, as will some mysteries be cleared up.

I maintain an Update service on the website to advise of pub discoveries made during the interim between releases.

If anyone is able to provide extra, relevant information and / or pictures, about any of the pubs and people contained within this work, I would be grateful to hear from you, initially by e-mail at:

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I look forward to hearing from you.

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ABOUT THIS FILE

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ABRAHAM DARBY

Times Square Avenue, Merry Hill Centre, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

J. D. Wetherspoon

LICENSEES

Odel Creehan **(2005 - [2009])**

NOTES

It opened on 27th February 2005, at a cost of £1.2m.

[2015]



2015

ACADEMY

Waterfront East, Merry Hill Centre, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Bass Taverns (from 1995)
M. & M. Leisure Ltd. [2008]

LICENSEES

Russell Jordan **(1995 - [1996]**
Mark Pinches [2001] - [2003] manager

NOTES

It opened in 1995.

It was a wine bar.

[2007]

Closed

It reopened as the ROADHOUSE. [2008]



2007



2008

ALBION

17, (9), Albion Street, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Thomas Priest, Simms Lane, Netherton
Atkinsons Brewery [c. 1897]
J. F. C. Jackson Ltd. [c. 1930]
Darby's Brewery Ltd. (acquired on 4th May 1937)

LICENSEES

Thomas Dudley [1871] - **1873**);
Thomas Priest (**1873 - 1877**);
William Brooks (**1877 - 1878**);
James Hyde (**1878 - [1881]**)
Nehemiah Holds [1886] - **1888**);
William Benton (**1888 - 1891**);
William Abraham Thompson (**1891 - 1893**);
Richard Cox (**1893 - 1897**);
Thomas Hill (**1897 - 1898**);
William Bullock (**1898 - 1899**);
Thomas Bradford (**1899 - 1901**);
Richard Tranter (**1901 - 1902**);
Perrin Mason (**1902 - 1907**);
William Alfred Smith (**1907**);
John Harry Meese (**1907 - 1908**);
William Joseph Parkes (**1908 - 1914**);
John Mason (**1914 - 1927**);
Benjamin Asbury (**1927 - 1933**);
Mary Ann Mason (**1933 - 1934**);
Herbert John Holloway (**1934 - 1936**);
William Henry Lilley (**1936 - 1938**);
Richard Totney (**1938 - []**)
William Henry Marshall [1940]
Cyril Fello []

NOTES

9, Albion Street [1871], [1872], [1881], [1904], [1911], [1912]
17, Albion Street [1916], [1940]

It had a beerhouse license.

1871 Census

9, Albion Street

- [1] *Thomas Dudley* (43), blacksmith at ironworks, born Stourbridge;
- [2] *Fanny Dudley* (41), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Amelia Dudley* (19), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Fanny Dudley* (17), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Mary Dudley* (14), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Thomas Dudley* (12), son, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Charles Dudley* (9), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [8] *Jemima Dudley* (7), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [9] *Elijah Dudley* (5), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [10] *William Dudley* (2), son, born Kingswinford:

Thomas Dudley, beer retailer, 9, Albion Street. [1872]

See also OLD BELL.

1881 Census

9, Albion Street – ALBION INN

- [1] *James Hyde* (29), coal miner and licensed victualler, born Dudley;
- [2] *Rebecca Hyde* (35), wife, born Pensnett;
- [3] *Alice E. Hyde* (8), daughter, scholar, born Pensnett:

Nehemiah Holds, beerhouse keeper and blacksmith. [1886]

1901 Census

Albion Street – ALBION INN

- [1] *Thomas Bradford* (60), public house manager, born Dudley;
- [2] *Mary Bradford* (56), wife, born Dudley;
- [3] *Albert Bradford* (21), son, railway clerk, born Brierley Hill:

1911 Census

9, Albion Street

- [1] *W. J. Parkes* (46), licensed victualler, born Smethwick;
- [2] *Louisa Parkes* (42), wife, married 21 years, born Oldbury;
- [3] *William Parkes* (20), son, shop assistant, born Staffordshire;
- [4] *Matilda Parkes* (18), daughter, domestic duties, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *Alfred Parkes* (16), son, shop assistant, born Cottage Street, Brierley Hill;
- [6] *Ernest Parkes* (13), son, born Cottage Street, Brierley Hill;
- [7] *Evelyn Parkes* (5), daughter, born Cottage Street, Brierley Hill;
- [8] *Fred Haymary* (46), brother in law, born Darby End;
- [9] *Sarah A. Haymary* (42), wife, born Great Elm, Somerset:

William Joseph Parkes, beer retailer, 9, Albion Street. [1912]

It was sold at auction for £500 on 14th October 1929.

A full license was granted in 1949.

R. A. Williams & Son applied to change use from public house to restaurant on 17th December 1984.

It closed on 12th July 1985.

It was sold to Racal Printing Services Ltd.

ALBION

35, (38), Moor Street, (Moor Lane), BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Price and Co.

Smith and Williams (leased)

LICENSEES

William Narrowmore [1870] – **1871**);

Elias Cooper (**1871 – 1875**);

Elijah Aston (**1875 – 1886**);

Francis James Hall (**1886 – 1887**);

Samuel Simpson (**1887 – 1899**);

James Pegg (**1899 – 1900**);

Thomas Prosser (**1900 – 1901**);

John Woodhouse (**1901 – 1903**);

Thomas Catchpole (**1903 – 1904**);

Simeon Gould (**1904 – 1907**);

Alfred Purser (**1907 – 1909**);

Henry Shakespeare (**1909 – 1912**);

John Henry Smith (**1912 – 1918**):

NOTES

38, Moor Lane [1871], [1891], [1901]

35, Moor Lane [1911]

It had an ante'69 beerhouse license.

1871 Census

38, Moor Street

[1] *William Narrowmore* (41), beerhouse keeper and boat builder, born Dudley;

[2] *Eliza Narrowmore* (37), wife, born Bromley:

Stourbridge Observer 14/10/1871 - Advert

“Clearing-Out Sale / The ALBION INN, Moor Street, Brierley Hill / S. Insull will Sell by Auction, upon the Premises, as above, the whole of the Public House Fixtures, Brewing Utensils, excellent Half Hogshead and other Casks, Vats, Boilers, 4-Pull Ale Machine, Malt Crusher, and Effects, belonging to Mr. *W. Narrowmore*, who is leaving the premises. / Sale to commence at Eleven o'clock.”

[No date announced.]

Elias Cooper, coalmaster and beer retailer, Lower Moor Colliery.

1891 Census

38, Moor Street – ALBION INN

- [1] *Samuel Simpson* (44), licensed victualler, born Buckpool;
- [2] *Ann E. Simpson* (45), wife, born Buckpool;
- [3] *John Simpson* (22), son, boat steerer, born Buckpool;
- [4] *Harry Simpson* (20), son, boat steerer, born Buckpool;
- [5] *George Simpson* (18), son, boat steerer, born Buckpool;
- [6] *Mary A. Simpson* (14), daughter, born Buckpool;
- [7] *Arthur Simpson* (12), son, born Buckpool;
- [8] *Emma Simpson* (10), daughter, born Buckpool;
- [9] *Berty Simpson* (7), son, born Buckpool;
- [10] *Thomas Simpson* (2), son, born Buckpool:

1901 Census

38, Moor Street

- [1] *Thomas Prosser* (31), publican, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Alice A. Prosser* (30), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Thomas Prosser* (2), son, born Brierley Hill:

Thomas Prosser – see also TENTH LOCK.

1911 Census

35, Moor Lane – ALBION INN

- [1] *Henry Shakespeare* (52), publican, manager for brewery company, born Brockmoor;
- [2] *Jane Shakespeare* (48), wife, married 30 years, born Brockmoor;
- [3] *Gladys Mary Shakespeare* (11), daughter, school, born Brockmoor;
- [4] *Alice Shakespeare* (9), daughter, school, born Brockmoor:

County Express 9/2/1918

“Supt. Tucker said with regard to the ALBION INN, Moor Lane, the owners were Messrs. Price and Co., and the lessees Messrs. Smith and Williams, and both firms were willing that this house should be reported. There were only a few houses in the vicinity, whilst there was in close proximity a fully licensed house, the OLD BUSH INN. He suggested the ALBION INN be put back on the ground of redundancy. The justices so ordered.”

County Express 9/3/1918

“Brierley Hill Adjourned Licensing Sessions.....

Objection was raised to the renewal of the license of the ALBION INN, Moor Lane, tenanted by *John Henry Smith*. Superintendent Tucker said it was an anti 1869 beerhouse and its conduct good. The owners were Messrs. Price and Co., and the lessees Messrs. Smith and Williams, Town Brewery. Within 500 yards radius there were five fully licensed houses, three beer-houses ‘on’, and two beer-houses ‘off’. The OLD BUSH was only 100 yards away, LABOUR-IN-VAIN 350 yards away and the SWAN INN 480 yards. There were very few houses near to the ALBION INN, which was less commodious than the three houses mentioned. The parties interested had signed an agreement to accept £400 compensation subject to approval by the Compensation Committee.

In answer to the clerk, Mr. H. F. Williams (of Messrs. Smith and Williams) said the firm were quite satisfied with the temporary arrangement made, and had no opposition to the house being referred.

The Bench referred it for compensation.”

The license renewal was refused on 3rd July 1918.

The license expired on 28th December 1918.

ALBION

71, (124), Commonsides / Broad Street, PENSNETT

OWNERS

Mr. Winch, Lion Brewery, Tipton [c. 1897]
Peter Walker and Co., Tipton (acquired in 1898)
Frederick Smith, Aston Model Brewery [c. 1920]
W. Butler and Co. Ltd.
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.
Enterprise Inns

LICENSEES

Arthur Lench [1856]
Thomas Mountford [1870] - 1889);
Emma Mountford (1889 - 1893);
John William Pearson (1893 - 1897);
Joseph Ellerton (1897 - 1899);
Benjamin Turner (1899 - 1910);
Mrs. Phoebe Turner (1910 - 1922);
Annie Foley (1922 - 1926);
Harold George Boyd (1926 - 1929);
Norman Ernest Andrews (1929 - 1932);
Ernest Leonard Ward (1932 - 1958);
Annie Ward (1958 - []
Joseph William Wesson [] - 1967);
Joan Norma Beattie (1967 - 1968);
James Leonard Hogan (1968);
David John Meese (1968 - 1969);
Douglas Bernard Hawkes (1969 - 1970);
Dennis Raymond Hill (1970);
Terence John Wooldridge (1970 - 1971);
Norman Shaw (1971 - 1972);
Ernest Joseph Wilson (1972);
William Stephen Hulme (1972 - 1975);
William Ernest Mills (1975 - 1977);
Dennis Maurice Newman (1977);
Michael John Southall (1977 - 1980);
Patrick Finbar Bowater (1980 - 1985);
Brenda Wilkes (1985 - []

NOTES

124, Commonsides [1901]
71, Commonsides

It had a beerhouse license.

CLEARING-OUT SALE.

THE ALBION INN, MOOR-STREET, BRIERLEY HILL.

S. INSULL will SELL by AUCTION, upon the Premises, as above, the whole of the PUBLIC-HOUSE FIXTURES, BREWING UTENSILS, excellent Half-hogshead and other Casks, Vats, Butters, 4-pull Ale Machine, Malt Crusher, and Effects, belonging to Mr. W. Narrowmore, who is leaving the Premises.

Sale to commence at Eleven o'clock.

Advert 1871



1997

London Gazette 21/5/1861

“Whereas a Petition of *Arthur Lench*, at present and for six calendar months and three weeks last past living at lodgings with William Bishop, at Lower Gornal and for three years or thereabouts previous thereto residing at and keeping the OLD BOAT INN, Park Lane, Oldbury carrying on there the business of Licensed Victualler and Dealer in Tobacco, and for twelve months previous thereto residing at and keeping the ALBION INN, Pensnett carrying on the business of Retailer of Beer and Dealer in Tobacco, an insolvent debtor.....”

Thomas Mountford, beer retailer, Commonsides, Pensnett. [1870], [1872]

1871 Census

High Street

- [1] *Thomas Mountford* (41), boiler plate maker, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Emma Mountford* (32), wife, born Bromley;
- [3] *Anne Mountford* (13), daughter, born Commonsides;
- [4] *Emily Mountford* (10), daughter, born Commonsides;
- [5] *Agnes Mountford* (7), daughter, born Commonsides;
- [6] *Caroline Mountford* (6), daughter, born Commonsides;
- [7] *Mary Ann Mountford* (4), daughter, born Commonsides:

1891 Census

Commonsides – ALBION INN

- [1] *Emma Mountford* (53), beer retailer, born Brierley;
- [2] *Emily Mountford* (29), daughter, born Brierley;
- [3] *Mary A. Edge* (22), daughter, born Swindon, Staffordshire;
- [4] *Thomas Edge* (27), son in law, inspector of mines / drainage, born Old Hill;
- [5] *Theresa Smith* (16), domestic servant, born Brockmoor:

County Express 21/7/1900

“On Wednesday evening a meeting of the South Staffordshire and East Worcestershire Amalgamated Miners’ and Engineers’ Association was held in a field near the ALBION INN, Commonsides, the Shut End Band parading the principal streets prior to the meeting.....”

1901 Census

124, Commonsides

- [1] *Benjamin Turner* (48), beer retailer, born Gornal;
- [2] *Phoebe Turner* (49), wife, born Gornal;
- [3] *Leah Turner* (21), daughter, barmaid, born Gornal;
- [4] *Abel Turner* (16), son, miner, born Gornal;
- [5] *Reuben Turner* (14), iron founder, born Gornal;
- [6] *Ada Turner* (7), daughter, born Gornal:

Benjamin Turner, beer retailer, Commonsides. [1904]

Black Country Bugle (1987)

‘More Memories Of Old Pensnett’

“Of the local pubs, she [85 years old Mrs. Ruth Parfitt] best remembers the ALBION (kept by Reuben (?) Turner). Local women had their own room there, and on Sunday nights sang hymns with such enthusiasm that they almost raised the roof.”

The full license was transferred from the HOPE TAVERN on 23rd March 1907.

It closed in 1998.

It was converted into housing.

ALMA

1a, (3), (1), Mill Street, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Truman, Hanbury and Co. [1890]
Courage Ltd.

LICENSEES

John Higgs [1861] - **1875**);
Richard Bourne Guest (**1875 - 1890**);
Benjamin Whittingslow (**1890 - 1920**);
Benjamin Harry Whittingslow (**1920 - 1924**);
Alexander Hugh Parry (**1924 - 1939**);
Augustus Jubilee Lytheer (**1939 - 1942**);
Gerald Frankshaw (**1942 - 1954**);
Robert Henry James North (**1954**);
John McArdle (**1954 - 1958**);
Kenneth David Baker (**1958 - []**)
Patrick Joseph O'Connor [] - **1970**);
Clifford Poole (**1970 - 1973**);
James Derrick Pettitt (**1973 - 1974**);
Michael Robert Connelly (**1974 - 1976**);
Maurice Peace (**1976 - 1977**);
Raymond John Wanty (**1977**);
Roger Philip Ashby (**1977 - 1980**);
Robert Davis (**1980**);
Roy Cronshaw (**1980 - 1984**)
Philip Christopher Davies (**1984 - 1987**);
Iroweth Roberts (**1987 - 1989**);
Chandrakant Patel (**1989 - 1990**);

NOTES

1, Mill Street [1872], [1881], [1892], [1904], [1911], [1912], [1916], [1921]
3, Mill Street [1940]
1a, Mill Street [1983]

It had a beer and wine license.

1861 Census

Mill Street

- [1] John Higgs (32), beer seller, born Kingswinford;
- [2] Sarah Higgs (31), wife, born Stourbridge;
- [3] William Higgs (7), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] Elizabeth Higgs (5), daughter, scholar, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] Clara Higgs (2), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [6] Alfred Higgs (8 months), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [7] Ellen Buiford (19), house servant, born Stourbridge;
- [8] Mary Raybould (15), nursemaid, born Brierley Hill;

ALMA INN,

MILL STREET, BRIERLEY-HILL.

R. B. GUEST,

PROPRIETOR.

FINE HOME-BREWED ALES,

LONDON & DUBLIN STOUT,

PORT, SHERRY, CLARET, AND CHAMPAGNE,

OF THE BEST QUALITIES.

Advert 1881

John Higgs, beer retailer, Mill Street [1861], [1865], [1868], [1870]
He was also described as a pawnbroker, Quarry Bank in 1872

1871 Census

Mill Street

- [1] *John Higgs* (44), publican and pawnbroker, born Staffordshire;
- [2] *Sarah Higgs* (42), wife, born Worcestershire;
- [3] *Elizabeth Higgs* (15), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Clara Higgs* (12), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Carrie Higgs* (8), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Walter Higgs* (2), son, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Sarah Elizabeth Pincher* (20), general servant, born Kingswinford;
- [8] *Celia Lowe* (16), general servant, born Stourbridge:

Brierley Hill CC was formed here on 14th September 1876.

Ford's Household Almanack for 1881 - Advert

"ALMA INN, Mill Street, Brierley Hill / *R. B. Guest*, Proprietor / Fine Home-Brewed Ales, London & Dublin Stout, Port, Sherry, Claret, and Champagne, of the best qualities."

1881 Census

1, Mill Street

- [1] *Richard B. Guest* (44), innkeeper, born Brettle Lane;
- [2] *Fanny Guest* (34), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Albert E. Guest* (15), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *David V. Guest* (7), son, born Glasgow;
- [5] *Emma E. Cotterel* (20), general servant, born Brownhills:

Evening Star 24/1/1882

"On Monday a mass meeting of ironworkers was held in the ALMA INN, Brierley Hill, to consider the sliding scale and to choose two representatives on the Wages Board. The districts represented at the meeting were Primrose Hill, Round Oak, Harts Hill, Brown and Freers, Bromley, the Old Level, Corngreaves, Nine Locks, Cradley Forge, and Seven Dwellings.

Mr. Capper addressed the meeting at length, and accused the attacks made upon him at previous meetings on the ground that it was not the intelligent ironworkers who joined in them. He would willingly resign if it were generally desired, but whilst he was the representative of the men he would do what he believed to be the best...."

1891 Census

Mill Street – ALMA INN

- [1] *Benjamin Whittingslow* (29), innkeeper, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Clara Whittingslow* (23), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Alice Lambert* (17), general servant, born Pensnett;
- [4] *Edith Bennett* (17), general servant, born Pensnett:

There was a chimney fire here in February 1900.

County Express 12/1/1901

"Foresters' Conviviality. At Wednesday's ordinary meeting of Court 'Royal Alma,' No.5226 branch of the Dudley and Cradley Heath District, held at the ALMA INN, a musical entertainment was given by members at the close of the business. Bro. W. Pargeter, C.R., was in the chair, and Bro. W. Thompson (Delph) was S.C.R. The accounts, which had been audited for the year ended December 31st last by Bros. A. George and W. Pargeter, were presented. On the sick and funeral account there remained a balance in favour of the court of £1,912 13s 11½d, on the management fund £12 18s 10½d, on the subsidiary benefit fund £33 13s, making a total the worth of the court £1,964 5s 10d, and showing a gain in the year of £117 11s 0½d. Court property was estimated to be worth £29 6s 11½d, so that this coupled with the worth of funds, together with the receipts for the night, carried a full worth to a little over

£2,000. On the books are 258 financial and 14 honorary members. Bro. A. George P.C.R., was deputed to attend the district meeting at Rowley, on Monday. Subsequently a concert was given, in which Messrs. H. Hill, W. Smith, B. Whittingslow, and Z. Grainger, jun., took part.”

County Express 16/3/1901

“Joseph Collins, labourer, New Street, Brierley Hill, was charged with refusing to quit the licensed premises of *Benjamin Whittingslow*, the ALMA INN, and with damaging a plate-glass window of the value of £4 10s. Mr. J. W. Clulow prosecuted.

On Friday night the defendant went to this house, and as he would not behave himself he was ejected. He attempted to return, but Mr. *Whittingslow* prevented him. Defendant thereupon remarked that there would be an ‘accident.’ Shortly afterwards, with his right hand, he deliberately broke a large plate-glass embossed window, the cost of which was £4 10s.

Collins now expressed his regret for his conduct.

For refusing to quit, the Bench fined defendant 5s and costs; and for the wilful damage ordered payment of the damage, £4 10s, and costs. The money was found.”

1901 Census

Mill Street

- [1] *Benjamin Whittingslow* (40), publican, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] Clara Whittingslow (33), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Benjamin Whittingslow* (12), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] Clara E. Whittingslow (9), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] Bert Whittingslow (6), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [6] Florence Clarke (20), general servant, born Brierley Hill:

Benjamin Whittingslow, beer and wine retailer, 1, Mill Street. [1904], [1912]

He was secretary of the Brierley Hill and District Beer and Wine Retailers Association. [1912]

1911 Census

1, Mill Street – ALMA INN

- [1] *Benjamin Whittingslow* (50), innkeeper, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] Clara Whittingslow (44), wife, married 23 years, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Benjamin Harry Whittingslow* (22), son, engineer’s fitter, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] Clara Edith Whittingslow (19), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] Bert Whittingslow (16), son, art metal, born Brierley Hill;
- [6] Beatrice Lane (19), servant, born Brierley Hill:

County Express 19/12/1914

“A meeting of the Brierley Hill Bootmakers’ Association was held on Tuesday at the ALMA INN. Mr. Charles Ansell, president of the association, was in the chair, supported by Mr. Mundy (organising secretary of the National Association of Bootmakers). The members decided that owing to the continuous advance in the price of leather and materials it was imperative that the price would have to be advanced for boot repairs. It was unanimously decided that the minimum prices should be:- Ladies’ soled and heeled from 1s 9d; others in proportion, to take effect from Monday, December 21st.....”

County Express 17/7/1920

“The death of Mr. *Benjamin Whittingslow*, host of the ALMA INN, Brierley Hill, which occurred on Thursday morning after a prolonged illness, will be very much regretted by a large circle of friends. Mr. *Whittingslow* who was in his 60th year, was the oldest licensee in Brierley Hill, having held the ALMA license for over 30 years.

Mr. *Whittingslow* was a keen politician, and until the last election when he supported the Labour Party, was an ardent liberal. Before the war was so strong an admirer of Mr. Lloyd George that he hung an enlarged photograph of the present Premier in a conspicuous place in the principal public room of his house. For years he was known as ‘the publican schoolmaster’, and whenever an article of particular local or national interest appeared in the papers he was always requested to read it to the company. He had a great talent as an elocutionist, and in his more youthful days was in great request as a reciter.

Mr. *Whittingslow* at one time took a lively interest in local government affairs, and on several occasions fought for positions on the present District Council and the old Local Board, but was never successful. Mr. John Husselbee, the present general secretary of the National Flint Glassmakers' Society, once joined with Mr. *Whittingslow* as a candidate for the Local Board, but both were defeated. Mr Husselbee then fought as a Labour man, while Mr. *Whittingslow*, of course, came out as a liberal. Later Mr. *Whittingslow* fought in the election when the Liberals secured the majority of the District Council, but again was defeated, but this time by six votes only. In 1901 he fought the last contest against Mr. Josiah Gordon for the seat rendered vacant by the death of Mr. Harry Webb; Mr. Gordon was victorious by 30 votes.

Mr. *Whittingslow* was for many years treasurer of Court Alma, A.O.F., and of the local Lodge of the Wolverhampton and Wordsley Oddfellows, both of which societies met, and still meet, at the ALMA.

He was a member of the first properly constituted Volunteer Fire Brigades in the town. One existed previously, but the one he joined was the first in which members were sworn in. He claimed the credit for introducing Chief Officer T. R. Charlton into the brigade. He was also a member of the old company of Volunteers for a number of years. When the battalion was disbanded, and a dinner was held in each town which had a company, the Brierley Hill gathering was at the ALMA, and it was there the Colonel suggested that Brierley Hill would most likely get the privilege of forming a Battery of Artillery under the Territorial system. This they did, and Brierley Hill, through the efforts of the late Mr. John Allden was the first town in the country to complete the new battery.

Mr. *Whittingslow* leaves, a widow, two sons - one of whom is serving in the Army in India - and a daughter, and with these bereaved ones there is general sympathy."

County Express 24/7/1920

"Amid marked manifestations of sympathy and respect - hundreds of people lined the route of the cortege, and the majority of blinds were drawn - the funeral of the late Mr. *Benjamin Whittingslow*, for over 30 years the host of the ALMA INN, Mill Street, took place on Tuesday afternoon, the interment taking place at Stourbridge Cemetery. The Rev. C. J. Gillingham (pastor of South Street Baptist Church) officiated. The mourners were....."

Bilston and Willenhall Times 28/9/1946

"Wanted. A Barmaid and an Housekeeper required, good home in modern house. – ALMA INN, Brierley Hill."

A full license was granted in 1948.

It was renamed the TEASER [1976]

It was renamed the LOOKING GLASS [1981], [1983]

Closed

It reopened as the MARCH HARE on 1st November 1984.

It closed in November 1990.

It became an Indian restaurant.



Ex Pub 2009

ALMA

Lays Road, Brockmoor, (Buckpool), BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Simpson [1872] – **1888**);
Samuel James Smith (**1888 – 1894**);
James Bird (**1894 – 1898**);
Edward Quarry (**1898 – 1901**);
William Jenkins (**1901**);
Arthur Bosworth (**1901 – 1904**);
Benjamin Hilton (**1904 – 1905**);
Joseph Rushton (**1905 – 1907**);

NOTES

It was known originally as the FOUNDRY INN. [1872]

It had a beerhouse license.

John Simpson, beer retailer, Brockmoor. [1872]

The name was changed to ALMA c. 1876.

1881 Census

Buckpool – Public House – ALMA INN

- [1] *John Simpson* (45), son, boat steerer, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Mary Simpson* (56), mother, born Buckpool;
- [3] *Emma Gill* (29), married, daughter, domestic servant, born Buckpool;
- [4] *Elizabeth T.....* (30), domestic servant, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *Gill* (1 month), daughter, born Buckpool:

James Bird, beer retailer, Brockmoor. [1896]

County Express 1/9/1900 - Advert

“Parties Interested In The Trade, Whether Brewers, Maltsters, Or Those Seeking A Nice Compact, Well-Situated Inn, Are Cordially Invited To Read The Following Particulars of The ALMA INN, Beerhouse, Buckpool midway between Brockmoor and Wordsley.

Mr. Herbert Humphries, having received instructions, will Sell By Auction, at The BELL HOTEL, Brierley Hill, on Tuesday, September 18th, 1900, at 6.30 for 7 o'clock prompt, subject to Conditions of sale then to be read:–

All that Superior and Valuable Freehold Free Inn, The ALMA, situate on the main road at Buckpool, and surrounded with the most important industries of the District, which in combination with the immense road traffic, makes this House one well worth the attention of those previously mentioned.

The Premises adjoins the extensive Works of Messrs. Gibbons, Hinton, and Co., are Double-fronted and having an important frontage of 23yds 2ft (71ft) to the main road.

The accommodation comprises Four Bed Chambers, Smoke Room, 12ft by 12ft; Tap Room, 18ft 6in by 12ft 2in; capital Bar, Pantry, Store Room, Enclosed Verandah over Side Door, Scullery and Cooking Kitchen, excellent Cellar with Rollingway from yard, Two-stall Stable with Loft over, large Enclosed Yard with Gateway Entrance, and the usual Outdoor Appurtenances. The total income is £26 per year.

Points to be considered:—

A. Immediate Possession.

B. A Purchaser can either Brew his own Beer, or buy from where he likes; it is sold absolutely free.

C. Its fine trading position, etc., etc.

Further particulars may be obtained from Messrs. J. and L. Clark, Solicitors, West Bromwich, or the Auctioneer.

Auction Offices: – Brierley Hill and Stourbridge.”

County Express 22/9/1900

“Mr. Herbert Humphries, auctioneer of this town and Stourbridge, offered the ALMA INN (beerhouse), Buckpool, for sale by auction, on Tuesday evening, at the BELL HOTEL. There was a good company present, but the bidding failing to reach the reserve, the lot was withdrawn, and is now on sale by private treaty. Particulars maybe obtained from the auctioneer. Messrs. J. and L. Clark, of West Bromwich, are the vendor’s solicitors.”

County Express 17/11/1900

“On Monday, the Ironworkers of the Brierley Hill district met in large numbers at the ALMA INN. Mr. J. Hill presided, and congratulated the men on their presence at the meeting in such large numbers. The action of the operative members of the Wage Board in declining the recent advance of 2½ per cent was discussed. Mr. Aucott and Mr. J. Cook addressed the meeting at some length, after which the following resolution was passed unanimously:- ‘That this meeting, having heard a very full explanation of the action of operative representatives in the last wages’ question, hereby expresses its full opinion that the arrangement come to was to the best interests of the trade and the workmen connected therewith, and express confidence in their representatives of the Board and association’.”

1901 Census

Lays Road – ALMA INN, Buckpool

[1] *Edward Quarry* (58), innkeeper and ironworks (furnaceman), born Wordsley;

[2] *Hannah Quarry* (57), wife, born Buckpool:

County Express 7/12/1901

“An ironworkers’ meeting was held at the ALMA INN, on Monday, Mr. S. Harris (vice-chairman of the Midland Wage Board) presiding. There were also present Mr. W. Aucott and Mr. J. Cox, president and secretary of the mens’ association, and a fairly good muster of workers. Mr. Aucott and Mr. Cox spoke at some length on the present position of the trade, and also on the question of foreign competition, after which the following resolution was submitted to the meeting and carried unanimously:— ‘That this meeting expresses its unabated confidence in the leaders of the Wages Board and Association, and determines to do its best to thoroughly organise the whole of the trade as the best means of safeguarding the best interests of the workmen connected with the iron trade’.”

County Express 28/12/1901

“Football Club Supper.- A supper in connection with the Wordsley Amateurs was held at the ALMA INN on Tuesday, when eighteen sat down to a splendid spread supplied by the host and hostess (Mr. and Mrs. *Bosworth*). The cloth having been drawn, a musical evening was indulged in, the following contributing to the evening’s enjoyment:— Messrs. S. Bradley, T. Palmer, F. Westwood, S. Douglas, H. Jenkins, and B. Hill. Master Percival Hill was an able accompanist.”

The license renewal was refused on 20th June 1907.

The license expired on 7th December 1907.

ALMA COTTAGE

The Common, Round Oak, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William Walton [] - 1867)

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Stourbridge Observer 14/9/1867

“Clearing Out Sale at the ALMA COTTAGE INN, The Common, Round Oak, Brierley Hill.

S. Insull will Sell By Auction upon the Premises, as above, on Monday next, September 16th 1867, the whole of the very excellent Brewing Plant, consisting of Round and Oval Coolers, capital Half-hogshead Casks, Eighteen and Nine-gallon Barrels, excellent pair of Vats, and Piping into Cellar; capital 16 bushel Oval Mashing Tub,, 80-gallon Boiler, together with the whole Public House Fixtures and Fittings, comprising Carpet-covered and other Seating, 12ft and 14ft Forms, Drinking Tables, Stove and Piping, Metal-top Tap Tables,, capital Four-pull Beer Machine, with Stop Taps; Shelves and Shelving, Jugs, Ale Measures, Glasses, Cans, Gauze Blinds, 10-light Gas Meter, Chandelier and other Fittings; Signs, and other Effects, belonging to Mr. *William Walton*, who is giving up the Public Business.”

**CLEARING-OUT SALE AT THE ALMA COTTAGE
INN, THE COMMON,
ROUND OAK, BRIERLEY HILL.**

S. INSULL will SELL by AUCTION, upon the Premises, as above, on MONDAY NEXT, SEPTEMBER 16th, 1867, the whole of the very excellent BREWING PLANT, consisting of Round and Oval Coolers, capital Half-hogshead Casks. Eighteen and Nine-gallon Barrels; excellent pair of Vats, and Piping into Cellar; capital 16-bushel Oval Mashing Tub, 80-gallon Boiler, together with the whole of the PUBLIC HOUSE FIXTURES and FITTINGS, comprising Carpet-covered and other Seating, 12ft. and 14ft. Forms, Drinking Tables, Stove and Piping, Metal-top Tap Tables; capital Four-pull BEER MACHINE, with stop taps; Shelves and Shelving, Jugs, Ale Measures, Glasses, Cans, Gauze Blinds, 10-light Gas Meter, Chandelier, and other Fittings; Signs, and other Effects, belonging to Mr. William Walton, who is giving up the Public Business.

Sale to commence at Ten o'clock in the Morning precisely.

Advert 1867

ANCHOR

Brockmoor, (Commonside), BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Westwood [1834] – [1835]
Samuel Howard [1845]
Mrs. Sarah Howard [1849] – [1858]
Samuel Hill [1860] – **1865**);
George Airey (**1865 – 1866**);
George Edwards (**1866 – []**)
William Gatsfield [] – **1867**);
Richard Phillips (**1867 – []**)

NOTES

1851 Census

Brockmoor – ANCHOR

- [1] Sarah Howard (60), widow, innkeeper, born Kingswinford;
- [2] James Mathews (58), lodger, labourer in iron works, born Cleobury Mortimer;
- [3] William Howel (48), lodger, puddler of iron, born Millington, Shropshire;
- [4] Elizabeth Stevens (18), lodger, born Kingswinford;
- [5] Alfred Pearson (10), nephew, born Kingswinford;
- [6] Jane Pearson (8), niece, born Kingswinford;
- [7] John Thomas (32), lodger, labourer in iron work, born Kidwelly, South Wales:

Brierley Hill Advertiser 17/1/1857

“On Saturday, T. M. Phillips, Esq, held an inquest at the ANCHOR INN, Brockmoor, on the body of a man named William Howell, aged fifty, who died on the 5th instant, in consequence of injuries received on the same day. The deceased was employed as a labourer at Lord Ward’s Round Oak Iron Works, and on the day in question, while loading some trucks with coal, he got between the carriages, which crushed him. A verdict of Accidental Death was returned.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 9/1/1858

“Sarah Howard, landlady of the ANCHOR INN, Brockmoor, was charged with having her house open at an illegal hour, on the 25th ult. PS Gusson proved the case, and said that he visited defendant’s house, about half past twelve o’clock on the above day, and saw three or four men drinking in the kitchen. In defence, defendant said that she was not aware that the house ought to be closed at half past twelve on Christmas days – that she never opened her house on Sundays, and was therefore at a loss to know what was required of her by law, never having occasion to look at her license. Fined 5s, with costs.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 26/6/1858

“On Monday evening last, at the ANCHOR INN, Brockmoor, an inquest was held before W. M. Phillips, Esq, on the body of George Goring, a lad fourteen years of age, who received such injuries on Tuesday the 8th inst, as to cause his death on Sunday last. From the evidence of James Goring, one of the doggies at the pit – belonging to Messrs. Keep and Watkins – and brother to the deceased, it appears that the lad was generally employed to drive the horse connected with a gin at the pit; but about nine o’clock on the morning of the 8th inst, by some means or other he left his usual employment and went to work at the gin. Something suddenly stopped the skip, and as it began to move again it was too much for the lad, and he cried out, ‘stop it’, but when assistance arrived he was found lying on the

*To Publicans, Brokers, Parties Furnishing,
and others.*

**CLEARING-OUT SALE AT THE ANCHOR
INN, BROCKMOOR.**

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, BY

S. INSULL, on Monday next, December 19th .1864, the whole of the capital Public-house Fixtures and Fittings, Brewing Utensils, Furniture and effects; consisting of screens, forms, and seating; drinking and other tables, ale and spirit measures, very capital four-pull Beer Machine, nearly new; oval mash tub, round tubs and coolers, capital hogshead and half-hogshead casks, 130-gallon iron boiler, pegs and bowls, together with the FURNITURE, comprising Windsor and other Chairs, Eight-day Spring Timepiece, French and tent Bedsteads, White Goose feather Bed, Flock and Feather Beds, Bed Linen, large Linen Chest, Five-light Meter, with Fittings and Piping throughout the house; Signs, Licenses, &c., belonging to Mr. Samuel Hill; for the benefit of the Creditors.

Sale to commence punctually at Eleven o’clock in the morning.

Advert 1864

ground with his head cut and various bruises to different parts of his body. No one was present at the moment when the accident occurred, but it is supposed that the deceased was knocked down by the gin arm. Three witnesses were examined, and no blame being imputed in any one, the jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 28/8/1858

“Arnold Collis, brickmaker, of Brockmoor, charged Edward Fennell with stealing 8s, his moneys, on the night of Saturday the 14th inst. It appears that on the above evening defendant and complainant had been drinking together at the ANCHOR INN, Brockmoor, and had made a wager of 5s as to each others capabilities in some gymnastic exercise, the nature of which did not transpire. The match, however, did not come off, and John Milton, a boy who held the stakes, returned each man’s money. All the parties then left the house, and prosecutor stated that he had 15s in his pocket, and that he was pulling his money out to give the stake holder six pence, Fennell gave his hand a jerk and scattered the money all over the road. Prosecutor only recovered 7s out of the 15s he previously had, and therefore now charged the prisoner with stealing the remaining 8s. It was proved, however, that several other parties were standing by, and the Bench not considering the charge proved, dismissed the case.”

1861 Census

Brockmoor – ANCHOR INN

- [1] *Samuel Hill* (41), publican, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Mary Hill* (41), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Ann Maria Hill* (16), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Samuel Hill* (14), son, works in iron works, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Sarah Howard* (73), visitor, widow, born Kingswinford:

Stourbridge Observer 17/12/1864

“.....Clearing out Sale at the ANCHOR INN, Brockmoor. To be sold by auction by S. Insull, on Monday next, December 19th, 1864, the whole of the capital Public House Fixtures and Fittings, Brewing Utensils, Furniture and effects; consisting of screens, forms and seating; drinking and other tables, ale and spirit measures, very capital four-pull Beer Machine, nearly new; oval mash tub, round tubs and coolers, capital hogshead and half-hogshead casks, 130-gallon iron boiler, pegs and bowls belonging to Mr. *Samuel Hill*; for the benefit of the Creditors.”

Stourbridge Observer 20/1/1866

“To be sold by Auction, by Messrs. Davies and King, at the GOLDEN EAGLE Inn, Brierley Hill, on Tuesday the 13th day of February, 1866.....

Lot 1. All that Freehold Old-Licensed, Public House, known by the name of the ANCHOR INN, with the Brewhouse, Yard, and Appurtenances thereto belonging, situate at Brockmoor, in the Parish of Kingswinford in the occupation of *George Airey*, and Two Cottages adjoining.....”

George Airey died in 1866.

In the 1881 Census there are “Houses opposite late ANCHOR INN”.

BAR EDGE

2-5, Waterfront East, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Elaine Delia Brady [2001] – [2007]

NOTES

[2010]

It was renamed BAR SPORT [2012]

It was renamed TALES & SPIRITS SPORTS BAR & GRILL [2015]



2008



2015

BEE HIVE

Delph, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

W Skelding [1856]

NOTES

Brierley Hill Advertiser 25/10/1856 - Advert

“Steam Engine, To Be Sold By Private Contract, a Ten Horse Power High Pressure Steam Engine, New. – Apply to Mr. *W. Skelding*, BEE HIVE INN, Delph, near Brierley Hill.”

STEAM ENGINE.
TO BE SOLD BY PRIVATE CONTRACT,
& TEN-HORSE POWER HIGH PRESSURE
STEAM ENGINE, New.—Apply to Mr. *W. Skelding*,
Bee Hive Inn, Delph, near Brierley-Hill.

Advert 1856

BELL

Bell Lane, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Richard Tomkinson [1854] – [1861]

NOTES

Richard Tomkinson = Richard Thompkinson

Brierley Hill Advertiser 14/11/1857

“George Adderley and William Master, basket makers, appeared to answer a charge preferred against them of breaking several squares of glass, causing damage to the amount of 5s, at the house of Mr, *Richard Tomkinson*, BELL INN, Bell Lane, on Monday evening last. A young woman was examined, who stated that the men were at Mr. *Tompkinson*'s on Monday evening last, and, after certain unruly actions, commenced smashing some of the windows. One of the defendants replied that he fell against the window accidentally, the other appeared to know nothing about the matter at all. PC Freeman apprehended both defendants, on the evening in question, after a very sharp chase. To the Bench, the case appeared to be proved against the two men, and, through that, they were fined 5s each, and ordered to pay the costs between them, or, in default, fourteen days' imprisonment with hard labour.”

1861 Census

Bell Street – The design of OLD BELL

- [1] *Richard Thompkinson* (52), labourer and publican, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Mary Thompkinson* (48), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Francis Thompkinson* (16), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Mary Thompkinson* (13), daughter, scholar, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *Richard Thompkinson* (11), son, scholar, born Brierley Hill;
- [6] *Joseph Thompkinson* (7), son, scholar, born Brierley Hill;
- [7] *Alfred Eades* (23), boarder, labourer, born Brierley Hill:

Check OLD BELL.

BELL

172, Delph Road, (Delph Lane), Dingle, (27, Lower Delph), BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

William Harley

John Rollinson, engineer, Kingswinford

George Elwell, Delph Brewery, Brierley Hill (acquired in 1888)

William Fletcher, John Street, Wordsley

Edward Fletcher

Rushall Brewery Ltd. (acquired in 1911 for £2,500)

Millward Brothers Ltd.

Grigg and Brettell Ltd. (acquired on 26th July 1926)

Holt Brewery (acquired on 25th January 1937)

Ansells Ltd.

Holt, Plant and Deakin [1986]

Punch Taverns [2005]

Stan Owen Group [2011]

LICENSEES

William Harley [1849] – [1862]

John Hand [1864] – 1876);

David Skelding (1876 – 1878);

Eli Sanders (1878 – 1888);

William Fletcher (1888 – 1900);

Edward Fletcher (1900 – 1911);

John Hobson (1911 – 1912);

Richard Thomas Homer (1912);

Enoch Lamb (1912 – 1914);

John Henry Hill (1914 – 1915);

William James Wall (1915 – 1916);

Thomas Alfred Holt (1916 – 1928);

Dora Lottie Wheatley (1928 – 1930);

Joseph Henry Swayne (1930);

Henry George Yates (1930 – 1934);

John Bennett (1934 – 1937);

John Thomas Robinson (1937 – 1939);

William Hopson (1939);

Thomas Taylor (1939 – 1940);

Myrtle Elizabeth Gilson (1940 – 1942);

Francis John Dell (1942 – 1954);

Frederick George Hill (1954 – 1955);

Robert William Watkins (1955 – 1956);

Frederick Newey (1956 – 1957);

Henry Grosvenor (1957);

James Billingham (1957 – 1958);

Mary Jane Pargeter (1958 – 1969);

Sidney George Walker (1969);

Ivy Penman (1969);

Geoffrey Marsh (1969 – 1971);

Roy Blake Burrows (1971 – 1972);



1994

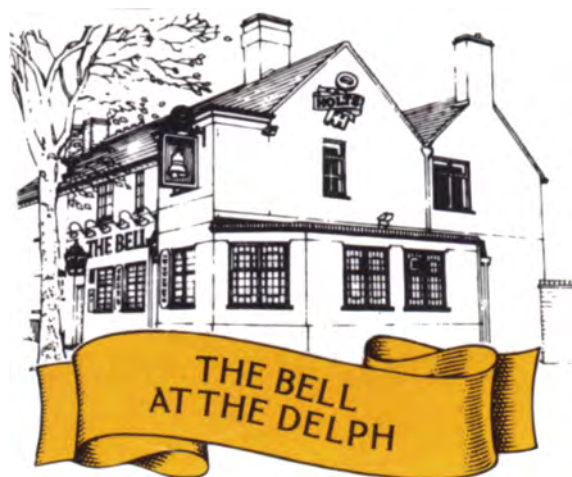


2007



2015

Stewart Mackenzie Grant (1972);
 Albert Ronald Smith (1972 - 1973);
 Mark Winslow Seabright (1973 - 1974);
 Mary Glenn Mullarkey (1974 - 1975);
 Muriel Sheila Deeley (1975 - 1978);
 Brian Leonard Sparkes (1978 - 1980);
 John Henry Gill (1980 - 1984);
 James Nicholas Carr (1984 - 1985);
 Derek Robert Ford (1985 - [1988])
 David Blinkhorn [1994]
 John Henshaw [] - 1997)
 Steve Russell [2014] manager



Advert 1989

NOTES

Delph Lane [1850]
 Lower Delph [1881], [1940]
 27, Lower Delph [1891], [1896], [1901], [1904]
 172, Delph Road [2004]

It had a beerhouse license.

1851 Census

Delph

- [1] William Harley (56), born Shropshire;
 - [2] Ann Harley (47), wife, born Worcestershire;
 - [3] Mary Kibblewhite (50), visitor, widow, born Shropshire;
 - [4] Mary Christopher (19), servant, born Kingswinford:
- [I am not sure that this is the appropriate census.]

Brierley Hill Advertiser 1/11/1856

“About six o’clock last evening, as a young lad was in the act of raking the canal for coal, he discovered the body of a man at the bottom of the Nine Locks. He immediately raised an alarm, and the body was soon got out; and from its appearance, which is that of a boatman, it is supposed to have remained in the water since Monday, as that was the last time he was seen alive. Deceased who is an elderly man had been at Mr. *Hadford’s*, the BRITANNIA, at the Delph, and it is conjectured that he must have been intoxicated, and had fallen into the canal.

The body was removed to Mr. *Harley’s*, the BELL INN, when it now lies awaiting an inquest.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 11/9/1858

“At two o’clock yesterday afternoon T. M. Phillips, Esq. (coroner), held an inquest at the BELL INN, Delph, on the body of Nancy Radford, aged 60, wife of Joseph Radford of the Delph, licensed victualler

On Tuesday the 24th of last month deceased sustained a compound fracture of the leg by a fall from a bench in the kitchen. She was lying on it, and her head becoming light she fell to the ground, a distance of only a foot. Mr. Norris was immediately called in, set her leg, and continued in attendance till her death on Tuesday last, at about seven o’clock in the morning. The principal witness examined was the sister of the deceased, and she stated that she considered her sister’s death had been caused by the injuries she had received by the fall, accelerated by excessive drinking. A verdict to that effect was returned accordingly.”

1861 Census

South Street – BELL INN

- [1] *William Harley* (67), victualler, born Albrighton;
- [2] *Mary A. Harley* (56), wife, born Ludlow;
- [3] *Eliza Millward* (35), house servant, born Kingswinford:

Stourbridge Observer 21/12/1867

“To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. Hawkins (by order of the Mortgagee), on Tuesday the 7th day of January, 1868.....
Lot 1.- All that substantially built, Old-licensed Public House, known as the BELL INN, situate at the Delph, Brierley Hill, consisting of Tap Room, Bar, Grocer’s Shop, Cooking Kitchen, Club Room, three Chambers, two Cellars, Brewhouse, Piggeries, and Outbuildings, in the occupation of Mr. *John Hand*, producing a rental of £23 per annum; together with the small Cottage situate at the back thereof, in the occupation of Joseph Plant, at the annual value of £2 10s.....”

John Hand, beer retailer, Delph. [1868]

John Hand was also a shopkeeper. [1870], [1872]

1871 Census

Lower Delph

- [1] *John Hand* (40), publican, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Anne Hand* (38), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Henry Hand* (16), son, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Alfred Hand* (14), son, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *John Hand* (11), son, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Eliza Hand* (9), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Charles Hand* (4), son, born Kingswinford;
- [8] *Mary Hand* (3), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [9] *Thomas Hand* (6 months), son, born Kingswinford;
- [10] *Eliza Harris* (14), niece, domestic servant, born Kingswinford:

Eli Sanders = *Eli Saunders*

1881 Census

Lower Delph

- [1] *Eli Sanders* (35), licensed victualler and grocer, born Halesowen;
- [2] *Hannah Maria Sanders* (36), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Mary Gallimore* (19), stepdaughter, barmaid, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Frederick Gallimore* (11), stepson, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Agnes Gallimore* (8), stepdaughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Samuel Gallimore* (5), stepson, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Herbert Sanders* (7), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [8] *Mary Ann Sanders* (5), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [9] *Eli Sanders* (3 weeks), son, born Kingswinford;
- [10] *Emily Hobson* (19), general servant, born Kingswinford:

Eli Sanders was also a hay and straw dealer. [1888]

1891 Census

27, Lower Delph

- [1] *William Fletcher* (47), charter master, born Cradley, Worcestershire;
- [2] *Frances Fletcher* (45), wife, born Cradley, Worcestershire;
- [3] *Sarah A. Fletcher* (19), daughter, born Quarry Bank;
- [3] *James Fletcher* (16), son, coach builder's apprentice, born Quarry Bank;
- [5] *Edward Fletcher* (14), son, scholar, born Quarry Bank;
- [6] *Frances Fletcher* (4), granddaughter, born Lye;
- [7] *Christiania Underhill* (15), general servant, born Brierley Hill:

William Fletcher was also a shopkeeper. [1892]

1901 Census

27, Lower Delph

- [1] *Edward Fletcher* (22), brewer, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Mary Ann Fletcher* (25), wife, born Dudley;
- [3] *Annie Westwood* (21), domestic servant, born Pensnett:

County Express 6/4/1901

“There was a large assembly at the club room of the BELL HOTEL, Delph, on Monday night, to attend a concert which had been arranged for the benefit of Mr. George Price, aged 24, who for a considerable time had suffered from consumption. It was with sincere regret the Chairman Mr. H. G. Mantle Q.C., had to announce the postponement of the concert, consequent to the death of the sufferer, which event occurred on the previous day. The proceeds of the adjourned concert would be given to the widowed mother. The attendance included: Messrs. W. Fletcher, T. Williams, and A. R. Warby. Several donations were promised, including £1 1s from Colonel W. G. Webb, M.P., and £1 1s from Mr. H. G. Mantle.”

County Express 4/5/1901

“On Monday a smoking concert was given at the BELL INN, Delph, for the benefit of the widowed mother of the late George Price. Mr. H. G. Mantle, Q.C., presided, and stated that four weeks ago they met in that room for the purpose of holding a smoking concert for the benefits of George Price, who was a well-known young man and a good public worker in Delph. Mr. Price died on the morning of the day on which the concert was arranged to be given, and it was now being held for the benefit of Mr. Price's mother. Death had removed from the Delph other inhabitants. In the person of Mr. Henry Webb the Delph had lost an old inhabitant and a friend, who was ready at all times to help in any good cause, and to take his fair share of public work. Another native of Delph, who by ability and perseverance had raised himself to a position of great affluence and influence, and whose career was not only highly creditable to himself, but reflected lasting credit on the Delph, had passed away in Mr. John Corbett. He began life without any of the educational advantages possessed by all to-day, and yet with much odds against him succeeded in building up a magnificent position. The account of his extraordinary career would adorn the pages of Dr. Smile's 'Self Help,' for he was sure there was in that book no more worthy and interesting career related: Mr. Corbett was a most unselfish man, and gave at all times munificently towards any deserving object. The district had fortunately come in for a good share of his gifts, and his name would be handed down to future generations, but the full extent of his generosity would never be known, as he was a man of a retiring disposition, and not anxious to parade his gifts too publicly. He regretted a peerage was not bestowed on him, for it was richly deserved – (applause). Mr. Mantle then referred to the concert. An excellent programme was given, in which the following took part: Messrs. H. J. Wharton, G. Bache, T. Williams, A. R. Warby, S. Jay, C. Ansell, J. Parsons, W. McGill, Fletcher, King, and the Quarry Bank Glee Party, and Mr. R. T. Edwards was an able accompanist. There was a crowded attendance.”

County Express 18/5/1901

“The benefit concert held at the BELL INN, Delph, on April 29th on behalf of Mrs. Price has resulted in the committee being able to hand over the really handsome sum of £11 to her.”

County Express 19/10/1901

“On Thursday, Mr. T. A. Stokes (coroner) held an inquest at the BELL INN, Delph, on the body of William Grove, aged 70, of the Delph.

From the evidence tendered to the jury, it appears that the deceased was in his usual health on Sunday, and at about four o'clock in the afternoon he attempted to go upstairs. He had proceeded up a few steps when he was apparently seized with giddiness or a fit of some kind, for he fell head backwards to the bottom, and was picked up unconscious. Dr. de Denne, of Cradley Heath, was summoned, and attended the old man until death.

A verdict that deceased died from concussion of the brain, caused by an Accidental fall was returned.”

Tipton Herald 17/10/1903

“Mr. A. B. Smith (Deputy Coroner) held an inquest on Tuesday, at the BELL HOTEL, Delph, relative to the death of Edith Lily Pewton, aged 8 weeks, of 11, Brook Street.

The evidence showed that the child was apparently healthy, but after being put to bed at 2 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, vomitted and coughed a great deal. Dr. Gifford was sent for, but before he could arrive the child was dead.

A verdict of Natural Causes was returned.”

Tipton Herald 22/5/1909

“Mr. T. A. Stokes, coroner, on Wednesday evening, held an inquiry at the BELL INN, Delph, respecting the death of Beatrice Latham, aged 32, wife of Walter Ernest Latham, cycle dealer, of Pendennis. Mr. H. Jackson being foreman of the jury.

Evidence was given by the husband showing that she went to bed at half past eleven on Monday night, when she seemed all right. She was near her confinement. About a quarter of an hour afterwards she commenced to breathe very hard.

The Coroner asked the police whether they had got a certain man present, and PC Donellan replied in the negative. Witness said his wife became unconscious, and he went for a doctor, but when he returned she was dead.

The Coroner: I don't know whether anything turns on it; but did her brother threaten her that morning? – Yes sir. His name is George Hill. He threatened to strike her with a steel, but he did not do so.

The Coroner: Did that upset her? – Witness: Yes sir. She was crying very badly. Her father asked her what was the matter, and she told him of her brother's threats, and she was nearly broken-hearted. Her brother rushed past her and wanted to fight me. That is the last I have seen of him. Her brother was drunk at the time.

The Coroner: You have had bother from time to time? – Yes sir; only about twelve months ago he threatened me, and held a carving knife over me because he wanted some money.

Why did you not prosecute him? – I was not married then.

Dr. Gifford said he had made a post mortem examination, and found no marks of violence. The cause of death was probably embolism of the pulmonary artery, which had something to do with the heart. What he found would have nothing to do with threats by her brother.

The jury returned a verdict of Natural Causes, probably embolism of the pulmonary artery.”

Edward Fletcher was also a brewer. [1910]

1911 Census

The Delph – BELL INN

[1] *Edward Fletcher* (35), licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;

[2] *Mary Ann Fletcher* (38), wife, married 10 years, assisting in the business, born Kingswinford;

[3] *Frances Fletcher* (8), daughter, born Kingswinford;

[4] *William Fletcher* (3), son, born Kingswinford;

[5] *Bertram Fletcher* (3), son, born Kingswinford;

[6] *Carrie Morriss* (16), domestic servant, born Kingswinford:

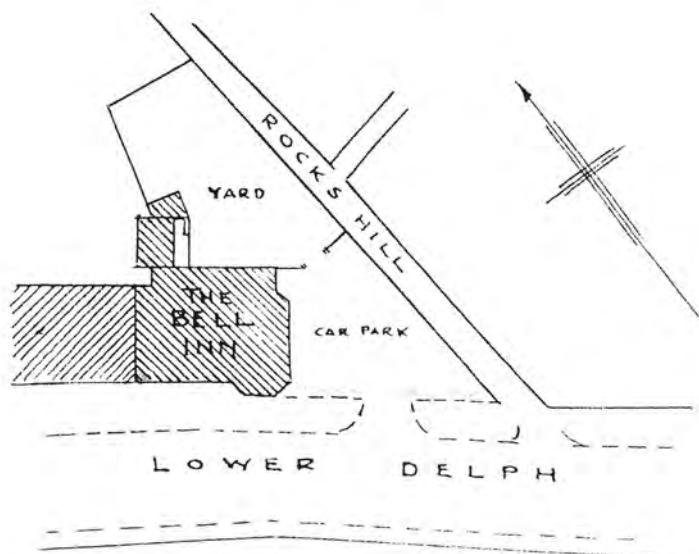
Thomas Alfred Holt married *Annie Elizabeth Fradgley*.

John Henshaw was married to *Hilary*.

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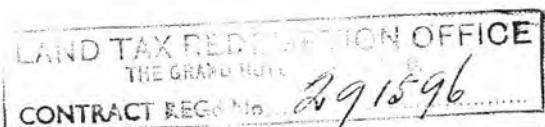
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This is the Plan referred to in the Certificate as to land of Grigg & Brettell Limited in the Parish of Kingswinford given under my hand this 6th day of May 1946.

S. S. Dalton

Clerk to the Land Tax Commissioners
for the Division of Seidon in the
County of Stafford.



BELL

39, (13), (14), High Street, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Thomas Meese
James Parkes
William Harcourt Webb and Charles Webb
Smith and Williams (acquired in 1920)

LICENSEES

Thomas Meese [1834] – [1835]
James Parkes [1843]
William Harley [1845]
James Parkes [1845] – [1862]
Thomas Darby [1864] – [1866]
George Skidmore [1868] – **1872**;
George Griffiths **(1872 – 1895)**;
Eleanor Smith Griffiths **(1895 – 1896)**;
Edward Henry Lindsay **(1896 – 1898)**;
Thomas Davis **(1898 – 1899)**;
Druscilla Abley **(1899 – 1901)**;
John Benton **(1901 – 1905)**;
William Samuel McGill **(1905 – 1906)**;
John Nisbett **(1906 – 1908)**;
Ernest Oxborrow **(1908)**;
George Nelson Richards **(1908 – 1909)**;
John Wright **(1909 – 1912)**;
Cornelius Gorton **(1912 – 1920)**;
William Jabez Morrell **(1920 – 1923)**;
Harry Blount **(1923 – 1924)**;
Henry Horan **(1924)**;

NOTES

14, High Street [1871], [1872], [1881], [1912]
13, High Street [1873]
39, High Street [1916]

It was described as the NEW BELL in the enumeration description of the 1841 Census.

BELL HOTEL [1849], [1850], [1851], [1856], [1873], [1912], [1916]

BELL HOTEL and commercial house [1860]

Commercial and family hotel [1845], [1892]

Commercial inn [1870]

Commercial hotel [1872]

Thomas Meese = Thomas Mees

Thomas Meese built the hotel and the town's first gas works next door.

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GOOD STABLING

AND LOCK-UP COACH-HOUSES.

Commercial Gentlemen will find every
Accommodation at this Hotel.

Advert 1881

1851 Census

High Street

- [1] *James Parkes* (48), innkeeper, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Margaret Parkes* (52), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Sarah Parkes* (17), daughter, barmaid, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Ann Parkes* (14), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Eliza Parry* (20), house servant, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Edward Hanton* (25), groom, born Bewdley:

James Parkes issued tokens from here.

Brierley Hill Advertiser 11/1/1856

“First Monthly Sale, in the Pig Market, BELL HOTEL, Brierley Hill. To be sold at auction by Mr. Hawkins on Monday next, January 14th, 1856, in the above market, 20 Fat and Store Pigs of very superior quality. The sale to commence at Two o’clock in the Afternoon.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 8/3/1856

“Mr. *James Parkes* of the BELL HOTEL, in this town, has now in his possession a perfect double egg, laid by one of his hens. The egg, or rather eggs, for there are two of them, are completely shelled except where they are joined together at the apex, have each a yolk in them, are not full size, and form one of the greatest curiosities we have seen for some time. We understand Mr. *Parkes* intends to have them preserved, and will be happy to show to anyone who may call to see them.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 17/5/1856

“On Whit Monday the Brierley Hill Provident Society, held at the BELL HOTEL, celebrated their anniversary, when between 70 and 80 members sat down to a most excellent dinner. After the removal of the cloth Mr. John Parkes was called to the chair, and a very harmonious evening was spent. The funds are in a very prosperous state.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 24/5/1856 - Advert

“BELL HOTEL Bowling Green, Brierley Hill / The above Green which has been greatly improved will be Opened for the Season, on Tuesday June 3rd, 1856, at Three o’clock in the afternoon. The accommodation for Visitors has also been extended. Any Gentleman who wishes to visit the Green will be provided with a Ticket, (Not Transferable), on application at the Hotel, which will admit him for the season, by complying with the Rules. Private Days – Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays; but holders of Tickets will be admitted any day of the week. / *James Parkes*, Proprietor.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 19/7/1856 - Advert

“BELL HOTEL and Bowling Green, Brierley Hill / A Musical Treat / *J. Parkes* begs respectfully to inform the Public that he has made arrangements with the Netherend Brass Band and Glee Singers to perform at the above Hotel and Green during the season. / The Band will perform on the Green on Monday afternoons, and in the Large Room, in the Hotel, on Saturday evenings, introducing the most popular music of the day, together with Glee, Trios, Songs and Madrigals, at intervals. / The Green will be Illuminated with gas, and the Assembly and private rooms and Arbours thrown open to the company. / Parties can be accommodated with private rooms or arbours, according to their numbers, on Application at the Hotel. / Admission to be returned in refreshments.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 13/9/1856 - Advert

“BELL HOTEL, Brierley Hill / *James Parkes* / Begs to announce that his Bowling Green Dinner will take place at the above Hotel, on Thursday next, September 18th 1856, at Three o’clock in the Afternoon.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser (1857) - Advert

“Wanted. A young man, a situation as Brewer or Ostler, or to make himself generally useful! A steady, single man, to reside in the house. A good character indispensable. Apply at the BELL HOTEL, Brierley Hill.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 4/4/1857

“On Wednesday afternoon last, Mr. Holland, the Government Inspector of Churchyards, held a meeting [here] it was stated that the churchyard at Brierley Hill was in an overcrowded state.....”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 1/8/1857

“On Tuesday last a meeting was held at the BELL HOTEL, in this town, pursuant to notice given by advertisement, for the purpose of considering the best means to prevent the great nuisance caused by the dust blowing into the shops and houses. F. Harris, Esq, occupied the chair. After some little conversation the chairman, with Messrs. J. Parkes and Humphries, were appointed as a deputation to wait upon W. S. Wheeley, Esq, one of the Turnpike Commissioners. It will be seen by advertisement that a meeting will be held on Tuesday, to receive the report of the deputation, when it is hoped that all parties interested will attend.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 10/2/1858

“An inquest was held at the BELL INN, on Tuesday, on the body of Thomas Prince, a miner, aged 35, who lost his life on the previous Saturday under the following circumstances:- He was employed in No. 4 Pit, at Saltwell Colliery and was putting a ‘shot’ in a slip of coal. He asked a man named Bateman for a piece of candle, to fire the garman which is applied to the cavity containing the powder. Having drawn the skewer from the hole, and put the garman in, he is then supposed to have applied the lighted candle to the garman, instead of using the necessary precautions. The consequence was a premature explosion, and he was killed upon the spot, the right side of his head being literally crushed. He has left a wife and three children. The jury expressed their opinion that no blame should be attached to anyone but the deceased. His wife and family will receive 12s per week for 3 months – 6s from the Right Honourable Lord Ward, and 6s from a subscription raised by the workmen.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 27/3/1858

“Important Ratepayers’ Meeting. Election of a Highway Board. On Thursday morning last, at ten o’clock, a meeting was held in the large room adjoining the BELL HOTEL, High Street, Brierley Hill, according to previous announcement, for the purpose of passing the accounts for the last twelve months, electing one or more persons to serve the office of Surveyor for the said district for the year then next evening, and also re-appointing a Nuisance Removal Committee. A large number of persons were present at the time appointed for the opening the proceedings.....”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 10/4/1858

“Wanted, a Steady Single Man, to live in the House, as Ostler, Brewer, and make himself generally useful, and to keep a small Bowling Green in order. A good character required. – Apply at the BELL HOTEL, Brierley Hill.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 8/5/1858

“BELL HOTEL Bowling Green, Brierley Hill. The above Green having been much Improved since last Summer, will be Opened For The Season, on Monday Next, May 10th 1858, at Three o’clock in the afternoon.

Any Gentleman wishing to visit the Green, will be admitted, by Ticket, (not unreasonable), to be obtained at the Bar of the Hotel, or entrance to the Green. The Tickets will admit him for the Season, by Complying with the Rules of the Green.

Gentlemen not having their own bowls are informed that the right of the use of the bowls belonging to the green will be decided by competition, at Nine o’clock in the Evening – the highest bidder to have the exclusive use of the bowls he agree for when he attends the green, and the privilege of claiming them at any time on the finishing of a game.

J. Parkes, Proprietor.”

1861 Census

High Street

[1] *James Parkes* (58), hotel proprietor, born Kingswinford;

[2] *Margaret Parkes* (63), wife, born Kingswinford;

and two house servants and a barmaid:

Thomas Darby was also a wine and spirit merchant. [1865]

Stourbridge Observer 17/2/1866

“Mr. Hawkins has been favoured with instructions from the Trustees of the Will of the late Mr. James Parkes, to sell by Public Auction, on Tuesday the 27th day of February, 1866, at the house of Mr. *Thomas Darby*, the BELL HOTEL.....

Lot 1 – All that first-class Commercial Inn, known as the BELL HOTEL, situate in High Street, Brierley Hill, consisting of Front Spirit Shop, Commercial Room, large and well-frequented Smoke Room, Tap Room, Billiard Room, Club Room, Cooking Kitchen with Kitchen Range and separate Private Entrance out of High Street; Laundry, Seven Bed Rooms, Three Cellars, Brewhouse, Bowling Green, enclosed Boarded Skittle Alleys, Eight-stall Stable, Loft over same, Lock-up Coach House, Malt Room over Coachhouse, and enclosed Yard. The whole of the Premises is abundantly supplied with Hard and Soft Water. The House had Four large Clubs attached to it, and is well known as one of the principal Commercial Hotels in the district. The deceased proprietor carried it on with great success for upwards of twenty-three years. It is situated directly opposite the County Magistrates’ Room now in course of erection, and has a front and back Carriage Entrance. The purchaser can have immediate possession by taking to the Stock, Fixtures &c, at the customary valuation.”

Stourbridge Observer 24/10/1868

“John Smith, a tramp, was charged with assaulting *George Skidmore* on the 17th inst. Complainant said the defendant came into his tap room, begging. He asked him what he was. Defendant said he was a collier. Defendant used bad language, threw himself down on the floor, and began to kick him, and after bit his finger. Defendant said that complainant struck him, and set his dog upon him, which was denied.

Defendant was further charged with assaulting Police-constable Fairbanks on the 17th inst. Complainant said he was sent for, and took the defendant into custody, whereupon he (defendant) struck and kicked him. It took four officers to hold the defendant.

Fined 10s and costs; in default 14 days.”

Stourbridge Observer 13/8/1870

“At the Petty Sessions on Monday last, a respectable married woman, named Ann Phillips, Bank Street, was charged with unlawfully taking a parrot belonging to Mr. *George Skidmore*, of the BELL INN.

The Bench asked Mr. *Skidmore* whether he wished to press the case, to which the complainant said he did not if his bird was given up to him.

The defendant said she was quite willing to give up the bird if Mr. *Skidmore* would pay the damage done to her dress. When she found the parrot at liberty in her neighbour’s garden she caught it in her hands, but before she could secure it the bird tore her dress to rags in several places. (Laughter)

If Mr. *Skidmore* could tell the mark on its body he might have it.

The complainant then swore that the bird produced was his, and that it escaped a week or so before.

Defendant (exciteably), ‘We have scores of applications for the bird, and have answered one advertisement of a part in Birmingham about it.’

The Bench ordered Mrs. Phillips to give up the bird and pay the costs of the day; to which the defendant said, ‘It was a hard case to keep the bird a week, have her dress torn, and pay 10s for her trouble.’ (Laughter)

The Bench said she should have left the parrot alone.

Defendant paid the money.”

1871 Census

14, High Street

- [1] *George Skidmore* (47), licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Mary E. Skidmore* (34), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Richard C. Skidmore* (20), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Mary A. Skidmore* (17), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *Louisa Skidmore* (15), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [6] *Gertrude E. Skidmore* (1), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [7] *George E. Skidmore* (2 months), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [8] *John Hughes* (18), brewer, born Stourbridge;
- [9] *Agnes H. Red* (18), barmaid, born Kidderminster;
- [10] *Sarah A. Wilkes* (18), general servant, born Kingswinford;
- [11] *Fanny Payton* (14), nurse, born Kingswinford;
- [12] *Andrew Howatson* (24), lodger, civil engineer;
- [13] *John Waterhouse* (32), commercial, woolstapler, born Halifax;

Stourbridge Observer 15/4/1871

“An inquest was held at Mr. *Skidmore*'s, the BELL HOTEL, on Saturday last, before W. H. Phillips, Esq, Deputy Coroner, touching the death of Timothy Taylor, who was killed in the Locks Lane pit from a fall of coal on the previous Wednesday.

William Holt and Charles Price, two men who were engaged at work with the deceased at the time of the accident, gave evidence which went to prove that a large quantity of coal fell upon the deceased, and that his head was frightfully fractured, and killed him on the spot, and that every precaution had been previously taken to see that the workings were safe, and that it was entirely an accident.

After hearing the above, the jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

Stourbridge Observer 22/2/1873

“On Tuesday morning an adjourned inquest was held at the BELL HOTEL, before Mr. W. H. Phillips, Coroner, touching the death of a female child who was found under suspicious circumstances in the cellar of a house situated in New Street, in the occupation of an unmarried woman named Mary Ann Mills (25) and her two brothers. For some time back several of the neighbours suspected that Mary Ann was enciente, and on several occasions they taxed her on being so. She, however, stoutly denied this, although appearance warranted the accusation. On Wednesday the 12th inst., the suspicions of John Gray, a banksman, were aroused, and they were confirmed by the girl's brother begging the loan of a mason's hammer. On Thursday, blood was noticed on the floor of a bedroom by a Mrs. Perks, and the appearance of Mary Ann was greatly altered. John Gray was satisfied that a child had been born, and after making a search the dead body of a full grown female child was discovered under bricks in the cellar. Information was lodged at the police station and Dr. Ashmead was communicated with. He examined Miss Miles, and he found all the traces of her having given birth to a child. At the adjourned inquest on Thursday, Dr. Ashmead stated that he had made a post mortem examination of the body of the child. He failed to find any signs of external injury, except a depression around the neck, without colouration or extravasation. He considered that the child died from suffocation, but whether it was caused by violence or by the naval string (which was unusually long) being round the neck, he could not tell. Had there been any violence used, he should have expected to find some external marks. The Coroner: after that evidence, I could not advise you to bring in a verdict that would criminate any one. A verdict in accordance with the medical testimony, viz ‘That the child died from suffocation, but there was no evidence to show how that had been caused’ was returned. The Coroner called the attention of Superintendent Mills to the fact, that it was a very strong case of concealment of birth. Superintendent Mills said that as soon as she was in a condition to be moved she would be brought up before the magistrates.”

Stourbridge Observer 8/3/1873

“A fearful accident occurred yesterday, at the Brettell Lane Iron Works, to a lad named Evans, about 13 years of age. He was at work heaving up the jigger when his foot slipped and he fell under the box. His head was drawn under the box and was frightfully smashed. Death was almost instantaneous. The body was taken to the BELL HOTEL, Brierley Hill, where it awaits an inquest.”

Stourbridge Observer 22/3/1873

“On Monday morning, Mr. W. H. Phillips, deputy coroner, held an inquest, at the BELL INN, on the body of John Chant (14), who was killed by being dragged into some machinery at the Brettell Lane Ironworks, under circumstances already reported. The evidence showed that the death of the boy was purely accidental, and the Jury returned a verdict in accordance with the facts.”

1881 Census

14, High Street

- [1] *George Griffiths* (47), hotel keeper, born Brettell Lane;
- [2] *Elizabeth Griffiths* (51), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Mary Elizabeth Smith Griffiths* (24), daughter, born Worcester;
- [4] *Ann Maria Smith Griffiths* (17), daughter, born Brettell Lane;
- [5] *Edward Smith Griffiths* (15), son, scholar, born Brettell Lane;
- [6] *Elenor Smith Griffiths* (10), daughter, born Brettell Lane;
- [7] *William Giles* (26), ostler, born West Bromwich;
- [8] *Clara Ann Billingham* (21), waitress, born Cradley;
- [9] *Lucy Smith* (16), domestic servant, born Brockmoor:

Ford's Household Almanack for 1881 - Advert

“*George Griffiths* / Ales, Wines, and Spirits, of the Finest Qualities / Genuine Foreign and British Cigars / The BELL Commercial and Family Hotel, Brierley Hill / Good Stabling and Lock-up Coach Houses / Commercial Gentlemen will find every Accommodation at this Hotel.”

1891 Census

15, High Street

- [1] *George Griffiths* (57), widower, licensed victualler, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Anne Griffiths* (27), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Elinor Griffiths* (20), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Gwendoline Biddle* (4), granddaughter, born Dudley;
- [5] *Fannie Richards* (22), barmaid, born Wolverhampton;
- [6] *Alice Cowell* (22), domestic servant, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Alfred Carter* (22), ostler, born Church Hill, Shropshire:

Edward Henry Lindsay – see also TOP STAR, Tipton.

County Express 6/1/1900

“Sick and Draw Clubs.....

BELL HOTEL, Brierley Hill.– The annual dinner in connection with the Sick and Draw Club held at the BELL HOTEL, Brierley Hill, took place on Thursday, when there was a good attendance. The accounts of the club showed that after discharging all liabilities there was a dividend of 11s 11d for each member, which was considered satisfactory. Following the transaction of the club's business a convivial evening was spent, songs being given by Messrs. Barnett, Speke, E. Fletcher, W. Fletcher, and Griffiths, and Mr. W. Fletcher contributed some pretty music on a set of glasses.”

County Express 10/3/1900

“On Wednesday Miss *Abley*, of the BELL HOTEL, was the recipient of a valuable marble timepiece, bearing the following inscription; ‘Presented to Miss *Abley* by the frequenters of the BELL HOTEL dining room.’ The presentation was made by Mr. Herbert Humphries, and in some well-chosen remarks he spoke of the appreciation Miss *Abley* had earned from them, and the satisfaction she had always given. These remarks were supplemented by a brief appropriate speech from Mr. W. Waldron, and the gift suitably acknowledged.”

County Express 17/3/1900

“Harmonic Society. There was a good attendance at a meeting of this society at the BELL HOTEL, on Tuesday. Mr. John Williams presided, and Mr. Harry Mantle was in the vice-chair. The following programme was submitted:— Pianoforte solo, Mr. Arthur Woodall; song, ‘The Diver,’ Mr. G. Green; trio, flue, violin, and piano, Messrs. Isaacs; song, ‘I’d like to go halves in that,’ Mr. Wiley; recitation, ‘The Two Stars,’ Mr. Best; trio, violin, flute, and piano, Messrs. Isaacs; ventriloquial sketch, Mr. Wiley; recitation, Mr. Best; song, Mr. Green. All the items were thoroughly enjoyed, Mr. Wiley’s ventiloquism being the cause of much merriment. The trios were well played, and the songs and recitations were nicely given. Mr. Arthur Woodall proved a most able accompanist and soloist.”

County Express 3/11/1900

“Brierley Hill Flying Club. The annual dinner of the above club was held on Wednesday, at the BELL HOTEL, Brierley Hill.....”

1901 Census

12+13, High Street – BELL HOTEL

- [1] *Drusilla Abley* (32), unmarried, manageress (hotel), born Hopton Heath, Shropshire;
- [2] *Lucretia H. Prince* (29), barmaid, born Alton, Staffordshire;
- [3] *Frederick Griffiths* (26), groom, born Hill Top;
- [4] *Mary Davies* (28), domestic cook, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Lillie P. Partridge* (20), waitress, born Kidderminster:

County Express 9/11/1901

“Some sixty relatives and friends were on Friday night week entertained to dinner at the BELL HOTEL, Brierley Hill, to celebrate the coming of age of Mr. John *Benton*, jun., son of Mr. and Mrs. *J. Benton*, the host and hostess. A truly excellent spread was provided by Mr. and Mrs. *Benton*, and the guests were handsomely entertained all through the evening.....”

County Express 30/11/1901

“The annual dinner of the Brierley Hill and District Flying club was held at the BELL HOTEL, Brierley Hill, on Wednesday evening, when Mr. and Mrs. *J. Benton*, the host and hostess, provided an excellent repast, which was greatly appreciated.....”

County Express 30/11/1901

“The closing dinner in connection with the money club held at the BELL HOTEL was attended by a large number on Tuesday evening, when Mr. and Mrs. *Benton*’s excellent catering gave great satisfaction to the party. Following the dinner, Mr. B. Whittingslow presided, and Mr. W. Barker was vice-chairman. The Club Secretary (Mr. T. S. Brown) reported upon the close of the club, remarking that there were no defaulters, and added that the club had been a most gratifying success, and reflected great credit upon the hosts.

The following programme was given:— Piano solo, Mr. Shaw; song, ‘The White Squall,’ Mr. S. Jay; song, ‘The Holy City,’ Mr. McGill; song, Mr. John Davies; recitation, ‘Billy Buck,’ the Chairman; song, Mr. Shaw; recitation, ‘The Battle of Graspan,’ Mr. S. Jay; song, ‘Someday,’ Mr. J. Davies; song, the Chairman. The toast of the ‘Host and Hostess’ was cordially received, and votes of thanks closed a thoroughly enjoyable meeting.”

County Express 11/1/1902

“On Thursday the first-night supper in connection with the money club held at the BELL HOTEL took place, when Mr. and Mrs. *Benton*, as is their custom, placed an excellent repast on the tables, which was greatly appreciated by some forty friends. After the business of the club had been transacted, Mr. John Davies presided, whilst Mr. McGill was in the vice-chair, and the secretary (Mr. T. S. Brown) was also present. The evening was devoted to harmony. Mr. Fletcher (Chapel Street) sang two songs, ‘Walking in my sleep,’ being rendered in this artist’s excellent style. Mr. J. Jay sang ‘The white squall,’ and with Mr. Shaw rendered the duet ‘The gipsy countess,’ Mr. Davies sang ‘The pilgrim of love,’ Mr. Price ‘The star of Bethlehem,’ and Mr. McGill also contributed. The toast of the ‘host and hostess,’ and a vote of thanks to the chairman and vice-chairman, closed a very enjoyable evening.”

1911 Census

High Street – BELL HOTEL

[1] *John Wright* (55), publican, born Lutterworth, Leicestershire;

[2] *Elizabeth Florence Wright* (34), wife, married 4 years, born Blinmel, Shropshire;

[3] *Noah Boswell* (26), ostler, born Dudley Wood;

[4] *Sarah Miriam Baker* (25), barmaid, born Old Hill;

[5] *Ethel Annie Allport* (20), general servant, born Brierley Hill:

County Express 20/4/1918

“The first annual meeting of the Brierley Hill and District Free Home Brewers’ Protection Society was held on Wednesday at the BELL HOTEL, and was well attended.

Mr. G. H. Downes (Queen’s Cross) was elected to preside. He explained that though the society started with small beginnings, it had now prospered, and was now well supported by the home brewers in the district. Its aim originally was to prevent the exploitation of the home-brewing trade by the big brewers at the time the first restrictions came about. Although the membership at outset was only about a dozen it now amounted to nearly 100, practically every home brewer being in it. For the first year an entrance fee of only 5s. a year had been charged, but there was a general willingness on the part of all members that the annual subscription should be 10s. a year.

The balance sheet, presented by Mr. T. Beebee, treasurer, showed that the finances were in every way satisfactory. There was a balance at hand at the end of the year’s working.

Mr C. Gorton was re-elected chairman, Mr. H. Stevens vice-chairman, Mr. A. E. Vale secretary, Mr. Beebee treasurer, with the following gentlemen to constitute a committee: Messrs. H. Belfield, W. Young, A. Allen, W. Yates, G. H. Downes, A. Dunn, H. Moore, H. Higgs, _ . Jenkins, J. Cook, A. Small, and J. Brooks.

Trustees, Messrs. H. Bissell, D. Batham.

Auditors, Messrs. A. Hawkins and J. S. Parfitt.

It was stated that as the outcome of the Tank Week, amongst the members 1,055 War Savings Certificates had been purchased by members.”

County Express 30/8/1919

“The Brierley Hill and District Free Home Brewer’s Society had a delightful outing by motor char-a-banc to the Worcester hop fields on Wednesday. Accompanied by the President (Mr. G. Gorton), Secretary (Mr. A. Vale), and other officers and officials, the party left the BELL HOTEL and proceeded to Bromyard, which was reached at 12.15. There luncheon was served and the journey was then resumed to Bishops Cleeve, where on the invitation of Mr. Pudge, the hop grower, a tour was made of the farm land and hop yards, and afterwards the party was enjoyably entertained by Mr. Pudge at his house. At 4.40 p.m. the journey was resumed to Tenbury, and on arrival, there an excellent tea was served at the Bridge Hotel, after which the beautiful surroundings of the place were explored. At 7.30 the homeward journey was commenced, and Brierley Hill was reached at 9.40 p.m. It was voted by all a splendid outing favoured by beautiful weather.”

County Express 4/6/1921

“A meeting of ladies connected with the licensed trade of Brierley Hill and district was held at the BELL HOTEL, High Street, on Wednesday afternoon. Mr. A. E. Vale presiding. The object of the meeting was to interest the women in their own organization in view of the fact that they would now have the privilege of the vote, and would, like women of other movements, be a material factor in the electoral doings of the future.

Mrs. Collingwood Hughes, addressing the meeting, spoke of the necessity of women organizing. Ladies had not only the vote, which she hoped they would use wisely, but had the opportunity for influencing others. By their knowledge of the licensed trade, they could bring their influence to bear in the direction of true temperance, which was moderation.

Mr. Colin K. Langley (Birmingham) supported Mrs. Collingwood Hughes, as did also Mr. E. Lawrence Levy (chief agent for the Midlands district of the National Trade Defence Association).

It was eventually proposed, seconded and carried, that the meeting record its earnest intention to co-operate in every possible way in the organization and defence of the licensed trade, and would willingly undertake all duties which that responsibility might involve.

Thanks to the chairman and speakers closed the meeting.”

County Express 1/10/1921

“Whilst returning to his employment as a ham curer at the factory of Messrs. Marsh and Baxters Ltd., Hall Street, Brierley Hill, on Tuesday morning, George Packwood (58), of 123, High Street, Brierley Hill, slipped from the pavement near the firm’s offices, and fell under one of the rear wheels of a passing heavy motor van, death being instantaneous.

The inquest was conducted by Mr. J. T. Higgs (coroner) at the BELL HOTEL, High Street, on Tuesday evening, Mr. A. E. Sharp and Mr. W. Pearson attending on behalf of the firm.

George Rowley, grocer, of High Street, identified the body, and said he last saw the deceased alive at 9.20am that day, when he left the house for work after breakfast. He was not subject to fits or giddy turns.

George Stevens, 23, Parkes Street, Brierley Hill, an employee at the factory, said that just before 9.30 that morning he saw Mr. Packwood walking toward the works from High Street. He was in the road, and when near the offices made an attempt to get on to footpath as a motor van, which was slowly proceeding from the factory towards High Street, was nearing the gutter. His right foot was on the edge of the footpath, and as he picked up his left foot the right slipped, and he fell. By that time the front portion of the van had passed over him, but the near back wheel went over his head. Deceased fell on his side with his head in the road. The van was only travelling at walking pace. Witness shouted to driver to pull up right away, but it was too late.

By Mr. Sharp: The accident was entirely due to the _____ between the place where deceased fell, and where the van halted was 28feet. The width of the horseway at this spot was 16ft 6in, and the footpath is about 2ft wide. There was plenty of room for the man to have passed by, had he not slipped. The boots Mr. Packwood was wearing were strong, and had round steel studs in the bottoms.

Mr. Higgs, in returning a verdict of ‘Accidental death,’ said it was one of those simple accidents they all regretted. Messrs. Marsh and Baxter regretted it, as well as the employes, especially those who had given evidence. There was no blame to be attached to anyone; it was purely an accident. He (the Coroner) wished the public authority of Brierley Hill would provide some place to which bodies could be taken. In an important place like Brierley Hill, it seemed to him that a mortuary could be provided, and would be a great convenience. Only that afternoon a post mortem examination had had to be conducted in a kitchen. A mortuary was necessary, and he hoped the local authority would do something in this matter.

Mr. Sharp expressed the deep sympathy of the directors with the widow and relatives of the deceased, and said the firm most deeply deplored the tragic circumstances which and robbed them of a faithful and hard-working servant of many years standing.”

Black Country Bugle 1/7/2000

Letter from Mrs. D. M. Hawkins

“I was interested to see the article about the ambulance at Brierley Hill. Some years before (1920 – 1923) my parents kept the BELL HOTEL which was opposite the then police station. There were a lot of outbuildings at the back and the police ambulance was kept in one of them.....”

The license renewal was referred to the Compensation Authority on 3rd April 1924.

Redundancy was confirmed on 28th July 1924.

The license expired on 31st December 1924.

BELL HOTEL AND BOWLING GREEN,
BRIERLEY-HILL.

A MUSICAL TREAT.

J. PARKES, begs respectfully to inform the Public that he has made arrangements with the Netherend BRASS BAND and GLEE SINGERS to perform at the above Hotel and Green during the season.

The Band will perform on the Green on Monday afternoons, and in the Large Room, in the Hotel, on Saturday evenings, introducing the most popular music of the day, together with Glee, Trios, Songs and Madrigals, at intervals.

The Green will be illuminated with gas, and the Assembly and private rooms and Arbours thrown open to the company.

Parties can be accommodated with private rooms or arbours, according to their numbers, on application at the Hotel.

Admission to be returned in refreshments.

Advert 1856

BELL HOTEL, BOWLING GREEN,
BRIERLEY-HILL.

THE above Green which has been greatly improved is now Opened for the Season. The accommodation for Visitors has also been extended. Any Gentleman who wishes to visit the Green will be provided with a Ticket, (not transferable), on application at the Hotel, which will admit him for the season, by complying with the Rules. Private Days—Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays; but holders of Tickets will be admitted any day in the week.

JAMES PARKES, Proprietor.

Advert 1856

BELL HOTEL BOWLING GREEN,
BRIERLEY-HILL.

THE above Green which has been greatly improved will be Opened for the Season, on Tuesday, June 3rd, 1856, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon. The accommodation for Visitors has also been extended. Any Gentleman who wishes to visit the Green will be provided with a Ticket, (not transferable), on application at the Hotel, which will admit him for the season, by complying with the Rules. Private Days—Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays; but holders of Tickets will be admitted any day in the week.

JAMES PARKES, Proprietor.

Advert 1856

BELL HOTEL, BRIERLEY-HILL.
JAMES PARKES

BEGS to announce that his Bowling Green DINNER will take place at the above Hotel, on Thursday next, September 18th, 1856, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon.

Advert 1856

WANTED as Ostler and Brewer, and to make himself generally useful, a steady single MAN, to reside in the house. A good character indispensable.—Apply at the Bell Hotel, Briery-Hill.

Advert 1857

WANTED, a Steady Single MAN, to live in the House, as Ostler, Brewer, and make himself generally useful, and to keep a small Bowling Green in order. A good character required.—Apply at the Bell Hotel, Briery-Hill.

Advert 1858

VALUABLE FREEHOLD PROPERTIES
BRIERLEY HILL.

MR. HAWKINS has been favoured with instructions, from the Trustees of the Will of the late Mr. James Parkes, to SELL by PUBLIC AUCTION, on TUESDAY, the 17th day of FEBRUARY, 1856, at the house of Mr. Thomas Darby, the Bell Hotel, Briery Hill, at Five or Six o'clock in the evening, subject to conditions to be then read, in the following or such other Lots as may be agreed on at the time of sale:—

Lot 1.—All that First-class Commercial INN, known as the "Bell Hotel," situate in High-street, Briery Hill; consisting of Front Spirit Shop, Commercial Room, large and well-frequented Smoke Room, Tap Room, Billiard Room, Club Room, Cooking Kitchen, with Kitchen Range and separate Private Entrance out of High-street; Laundry, Seven Bed Rooms, Three Cellars, Brew-house, Bowling Green, enclosed Boarded Skittle Alleys, Eight-stall Stable; Loft over same, Look-up Coach House, Malt Room over Coach-house, and enclosed Yard. The whole of the Premises is abundantly supplied with Hard and Soft Water. The House has Four large Clubs attached to it, and is well known as one of the principal Commercial Hotels in the district. The deceased proprietor carried it on with great success for upwards of twenty-three years. It is situated directly opposite the County Magistrates' Room now in course of erection, and has a front and back Carriage Entrances. The purchaser can have immediate possession by taking to the Stock, Firtree, &c., at the customary valuation.

Lot 2.—All that BUILDING, known as the Auction Mart, fronting High-street, adjoining the Bell Hotel, with the enclosed Yard and Outbuildings at the back thereof.

Lot 3.—All those Three DWELLING-HOUSES, with Front Shop, situate in High-street, also adjoining the said Hotel, now in the occupations of John Masou, Henry Parsons, and Joseph Vallance. These have an extensive frontage in one of the best positions in Briery Hill.

Lot 4.—All those Two DWELLING-HOUSES, Outbuildings, and Premises, situate in Mill-street, Briery Hill, opposite the Waterloo Inn, now in the occupations of Mrs. Davies and Richard Caddick.

Lithographed plans and further particulars may be obtained on application to Messrs. Hornby and Holberton, Solicitors, or the Auctioneer, all of Briery Hill.

Advert 1866

BELL +

BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William Holloway [] - **1872**);
John Larkham (**1872** - []

BELL

Bell Street / 2, (6), Hollies Street, PENSNETT

OWNERS

James Hall
Elwell, Williams and Co. [c. 1900]
Smith and Williams
Julia Hanson and Son Ltd. (acquired on 2nd July 1934)

LICENSEES

Henry Bradley [] - **1871**);
Albert Edward Bradley (**1871 - 1874**);
Henry Bradley (**1874 - 1881**);
James Hyde (**1881 - 1899**);
Thomas Edge (**1899 - 1903**);
James Hall (**1903 - 1905**);
Mrs. Sarah Ann Hall (**1905 - 1914**);
Thomas Hall (**1914 - 1929**);
Rosannah Robinson (**1929 - 1934**);
Arthur Francis Hickling (**1934 - 1936**);
Mrs. Lily Hickling (**1936 - 1940**);
Lily Woodfield (**1940 - 1966**);
Ronald T Bullock (**1966 - []**)
Ronald C Morris [1975]
Kenneth Cotterill [1976]

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Hollies Street [1881], [1940]
6, Hollies Street [1911]

It was situated opposite the church.

It had a beerhouse license.

Albert Edward Bradley, beer retailer, Pensnett. [1872]

1881 Census

Hollies Street – BELL INN

- [1] *Henry Bradley*, (66), publican, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Mary Bradley* (40), wife, born Edinburgh;
- [3] *G. H. Lucas* (7), grandson, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Harriet Bryce* (14), general servant, born Kingswinford:

1891 Census

Hollies Street

- [1] *James Hyde* (39), publican, born Dudley;
- [2] *Rebecca Hyde* (45), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Alice Ellen Hyde* (18), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Mary Elizabeth Hyde* (8), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Maria Hyde* (7), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *James Henry Hyde* (6), son, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Albert B. Hyde* (3), son, born Kingswinford;
- [8] *Isabella Jones* (16), domestic servant, born Kingswinford:

James Hyde – see also ALBION, Brierley Hill.

County Express 2/6/1900

“*John Corbett*, miner, Hartland Street, Pensnett, was charged with assaulting *Jonathan Oliver*, miner, Bell Street, Pensnett, on April 30th.

Mr. Waldron prosecuted, and said these two men, with the complainant’s brother, were at the BELL INN, Pensnett, and the brother, *William Oliver*, and defendant, were having some words in the street, when the complainant went up, and asked what was the matter. Without a moment’s hesitation, the defendant gave complainant a violent blow in the mouth. Then both took their coats off, and a couple of rounds were fought, the defendant resorting to the un-Englishlike method of kicking complainant in both rounds. Eventually complainant fell, and whilst down defendant again kicked him, with the result that his leg was broken, and also the ankle bones. He was taken to the Guest Hospital. He asked the Bench to mark their sense of the seriousness of the case by sending defendant to prison, or fining him the maximum amount.

Complainant gave evidence substantiating in the main the statement of his solicitor, adding that when witness shouted that his leg was broken, defendant said, ‘Yes, and while you are down, I’ll — well finish you.’

By defendant: The leg was not broken during a tussle in the gutter.

William Oliver, brother of complainant, and *Rupert Mantle*, Albert Street, Pensnett, deposed to the kicking indulged in by the defendant.

Police-constable *Butler* spoke as to complainant’s injuries.

Defendant gave evidence that the bother arose owing to a dispute concerning tippit playing, in which they had been indulging. During the fight they both fell in the gutter, and at that moment the complainant’s leg got broken. They were both drunk at the time.

Mr. *John E. Colley* said at about ten o’clock he heard the disturbance, and going to the spot, saw *William Oliver* and *Corbett* stripped and fighting. Immediately on witness arriving, *Jonathan*, who was also stripped, took part in the affair. Someone said, ‘Kick him, *Jonathan*,’ and it was evident from the noise that there was some kicking. Ultimately, complainant said his leg was broken, and this was found to be so, and witness assisted the man.

Cross-examined: It was too dark for witness to see any kicking, and he could not say whether the complainant was kicked or not.

Henry Bowcott, Brierley Hill, said he saw *William Oliver* and *Corbett* fighting, and as the latter was on his knees, *Johnathan Corbett* struck him. Then these two commenced to fight, and fell in the gutter, *Jonathan* being underneath.

Cross-examined: He did not see complainant kicked. *Corbett* did not say he would finish the complainant.

The Bench, after consultation in private, came to the conclusion that it was a drunken brawl. They were not satisfied from the evidence given that there had been any kicking, and the case would be dismissed.”

1901 Census

6, Hollies Street

- [1] *Thomas Edge* (37), beer retailer, born Old Hill;
- [2] *Mary Ann Edge* (32), wife, born Pensnett;
- [3] *Thomas W. Edge* (8), son, born Pensnett;
- [4] *Emma Mountford* (63), mother in law, widow, born Bromley;
- [5] *Elizabeth Huxley* (17), general servant, born Pensnett:

County Express 23/11/1901

“Noah Hickman, Albert Street, Pensnett, was summoned to refusing to quit the BELL INN, Hollies Street, Pensnett, on November 9th. Hickman went to the public house, kept by Mr. *Thomas Edge*, under the influence of beer, and after being refused ale eventually left, but some time afterwards he reappeared, and would not obey Mr. Edge when requested to leave; and the result was that eventually Hickman had to be assisted out by the strong arm of the law. He was fined 10s and costs, or fourteen days.”

Tipton Herald 12/9/1903

“There was a large meeting of the Dudley and District Air-Gun League on Wednesday at the BELL INN, Pensnett. So large was the attendance that two large rooms hardly accommodated them. Mr. Abel and Mr. Billingham addressed the meeting. A match with two picked elevens resulted in a win for Pensnett by 17 points. The next meeting takes place at the RED LION HOTEL, Pensnett, on Wednesday next at 8pm prompt.”

James Hall, beer retailer, Hollies Street. [1904]

Tipton Herald 6/2/1909

“On Wednesday last, the first meeting of the Pensnett Homing Society was held at the clubhouse, BELL INN, where a fair number of fanciers attended. Six new members joined the club, and important business was adjourned until Wednesday next, when all fanciers in the district are invited to attend.”

1911 Census

6, Hollies Street

[1] *Sarah Ann Hall* (64), widow, beer retailer, born Coopers Bank;

[2] *Thomas Henry Hall* (31), son, bricklayer, born Tansey Green:

Mrs. Sarah Ann Hall, beer retailer, Hollies Street. [1912]

Conveyance dated 2/7/1934

“All That licensed house or inn known as The BELL INN at Pensnett aforesaid in the occupation of *Thomas Hall* with the two cottages adjoining or near thereto used in connection with the said inn And Also the piece of land containing one hundred and five square yards or thereabouts situate on the side of the road opposite to the said BELL INN.....”

Lily Hickling married crane driver *Frederick Woodfield*.

Kenneth Cotterill was married to *Jean*.

Closed

Demolished

BIRCH COPPICE

2, Woodland Avenue, (2, Birch Coppice), QUARRY BANK

OWNERS

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries
Avebury Taverns [1998]
Punch Taverns
Adventure Taverns Ltd. [2003]

LICENSEES

James Billingham [1872]
Diane Heggie [1998]
Mick and Jennie Wooldridge [2000]
Kay Nichola White [2007]
Janet Anderson [2007]
Maxine Hodgetts **(2007 - []**

NOTES

Maxine Hodgetts was fined £1,000 and given a two year conditional discharge, at Halesowen Magistrates Court on 13th November 2008 for failing to comply with a prohibition notice, to ban a bonfire party held the previous year.

[2007]

Closed [2010], [2015]



2007

BIRD IN HAND

Fenton Street, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

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Stourbridge Observer 21/5/1870

“Joseph Williams, chain and anchor manufacturer, of Old Hill, was charged by Superintendent Mills with being drunk and riotous, on the 11th inst. Mr. Holberton defended.

Police-constable Streeton proved that on the above date at 7.45, he saw the defendants at the BIRD IN HAND, Fenton Street, quite drunk and riotous.

Police-constable Breton gave corroborative evidence.

The defence was that defendant is a chain and anchor manufacturer, and had been attending a sale of Messrs. Steward's. He went into the BIRD IN HAND to have a glass of ale, when two men attacked him; and that he had already been punished by being locked up for several hours.

Ordered to pay costs.”

Check Parkes Street.

BIRD IN HAND

1, (2), (3), Parkes Street, (Park Street), BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

John Edward Paskin, High Street, Quarry Bank
Mary Roberts, Brierley Hill [1886]
John Partridge (acquired in 1890)
Atkinsons Ltd. (acquired c. 1897)
George Norman Bridgewater, Victoria Brewery, Cradley Heath (acquired c. 1929)
Frederick Smith Ltd. (acquired c. 1932)

LICENSEES

James Smith [1866] – **1868**;
John Richards (**1868 – 1874**);
John Revill [1873] (?)
Edward Partridge (**1874 – 1878**);
Mary Ann Partridge (**1878 – 1879**);
John Partridge (**1879 – 1895**);
Frank Bangham (**1895 – 1896**);
David Jewes (**1896 – 1897**);
James Street (**1897 – 1900**);
William Ameson (**1900 – 1901**);
Joseph Bingham (**1901**);
James Hyndman (**1901 – 1904**);
Harry Ashton (**1904 – 1905**);
James Robert Sutton (**1905 – 1906**);
Albert Edward Norwood (**1906**);
William Ambrose Norwood (**1906 – 1907**);
Thomas Catchpole (**1907 – 1910**);
George Benton (**1910 – 1913**);
Walter Wooldridge (**1913 – 1914**);
Nehemiah Holds (**1914 – 1919**);
William Henry Lilley (**1919 – 1928**);
Joseph Thomas Lawrence (**1928 – 1930**);
Jesse Hancox (**1930 – 1931**);
Alice Bell (**1931 – 1932**);
Frederick Lawrence 'Fred' Price (**1932 – [1940]**)

NOTES

Park Street [1866], [1871]
2, Parkes Street [1873], [1881], [1892], [1904], [1912]
1, Parkes Street [1901], [1916], [1921], [1940]
3, Parkes Street [1911]

Stourbridge Observer 14/7/1866

“The annual feast in connection with the Foresters’ Court 3465, was held at Mr. *Smith*’s, the BIRD IN HAND, Park Street, on Monday last. The members assembled at an early hour, and headed by the Gornal band, marched to church, where an excellent sermon was preached by the curate. After service the members paraded through the various streets in full costume, and afterwards sat down to an excellent dinner provided by the worthy host.....”

London Gazette 2/2/1869

“*James Smith*, of the CASTLE INN, High Street Licensed Victualler and Forge Manager, formerly of the BIRD IN HAND, Park Street having been adjudged bankrupt under a Petition filed in the County Court of Worcestershire, holden at Stourbridge, on 4th of January, 1869, a public sitting for the said bankrupt to pass his last Examination, and make application for his Discharge.....” – this was granted

Stourbridge Observer 17/7/1869

“.....In the Matter of *James Smith* of the CASTLE INN, High Street, Brierley Hill licensed victualler and forge manager, formerly of the BIRD IN HAND INN, Park Street, Brierley Hill aforesaid, licensed victualler, adjudged bankrupt on the 4th day of January, 1869.

An order of discharge will be delivered to the bankrupt after the expiration of thirty days from this date, unless an appeal be duly entered against the judgement of the Court, and notice thereof be given to this Court.

Dated 14th day of July, 1869, C. Evers, High Bailiff.”

1871 Census

2, Park Street – BIRD IN HAND

- [1] *John Richards* (39), publican, born Tipton;
- [2] *Eliza Richards* (30), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Hannah Richards* (19), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] *Eliza Ann Richards* (1), daughter, born Kingswinford:

1881 Census

2, Park Street – BIRD IN HAND

- [1] *John Partridge* (40), licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Catherine Partridge* (39), wife, born Liverpool;
- [3] *Sarah Round* (21), general servant, born Woodside:

1891 Census

2+3, Park Street

- [1] *John Partridge* (50), licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Catherine Partridge* (49), wife, born Liverpool;
- [3] *Catherine Street* (14), general servant, born Crewe;
- [4] *John Henry Davies* (6), adopted son, born Brierley Hill:

1901 Census

1, Parkes Street – BIRD IN HAND INN

- [1] *Joseph Bingham* (42), licensed victualler, born Nottingham;
- [2] *Annie Bingham* (38), wife, born Birmingham:

County Express 6/7/1901

“*Joseph Bingham*, now of Handsworth, was charged with being drunk on licensed premises.

Police-sergeant Murphy said on June 11th he went into the smoke room of the BIRD IN HAND, Parkes Street, Brierley Hill, and there saw *Bingham*, who was then the landlord, drunk, lying on a couch. Defendant could not stand on his feet.

Fined 10s and costs.”

1911 Census

3, Parkes Street

[1] *George Benton* (44), publican, born Brierley Hill;

[2] *Eliza Benton* (44), wife, married 25 years, born Brierley Hill;

[3] *George Hubert Benton* (19), son, assistant teacher, born Brierley Hill;

[4] *Alice Benton* (21), daughter, born Brierley Hill:

Fred Price was born in 1888, in Brierley Hill.

He played football for Aston FC, Wellington Street Citadels, Dudley Town, Wolverhampton Wanderers (1912 – 1920), Port Vale, and Newport County. He played at right half and outside right. He retired in 1922. He died c. 1955.

See also KINGS HEAD, and OLD BUSH.

Auction catalogue 25/10/1932

“.....Fully licensed. The Accommodation comprises – On the Ground Floor – Entrance Passage and Outdoor Department, Front Bar, Front Smoke Room, Sitting Room and Pantry. On the First Floor – Club Room with separate entrance from Yard, Four Bedrooms. In the Basement – Paved Cellar with Brick Sills. In Paved Yard, with rolling way to cellar – Washhouse, Stores, Coalplace, Urinal, two WC’s.

2s 6d Per Annum is payable to Brierley Hill UDC for encroachment of footpath. Held under Management (Manager: *Mr. Frederick Price*). Value of Trade Fixtures £127 0s 0d.”

BIRD IN HAND

Shut End, PENSNETT

OWNERS

LICENSEES

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County Express 15/6/1901

“Conservative And Liberal Unionist Association.- The meeting arranged by this association was brought to a close on Thursday evening week by a smoking concert, held at the BIRD IN HAND INN, Shut End. The president (Mr. C. F. F. Griffiths) occupied the chair, supported by Dr. Norwood and Mr. David Bryce, C.C. (vice-chairmen), G Brough (treasurer), and S. Skelding (hon. sec.) The association which was formed last November, has now 180 members enrolled, and about 150 were present on this occasion, including Messrs. J. Higgs, E. Edge, T. Hartshorn, E. Foley, J. Foley, H. Myers, J. Woodall, John Shaw, H. Higginson, F. Hampton, R. Edwards, T. Ruston, A. E. Norris, James Pope etc. A capital programme was gone through including:- Overture, Mr. James Hyde; song ‘Ever since I have been in the force,’ Mr. D. Newton; glee ‘Life’s a bumper,’ Messrs. Westwood, T. Box, and T. Homer; song ‘The Sexton,’ Mr. J. Bryce; duet ‘The Old Lad,’ Messrs. B. Bradley and I. Bryce; song ‘When Daddy returns,’ Mr. B. Bradley; glee ‘Mynheer Vandunck,’ Glee Party; comic song ‘John Bull’s Picture Gallery,’ Mr. D. Newton; song ‘Marguerite,’ Mr. T. Hyde; song ‘Genevieve,’ Mr. B. Bradley; song ‘Jack’s Boy,’ Mr. Finnigan; glee ‘The Red Cross Knight,’ Glee party. The concert was in every respect a decided success. Hearty votes of thanks concluded the evening.”

BLACK HORSE

52, (79), Delph Road, (58, (59), Delph) / Black Horse Lane, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Henry Shutt, Stourbridge [1886]
Joseph Ashton
Ann Ashton
John Elton [1905]
Truman, Hanbury and Co. [c. 1906]
Courage Ltd.
Unique Pub Co. [2001]
Enterprise Inns [2014]

LICENSEES

James Green [1834] – [1854]
Mrs. Judith Green [1860] – [1861]
Thomas Cartwright [1864] – [1869]
Alfred Gallagher [1870]
George Oldfield [] – 1871);
William Worrall (1871 – 1880);
Elias Morris (1880 – 1890);
James Morris (1890 – 1891);
Joseph Ashton (1891 – 1895);
Mrs. Ann Ashton (1895);
John Elton (1895 – 1902);
Edwin Marriott (1902 – 1904);
John Elton (1904 – 1905);
Frederick Brewer (1905);
Samuel Thomas Pitt (1905 – 1906);
James Hyndman (1906 – 1907);
Arthur James Hobson (1907 – 1914);
Mrs. Susan Hobson (m. Billingham) (1914 – 1958);
Edith Ruth Allen (1958 – 1966);
Raymond 'Ray' Hingley (1966 – 1968);
Ernest Edward Brown (1968 – 1969);
James Cooper (1969 – 1971);
Sheila Margery Burton (1971 – 1972);
Colin John Swan (1971 - 1973);
Terence Donald 'Terry' Pepperell (1973 – 1974);
James Michael Diggins (1974 – 1975);
Terence Canning (1975 – 1977);
Derek Robert Ford (1977 – 1979);
Barry Richard Lovell (1979 – 1985);
Eric Kubala (1985 – 1987);
Royston Francis 'Roy' Hood (1987 - []
Ian Matthews [1994]
Alison While (1995 - []
William Henry Stelling [2007]
Karen Ann Whittaker [2010] – [2014]

CLEARING-OUT SALE,
AT THE BLACK HORSE INN,
DELPH, BRIERLEY-HILL.

TO PUBLICANS, BROKERS, AND OTHERS.

TO be SOLD by AUCTION, by Mr. DETHERIDGE, on MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29th, 1869, the whole of the PUBLIC-HOUSE FIXTURES, consisting of Screens, Tables, Four-pull Beer Machine, Pewter Ale and Spirit Measures, Gas Fittings, Licenses, Wrought and Cast-iron Furnaces, BREWING PLANT, strong sixteen-bushel Mashing Tub, Working Tub, Coolers, Hoghead and Half-hoghead Ale Casks, Patent Malt Crusher, with the excellent Clubroom Fittings, 48 Ash Chairs, strong Dining Tables, and other Effects, belonging to Mr. Thomas Cartwright, who is giving up the Public Business.

Sale to commence at Eleven o'clock in the Morning.
The Licenses will be offered the first lot.

The HOUSE to be LET.—For particulars, apply to the Auctioneer, High-street, Brierley Hill.

Advert 1869

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59, Delph [1881], [1891], [1901]
58, Delph [1896], [1904], [1912]
79, Delph Road [1916], [1932], [1940], [2014]
52, Delph Road [2001], [2003], [2005]

James Green, retailer of beer, Delph. [1835]
He was also a potter. [1845], [1849], [1850], [1854]

1851 Census

Delph

- [1] *James Green* (47), victualler and potter, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Judith Green* (40), wife, born Kempsey, Worcestershire;
- [3] *James Green* (15), son, potter, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Emma Green* (14), daughter, dressmaker, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Maria Green* (12), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Benjamin Green* (10), son, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Joseph Green* (9), son, born Kingswinford;
- [8] *Mary Green* (8), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [9] *Herbert Green* (3), son, born Kingswinford;
- [10] *Seliary Plant* (15), servant, born Kingswinford:

Brierley Hill Advertiser 11/7/1857

“At three o’clock yesterday afternoon as a man named Richard Poston, labourer, aged 45, and another were engaged winding up some cinders with a crane, at Messrs. Hall, Holcroft, and Pearson’s Furnaces, Brettell Lane, the crane gave way and fell on Poston, sadly mutilating him, and causing instant death. The body has been removed to the BLACK HORSE INN, Delph, where it awaits a coroner’s enquiry.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 26/6/1858

“On the same evening [Monday last]. Mr. Phillips held an inquest at the BLACK HORSE INN, Delph, on the body of Eli Price, who died on Friday, the 13th inst. Deceased worked at the Peak Pits, near Brockmoor, belonging to Lord Ward, and on the 18th December last, while engaged – as became his duty as a doggy – in making a place in the pit safe for working by the use of timber &c, about three cwt of coal, fell on to him. The injuries he sustained were principally in the spine of the back. He lost all sensibility in the lower part of his body, and for six months, during which he lingered in great suffering, he was unable to perform the most simple natural functions. As the pit was stated to be in a proper working condition and to be well supplied with timber for the purpose of ensuring safety, a verdict was returned [Accidental Death].”

Stourbridge Observer 27/11/1869 - Advert

“Clearing Out Sale / at the BLACK HORSE INN / Delph, Brierley Hill / To Publicans, Brokers, and Others / To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. Detheridge, on Monday, November 29th, 1869, the whole of the Public House Fixtures, consisting of Screens, Tables, Four-pull Beer Machine, Pewter Ale and Spirit Measures, Gas Fittings, Licenses, Wrought and Cast Iron Furnaces, Brewing Plant, strong sixteen bushel Mashing Tub, Working Tub, Coolers, Hogshead and Half hogshead Ale Casks, Patent Malt Crusher, with the excellent Clubroom Fittings, 48 Ash Chairs, strong Dining Tables, and other Effects, belonging to Mr. *Thomas Cartwright*, who is giving up the Public Business. / Sale to commence at Eleven o’clock in the Morning / The Licenses will be offered the first lot. / The House to Let – For particulars, apply to the Auctioneer, High Street, Brierley Hill.”

Stourbridge Observer 23/7.1870

“Edward and Joseph Williams were brought up on suspicion of stealing a quantity of iron, and *Alfred Gallagher*, landlord of the BLACK HORSE INN, Quarry Bank, was charged with receiving the same knowing it to be stolen. Police-constable Lewis said he visited *Gallagher*’s house on the 17th inst, and found a quantity of pig iron. He was instructed to ask for a remand for a week. Prisoners were remanded accordingly.”

1871 Census

59, Delph Road – BLACK HORSE INN

- [1] *William Worrall* (65), publican, born Amblecote;
- [2] *Ellen Worrall* (55), wife, born Ludlow;
- [3] *Mary Bache* (13), general servant, born Kingswinford:

1881 Census

59, Delph – BLACK HORSE INN

- [1] *Elias Morris* (55), widower, licensed victualler, born Little Hereford, Herefordshire;
- [2] *James Morris* (20), son, chandelier maker, born Dudley;
- [3] *Sarah J. Morris* (17), daughter, born Dudley;
- [4] *Eliza Turner* (25), general servant, born Dudley;
- [5] *Thomas Morris* (6), grandson, scholar, born Dudley:

1891 Census

59, Delph – BLACK HORSE INN

- [1] *Joseph Ashton* (49), publican, born Delph;
- [2] *Ann Ashton* (50), wife, born Staffordshire;
- [3] *Mary Fradgley* (29), general servant, born Brierley Hill:

Dudley Herald 21/9/1895

“To be sold by auction death of owner.....”

1901 Census

59, Delph

- [1] *John Elton* (43), licensed victualler, born Birmingham;
- [2] *Clara Elton* (28), wife, born Birmingham;
- [3] *Gladys Elton* (3), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Charles Elton* (1), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *John Elton* (3 months), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [6] *Elizabeth Beman* (15), domestic servant, born Brierley Hill:

John Elton brewed his own beer. [1904]

Brierley Hill Advertiser 18/2/1905

“BLACK HORSE INN, Delph for sale by auction instructions of Mr. *Elton* brewing house.”

1911 Census

Delph – BLACK HORSE INN

- [1] *Arthur James Hobson* (38), terra cotta burner, born Delph;
- [2] *Susan Hobson* (34), wife, married 14 years, born Quarry Bank;
- [3] *Frederick Hobson* (14), son, clerk in iron works, born Delph;
- [4] *Victoria May Hobson* (12), daughter, scholar, born Delph;
- [5] *Walter Hobson* (10), son, scholar, born Delph;
- [6] *Mary Hobson* (7), daughter, scholar, born Delph;
- [7] *Edith Ruth Hobson* (3 months), daughter, born BLACK HORSE, Delph;
- [8] *Elsie Cartwright* (14), domestic servant, born Delph:

Arthur Hobson died in 1914 aged 42.
See also GRAND TURK.

Susan Hobson married Ben Billingham in April 1918.

County Express 26/3/1921

“*Susan Billingham*, licensee of the BLACK HORSE INN, Delph, was charged for selling intoxicants to a drunken person, and also with permitting drunkenness on licensed premises on Tuesday March 1st. Mr. J. T. Higgs appeared on behalf of the chief constable, and Mr. W. H. Riley (instructed by Mr. A. G. Rudge) represented the licensee.

It was agreed to take the case of permitting drunkenness first, and Mr. Higgs stated that at 9.45pm on this date PS Mallin, in company with PC Tetlow went to the BLACK HORSE public bar. There they saw Mrs. *Billingham* and on a seat in the window sat a man named Culshaw, who was obviously drunk. He was dosing with his head on his chest. PS Mallin called Mrs. *Billingham's* attention to the man's condition and she replied ‘I did not know he was so drunk or I would have asked him to have gone out before.’ She then aroused Culshaw, who got up and staggered, and PC Tetlow had to assist him. Two friends then caught hold of him, and managed to get him home. The sergeant told Mrs. *Billingham* the matter would have to be reported. The following morning, before the matter was reported by the sergeant, Mrs. *Billingham* went and saw the Police-Superintendent at Brierley Hill, and told him of the happenings of the previous night, expressed her regret and said Mr. Culshaw was very sorry indeed.

PS Mallin bore out the statement of evidence.

When witness served the summons on Mrs. *Billingham*, she said ‘I am sorry it's happened; I have been in this house about 14 years without any complaint.’

Cross-examined witness said as far as he knew, defendant had been in the licensing trade for 14 years without any complaint against her.

PC Tetlow also gave evidence.

Supt. Rowbotham deposed that on the 2nd inst. at 10 am, Mrs. *Billingham* called at the Police Station with reference to the matter. Witness had not received a report from either of the officers at the time. Defendant said that a man named Culshaw was in the bar, the previous evening, and officers called in and said he was drunk. She added ‘I did not notice him or I should of had him out before.’ PS Harris corroborated.

Mr. Riley Pearson for the defence said the licensed business was the woman's livelihood. In a case of permitting drunkenness he submitted that there must be knowledge on the defendant's part that the man was drunk.

Defendant said she had been in the trade all her life. When she went to Culshaw on the night in question and told him the police said he was drunk, he stood up and saluted, as was his custom. He was not drunk.

Louis Culshaw (54), 95, The Delph, asserted that he did not have too much beer and ‘could have done with some more.’ He had only three pints, and in addition was one of seven who shared three quarts.

Evidence for the defence denying Culshaw was drunk, was also given by Joseph Trevis, Alfred Jones, Geo. Skidmore, Thomas Palmer, Chas. Martin, and Thomas Geddlington, all of the Delph, and customers at the BLACK HORSE.

The Bench found the case proved, and defendant was fined 40/- and ordered to pay £2 2s solicitor's fee. Culshaw was then summoned for being drunk, and after the evidence of PS Mallin, was fined 7/6.

The case of selling intoxicants on licensed premises to a drunken person was not proceeded with.”

Edith Allen was the daughter of *Susan Hobson*.
She married Alf Allen.

It was refurbished c.1976.

Ray Hingley was married to Phyllis.

Eric Kubala was married to Barbara.
They were both from Manchester.

Roy Hood was married to Val.

[2015]



2015

BLACKSMITHS ARMS

High Oak, PENNETT

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Thomas Timmins [1866]

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It had a beerhouse license.

London Gazette 9/3/1866

“*Thomas Timmins* previously thereto of the BLACKSMITHS ARMS, High Oak Beerhouse Keeper and Tailor.....”

Dudley Herald 29/12/1866 and 12/1/1867

“To be sold by auction, freehold public house large tap room, bar, parlour, smoke room, kitchen, pantry, two excellent cellars, three bedrooms, malt room, large brewhouse, soft water cistern and pump, excellent well of water, stable with loft over, two piggeries and wash cistern, skittle alley, summer house, blacksmith’s shop.....”

Dudley Herald 29/6/1867

Still the same advert but finishes with:

“the above premises are on the side of a great thoroughfare from Pensnett and Kingswinford to Brierley Hill and in the midst of the extensive Collieries and Ironworks of the district, and are now or late occupancy of Mr. Charles Jackson and Mr. Jeremiah Smith.”

BLUE BALL

High Street / Thorns Road, (7, Merry Hill), QUARRY BANK


OWNERS

Jesse Billingham, Royal Oak, Quarry Bank
William Smith, Netherton Brewery [1886]
Atkinsons Ltd. (acquired in 1897)
Julia Hanson and Son Ltd. (acquired c. 1928)
Whitbread Flowers (acquired in 1964)
Jeff Billingham (acquired in October 1986)

LICENSEES

Joseph Hawkswood [1829]
John Sidaway [1834] – [1850]
Joseph Heath [1851]
Thomas Wood [1854] – **1883**;
Thomas Mobberley **(1883 – 1900)**;
Miss Florence Annie Mobberley **(1900)**;
Albert Henry Bynion **(1900 – 1901)**;
Arthur Frederick Smallwood **(1901 – 1902)**;
Francis John Bryce **(1902)**;
William John Hunt **(1902 – 1909)**;
James Henry Quiney **(1909 – 1910)**;
William Insull **(1910 – 1911)**;
Mrs. Elizabeth (Insull) Barnes **(1911 – 1914)**;
Harry Mobberley **(1914 – 1929)**;
Ernest Gwilt **(1929 – 1930)**;
Philip Southall **(1930 – 1931)**;
Benjamin Davis **(1931 – 1946)**;
John Riley **(1946 – 1948)**;
Alice Maud Smith **(1948 – 1954)**;
Alfred Homer **(1954 – [1958]**
Jeff Billingham **(1967 – [1988]**

BLUE BALL INN THORNS.



THOMAS WOOD,
(Glass Engraver to Her Majesty.)
BEGBS to announce that he has made great
additions to his collection of **INSECTS, BIRDS,**
PAINTINGS, and CURIOSITIES, and that his room is
now open for the inspection of the Public.
ADMISSION FREE.

Advert 1856



c. 1960

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7, Merry Hill [1901]

The original pub was situated at the front of the present building.

BLUE BALL HOTEL [1911]

BLUE BELL [1940]

1851 Census

Thorns

- [1] *Joseph Heath* (38), victualler, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Louisa Heath* (37), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Mary Heath* (12), daughter, employed at home, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Samuel Heath* (11), son, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Betty Heath* (9), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Al___ Heath* (5), son, born Kingswinford:

Brierley Hill Advertiser 13/9/1856 - Advert

“BLUE BALL INN, Thorns / *Thomas Wood* / (Glass Engraver to Her Majesty) / Begg to announce that he has made great additions to his collections of Insects, Birds, Paintings and Curiosities, and that his room is now open for the Inspiration of the Public. / Admission Free.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 27/1/1858

“Messrs. Oates and Perrens will Offer for Sale by Auction, (By order of the Mortgagees), on Tuesday, the 9th day of February Lot 2 – All that well accustomed Old Licensed Public House, The BLUE BALL, situate at the Thorns, Quarry Bank with brewhouse, large cellaring, and club room, Yard, Garden and Appurtenances, now in the occupation of Mr. *Thomas Wood*.”

Lot 2.—All that well-accustomed OLD-LICENSED PUBLIC-HOUSE, “The Blue Ball,” situated at the Thorns, Quarry Bank, in the said parish of Kingswinford, with Brewhouse, large Cellaring, and Club Room, Yard, Garden, and Appurtenances, now in the occupation of Mr. Thomas Wood.

Advert 1858

1861 Census

Thorns

- [1] *Thomas Wood* (48), victualler and glass engraver, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Sylvia Wood* (40), wife, born Cradley;
- [3] *Clara Wood* (11), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Ellen Wood* (15), servant, born Kingswinford:

Stourbridge Observer 6/8/1864

“BLUE BALL INN, The Thorns, in the Parish of Kingswinford. To be sold by auction by Mr. Wooldridge, By order of the Mortgagee (upon the premises) August 24th 1864 that very desirable, long established, commodious, well-known, and well-accustomed Freehold Public House and Premises, the BLUE BALL INN, situate at the Thorns on the turnpike road leading from Dudley to the Lye, and from Cradley and Cradley Heath to Brierley Hill, now and for many years past, in the occupation of Mr. *Thomas Wood*.

The property is replete with every convenience, has a spacious Club Room, and the house is doing an excellent trade, affording altogether an opportunity either for investment or occupation rarely to be met with.....”

Stourbridge Observer 20/5/1865

“An evening concert took place at the BLUE BALL on Monday evening last, and the attendance was very good. The programme was well-arranged, and the performances highly appreciated by the audience, as was shown by the applause given.....”

Stourbridge Observer 15/7/1865

“BLUE BALL INN, The Thornes, in the Parish of Kingswinford. To Be Sold By Auction, by Mr. B. Wooldridge, by order of the Mortgagee, upon the Premises, on Monday, the 24th of July, 1865 that very desirable, long-established, commodious, well-known, and well accustomed Freehold Public House and Premises, the BLUE BALL INN, situate at the Thornes on the turnpike road leading from Dudley to the Lye, and from Cradley and Cradley Heath to Brierley Hill, now, and for some years past in the occupation of Mr. *Thomas Wood*.....”

Stourbridge Observer 14/9/1867

“At the Petty Sessions held at Wordsley, on Monday last, before J. Holcroft and B. St. John Matthews, Esqrs, *Thomas Wood*, landlord of the BLUE BALL INN, was charged by Superintendent Mills with having his house open for the sale of beer during prohibited hours, on the 28th ult.

Police-sergeant Carroll said that he visited the defendant’s house at quarter past twelve o’clock. He found the door open and two men in, sitting down, and drinking. He asked the landlord how it was that his house was open. Defendant said the church people were out. Witness told him that they were not, and went to the church to see, and the people had not left the church.

For the defence it was said that it was a mistake. Defendant’s daughter was in the habit of going to church, but that morning it appears she went to chapel with a neighbour, and returned home earlier than usual. He did not know it at the time, and he filled one a glass of ale and the other a glass of brandy and water. He thought he was justified in doing so. He was very sorry it had occurred, but it was quite a mistake.

The Bench said it was quite clear that it was a mistake, and under the circumstances they should not impose a fine. Defendant was then ordered to pay the costs.”

Stourbridge Observer 18/1/1868

“The adjourned inquest on the bodies of William Haden, Solomon Guest, and John Poulton, was resumed at the BLUE BALL, before W. H. Phillips, Esq, Coroner. The witnesses were Edward Foley, senior, Jenkins, Mr. Baker, and Edward Foley, junior. The evidence was similar in its general purport to that which has been given at the other enquiry. [At the Maypole, Cradley.]

Edward Foley, junior, the doggy of the pit, admitted that he had not made a proper examination of the back opening on the morning of the explosion. There was about 5ft or 6ft space above, which he reached up to with his lamp on his pricker. Mr. Foley, senior, said there was no rule binding the doggy to examine abandoned places.

Mr. Baker, in his evidence, said that the back opening was so contiguous to the workings that it ought to be examined. The Jury found that the deceased was Accidentally Killed, and expressed their opinion that great blame rested on Edward Foley, junior, for not examining the back opening properly, inasmuch as if examined at all it ought to have been examined in an efficient manner.

The Coroner addressed the younger Foley, and hoped this would be a caution to him.”

1871 Census

Thornes

[1] *Thomas Wood* (55), victualler, born Kingswinford;

[2] *Sylvea Wood* (52), wife, born Kingswinford;

[3] *Clara Wood* (20), daughter, born Cradley:

1881 Census

Thorns – BLUE BALL INN

[1] *Thomas Wood* (68), licensed victualler, born Kingswinford;

[2] *Silvia Wood* (64), wife, born Cradley, Worcestershire;

[3] *Clara Wood* (28), daughter, born Cradley, Worcestershire:

Thomas Mobberley was born at Stamber Mill in 1824.

He spent four years in the USA.

He had connections with the engineering department of Messrs. Cochrane and Co., Woodside extending over 45 years. He retired as an engineer in July 1890.

At one time he was an active Liberal worker and was Chairman of the Local Board.

1891 Census

Merry Hill

[1] *Thomas Mobberley* (66), widower, licensed victualler, born Stourbridge;

[2] *Eliza Chambers* (89), widow, mother, born Dudley;

[3] *Nelly Mobberley* (23), daughter, born Quarry Bank;

[4] *Amy Mobberley* (20), daughter, born Quarry Bank;

[5] *Edith Mobberley* (19), daughter, born Quarry Bank;

[6] *Alice Mobberley* (17), daughter, born Quarry Bank;

[7] *Thomas Mobberley* (8), son, born Quarry Bank:

County Express 6/1/1900

“On Wednesday the funeral of the late Mr. *Thomas Mobberley*, of the BLUE BALL, Quarry Bank, took place at the church. He had been a very prominent man in the district for many years, and was born at Stambermill in 1824. He was identified with many local movements, and was one of the few surviving members of the first Quarry Bank Local Board, of which body he was for some time chairman. For forty-five years he worked at Messrs. Cochranes’s, in the engineering department, retiring in 1890, on superannuation from the Engineers’ Society.....”

County Express 24/11/1900

“A child named *Laura Martha Bloomer*, aged three years and six months, of Merry Hill, died on Wednesday night from the effects of burns. On Tuesday the child returned home from school at 12.30, her mother being out at the time. She must have played with the fire, for shortly afterwards she ran screaming into the back-yard with her clothes on fire, and she was badly burnt.

On Thursday, Mr. T. A. Stokes (coroner) held an inquest on the body at the BLUE BALL INN, and a verdict of Accidental Death was returned.”

Miss Florence Annie Mobberley was the daughter of *Thomas*.

County Express 5/1/1901

“Quarry Bank Conservative And Unionist Association. A smoking concert was held in connection with this association on Monday, at the BLUE BALL INN, Merry Hill. There was a good attendance.....”

1901 Census

7, Merry Hill – BLUE BALL INN

[1] *Albert H. Bynion* (32), licensed victualler, born West Bromwich;

[2] *Florence A. Bynion* (30), wife, born Quarry Bank;

[3] *Ellen Jennings* (33), domestic servant, born Quarry Bank;

[4] *Thomas Mobberley* (18), brother in law, unmarried, photographer, slightly deaf, born Quarry Bank:

The license was renewed in March 1903 after a fence had been provided on the north side of the premises.

1911 Census

Merry Hill – BLUE BALL

[1] *Elizabeth Insull* (40), widow, inn manager, born Brierley Hill;

[2] *William Insull* (21), son, assisting in business, born Brierley Hill;

[3] *Phyllis Insull* (16), daughter, assisting in business, born Brierley Hill:

It had a bowling green [1929]

It was sold at auction on 14th October 1929, for £2,100.

It was demolished in 1960.

Rebuilt

It closed in 1984.

It reopened in December 1986.

Jeff Billingham collected ties.

It closed in 2002.

It was converted into an Asian restaurant, opened in July 2003.



1994



Ex Pub 2009

BLUE BRICK

153, Dudley Road, (2, Round Oak), BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

George Elwell, Delph [1886]
Kidderminster Brewery Co. Ltd. (acquired c. 1914)
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. [1925]
Marstons plc [2015]

LICENSEES

William Hawkins [1856] – [1862]
William Harris [1864] – [1865]
William Southall [1868] – **1877**);
George Southall [1871] manager
Joseph Randle (**1877 – 1887**);
George Christopher Robinson (**1887 – 1891**);
Henry Bullis (**1891 – 1892**);
Ernest Pearson (**1892 – 1899**);
George Hickman (**1899 – 1900**);
Ernest Pearson (**1900 – 1908**);
Robert Pickard (**1908 – 1909**);
Joseph Smith (**1909 – 1914**);
William Winwood (**1914 – 1917**);
William Thomas Baggott (**1917 – 1919**);
Alfred Philip Marsh (**1919 – 1922**);
Walter Ernest Edge (**1922 – 1923**);
William Hobson (**1923 – 1926**);
William Baker (**1926 – 1933**);
Frederick William Harris (**1933 – 1934**);
Frederick James Hodgkiss (**1934 – 1939**);
Mrs. Maud Mary Hodgkiss (**1939 – [1940]**)
D Norton [1956]
Ben Bennett []
Sidney Walker [] – **1967**);
Arthur Harold Bordicott (**1967 – 1971**)
Graham Cole (**1972 – 1973**);
Kenneth Norton (**1973 – 1974**);
Bryan Rodgers (**1974**);
John William Benjamin Stanley (**1974 – 1975**);
George Alexander Bruce (**1975 – 1976**);
Philip Arthur John Newberry (**1976**)
Cyril Deakin (**1979 – 1980**);
Terry Alan Henson (**1980 – 1981**);
Brenda Clarke (**1981 – 1982**);
John William Jones (**1982 – 1984**);
Jack Willetts (**1984**);
Peter Skeet (**1984 – 1987**);
John Robertson McKay (**1987**);
David Abrahams (**1987 – 1991**);
Margaret Ferrell (**1991 – 1992**);

ACCOMMODATION FOR COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS.

W. HAWKINS begs to announce to his friends and the public that he has opened the newly-erected and convenient Premises adjoining the Round Oak Station, Brierley-Hill, and now known as the Commercial Inn, where he hopes, by strict attention to the comforts of his customers, to merit a share of their support.

Refreshments at any hour. Well aired Beds.

Advert 1856

FORD'S HOUSEHOLD ALMANACK, FOR 1881.

Commercial Hotel.
ROUND OAK
(NEAR THE STATION).

JOSEPH RANDLE,
PROPRIETOR.

WINES AND SPIRITS
Of the very Best Qualities.

HOME-BREWED ALES
Of the Highest Standard.

Cigars of the Finest Brands.

HOT DINNERS;
DAILY, AT ONE O'CLOCK.

GOOD STABLING.

Advert 1881

Timothy Palmer (1992);
Philip Johnson (1992 - 1993);
Cristopher 'Chris' Stockin (1993 - 1994);
Martin Leslie Crump (1994 - [1995]
Simon Middleton (1996 - 1997)
Simon Middleton (1998 - [1999]
Mark Clitheroe (2002 - []
Gary Hopkins [2015]

NOTES

2, Round Oak [1940]
153, Dudley Road [1993], [1999], [2003]

It was originally called the COMMERCIAL INN [1858], [1862], [1864], [1865], [1868], [1870], [1873], [1879], [1882], [1891]

BLUE BRICK Commercial Hotel [1911]

Brierley Hill Advertiser 5/4/1856

“..... *W. Hawkins* begs to announce to his friends and the public that he has opened the newly-erected and convenient Premises adjoining the Round Oak Station, Brierley Hill, and now known as the COMMERCIAL INN, where he hopes, by strict attention to the comforts of his customers, to merit a share of their support. / Refreshments at any hour. / Well aired Beds.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 24/1/1857

“Jane Meredith, a young woman 25 years of age, a domestic in the employ of Mr. *Hawkins*, COMMERCIAL INN, Round Oak, was charged with stealing money and wearing apparel, the property of her master and mistress. It appeared from the evidence that Meredith had only been in the service five weeks, and been there but a few days before she drew 3s, towards buying a pair of boots. From this and other circumstances, which did not transpire, she was suspected of having taken money out of the till, but, although a watch had been set, nothing could be discovered against her, although money was often missed. Mrs. *Hawkins* thinking the only way to detect her purloining propensities was to mark some money, she accordingly did so, and placed 2s in the pocket of her dress, which she hung up in a bedroom. On Saturday morning last the two shillings were missed, as was also a pocket handkerchief from the same dress. A policeman was sent for, who charged her with the offence, but she positively denied having seen the money, or the handkerchief, and said she had only a few coppers which a gentleman had given her. On being told that her tale was not believed, and that a woman would search her, she handed out the two shillings; and on her box being searched several articles belonging to her mistress, as well as other things belonging to a former one at Stourbridge, were discovered.

When the prisoner was asked in the usual form whether she was guilty or not, she immediately fainted away, and fell on the dock. It was thought to have been feigned, but from her ragings she was found to be in a hysterical fit, and raved and foamed to such a degree that it caused the Court to be in the utmost confusion; restoratives were speedily procured, but they seemed to have no effect, and with great exertion she was removed from the dock into the yard. On being removed she became very violent, and five policemen had the greatest difficulty in holding her. Mr. Norris, who happened to be in the Court, rendered every possible aid, and after an hour's elapse she was brought back quite recovered, and pleaded not guilty to the charge. She was told that she would have to be committed for trial by jury if persisting in pleading not guilty, and recommended to own the offence, which she now did. The Bench then committed her to the House of Correction to hard labour for 21 days, on hearing which she again fainted, but was speedily removed in the end.

Mrs. *Hawkins* recommended her to mercy.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 24/10/1857

“On Saturday evening last, a number of the workmen employed at Lord Ward’s New Iron Works, near this town, assembled at the home of Mr. *Hawkins*, COMMERCIAL INN, Round Oak, where they were regaled with a substantial repast consisting of good Old English Fare. After justice had been done to the good things provided, and the cloth removed, Mr. Adams was called to the chair, and Mr. Cornforth to the vice chair, which offices they duly filled.....”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 23/1/1858

“On Saturday evening last a good and substantial dinner, which was partaken of by about forty gentlemen, was provided by Mr. *W. Hawkins*, host of the COMMERCIAL INN, Round Oak. The gastronomical wants of the pleasant looking company having been satisfied, the chairman and vice chairman were elected.....”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 24/4/1858

“Ostler and Brewer Wanted. – One who will make himself generally useful. A character for sobriety and honesty indispensable. – Apply Mr. *Hawkins*, COMMERCIAL INN, Round Oak, Brierley Hill.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 22/5/1858

“Sale at the COMMERCIAL INN, Round Oak, Brierley Hill. To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. *W. Hawkins*, on Monday Next May the 24th, 1858 a Quantity of Household Furniture.....”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 29/5/1858

“An Ostler and Brewer Wanted. One who will make himself generally useful. A good character indispensable. Also a Servant Girl, of all work. – Apply to the COMMERCIAL INN, Round Oak, Brierley Hill.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 25/9/1858

“On Thursday last, as one of Mr. Tharme’s coachmen was driving a gentleman from Dudley to Stourbridge in a car, and when passing Messrs. Westwood and Wright’s works, at Harts Hill, the pin of the shaft gave way, and the horse becoming unmanageable, started off, throwing the driver to the ground. One shaft was afterwards picked up in Gorsty Bank, and the other at Wordsley Gate. The driver, whose name is unknown, was taken into Mr. *Hawkins*’s, COMMERCIAL INN, Round Oak, and Dr. Walker was speedily in attendance, but the injuries sustained were found to be very slight, and the man soon afterwards proceeded home. The ‘fare’ was, of course, inside the vehicle, and therefore escaped unhurt.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 9/10/1858

“Round Oak and Brierley Hill Money Club.

Established under the patronage of most of the influential gentlemen and tradesmen of the surrounding neighbourhood, upon this most mutual, just, advantageous, and permanent basis, ever yet established; held at the house of Mr. *Hawkins*, COMMERCIAL INN.

Nothing done under cover. Everything openly shown and explained to all members. Every member at liberty to examine the books, and a full, unequivocal balance sheet produced every quarter.

This Club is established expressly to meet the views of those parties who have small sums of money to invest; which investment will be found altogether safe and profitable.

Tradesmen and others in immediate want of money can obtain the same upon the first night of entry, by giving good personal security.

Persons joining the Club directly will be entitled to the full benefit of the dividend.

Time of meeting from Seven till Nine every Monday evening.

Payment for a £12 10s share, 2s 6d per week.

For further particulars and Rules, apply to the Auditors, Mr. T. M. Dunn, Round Oak; Mr. Beaumont, Brierley Hill; or Mr. William Adlington, and the Secretary.”

1861 Census

Round Oak

- [1] *William Hawkins* (39), victualler and auctioneer, born Oldbury;
- [2] *Mary Hawkins* (40), wife, born Shropshire;
- [3] *Alfred Hawkins* (15), son, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Edith Hawkins* (13), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Cedric Hawkins* (10), son, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Hannah Hill* (27), servant;
- [7] *David Hamson* (40), boarder:

William Hawkins – check also TOWN ARMS.

1871 Census

Round Oak

- [1] *William Southall* (70), licensed victualler, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Elizabeth Southall* (60), wife, born Dudley;
- [3] *George Southall* (24), son, manager of inn, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Elizabeth Southall* (25), daughter in law, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Minnie Southall* (10 months), granddaughter;
- [6] *Mary A. Hemming* (19), general servant, born Oldswinford:

Stourbridge Observer 16/9/1871

“An inquest was held at the COMMERCIAL INN, Round Oak, on Saturday last, respecting the death of *William Solloway*, 30, a single man.

It appears that deceased was in the employ of Mr. *Richard Mobberley*, and that on Thursday he was engaged in shunting trucks near to the Round Oak Station. He was struck by one of the passing wagons, and died shortly afterwards.

Mr. *Pearse*, surgeon, was promptly in attendance, and every effort was made to restore the injured man, who leaves a widowed mother to mourn his loss. Deceased had for years maintained his parent.”

Dudley Herald 11/3/1876 - Advert

“Wanted – a general servant, apply COMMERCIAL INN, Round Oak.”

It was a home brewed house [1881]

Evening Express 7/2/1881

“On Saturday afternoon H. *Brevitt Esq.*, deputy coroner, held an inquest at the COMMERCIAL INN, Round Oak, Brierley Hill, on the body of *James Lamb* (64), bull-dog burner, who was killed on the previous day by an express train near the Round Oak Station.

William Henry Buckingham, platelayer, said that at one o'clock in the day he saw *Lamb* walking in the four-foot, about 600 yards from the station, towards Dudley. There was a train behind him, and witness shouted, but it was too late, and the engine knocked him down. *Lamb* was shockingly mutilated, his head, legs, and hands being cut off. *Lamb* was on trespass at the time of the occurrence. There was another train going in the opposite direction.

John Lloyd, another platelayer, corroborated the last witness, and said he heard the whistle of the express when it was three or four yards from the deceased, who had not time to get out of the way. The tender of the engine dragged *Lamb* thirty-eight yards, and then the train went over him.

William Lamb, a bull-dog burner, of Etruria, said the deceased was his father, and worked for Lord Dudley. Had never heard his father express any desire to commit suicide.

John Reed, engine driver, Wolverhampton, said he was driving the 12.40 train from that town to Oxford. When near Round Oak witness saw the man twenty yards in front. He was on the four-foot, and was running for Lord Dudley's offices. Witness put the steam-brake on and whistled. The engine caught the man and carried him some distance. Witness pulled up within 200 yards of the spot he struck deceased.

The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.

There was a report in Brierley Hill, on Saturday, that Mrs. *Lamb* had died from shock on the night of the accident. This was not true; at the time of the inquest she was alive, but seriously ill.”

1881 Census

Round Oak

- [1] *Joseph Randle* (34), licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *E. C. Randle* (32), wife, born Dudley;
- [3] *Alice M. Randle* (12), daughter, scholar, born Bridgnorth;
- [4] *Florry (?) Randle* (11), daughter, scholar, born Bridgnorth;
- [5] *Charles C. Randle* (9), son, scholar, born Brierley Hill;
- [6] *Maud A. Randle* (6), daughter, scholar, born Pensnett;
- [7] *Arthur J. Randle* (5), son, scholar, born Stourbridge;
- [8] *Elizabeth Wood* (22), general servant, born Brierley Hill:

Evening Star 24/1/1882

“On Monday night Mr. W. H. Phillips (district coroner) held an inquest at the COMMERCIAL INN, Round Oak, on the body of George Henry Shakespeare, son of David Shakespeare, of Tansey Green, Pensnett.

The evidence was to the effect that on Friday night the deceased, with a lad named Isaac Hartwick, left Tansey Green to go to Round Oak Works to take Hartwick’s brother’s supper. They walked up Earl Dudley’s line from Pensnett to Round Oak, but as they were about to cross the Great Western line they heard the engine which leaves Wolverhampton at 7.5 coming up. Deceased tried to cross, but was knocked down and instantly killed, the top of his head being carried away. The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death, whilst recommending that steps should be taken to prevent persons from trespassing on Earl Dudley’s line, and that the Great Western Company should prevent persons trespassing on their line.”

1891 Census

Dudley Road

- [1] *George C. Robinson* (47), licensed victualler, born Kidderminster;
- [2] *Morra Robinson* (41), wife, born Luton;
- [3] *Edith Robinson* (20), daughter, born Kidderminster;
- [4] *Ethel Robinson* (15), daughter, born Kidderminster;
- [5] *Bessie Robinson* (14), daughter, born Kidderminster;
- [6] *Carrie Robinson* (11), daughter, born Kidderminster;
- [7] *George C. Robinson* (9), son, born Kidderminster;
- [8] *Winniefred Robisnon* (7), daughter, born Kidderminster;
- [9] *Dan H. Robinson* (5), son, born Kidderminster;
- [10] *Alfred L. Robinson* (3), son, born Round Oak:

The name was changed to the BLUE BRICK in 1892.

Ernest Pearson was born in 1872, the son of Enoch and Esther.

He married Frances Mary Cartwright. She died in 1901.

He remarried Lily Everitt.

He died in 1921.

See also STAR.

West Bromwich Weekly News 1/12/1900

“Sheffield Equalized Independent Druids – Opening of ‘Pride of Round Oak’ Lodge.

On Saturday last, at the BLUE BRICK HOTEL, Round Oak, the above new lodge of the Sheffield Equalized Independent Druids Friendly Society was opened. The spacious room was very tastefully set out, and there was an excellent gathering of members from various lodges in Oldbury and Smethwick district to witness the granting of the dispensation to Bro. T. H. Jones G.P., and Charles Bridgeman G.S., both of Sheffield.....”

County Express 22/12/1900

“Last night Mr. T. Sitch was entertained to dinner at the BLUE BRICK HOTEL, Round Oak, in celebration of his re-election on the Rowley Regis School Board. Councillor John Taylor J.P. presided.....”

1901 Census

BLUE BRICK HOTEL, Round Oak

- [1] Ernest Pearson (29), licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] Frances Mary Pearson (30), wife, born Melbourne, Australia;
- [3] Walter Ernest Pearson (8), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] Sarah Rogerson (25), domestic servant, born Birmingham;
- [5] Annie Mumford (18), domestic servant, born Sherbourne, Gloucestershire:

County Express 1/6/1901

“The chainmakers employed by the Earl of Dudley’s Round Oak Works held their annual dinner last night week at the BLUE BRICK HOTEL, Round Oak, when upwards of 30 were present. Mr. E. A. Eveson (president of the Chainmakers’ and Strikers’ Association) was in the chair, and was supported by the general secretary, Mr. T. Sitch, and other officials. The principal toasts were ‘Success to the Trades of the District’ and ‘The Chainmakers organisation,’ ably given by the chairman. They were responded to by the secretary and others. After dinner was over a most enjoyable smoking concert was held, several songs, dances, and recitations being ably given. Mr. W. Sidaway was the pianist, and accompanied well. Votes of thanks were given to the chairman, the pianist, and the host and hostess (Mr. and Mrs. *Pearson*) for their catering.”

County Express 4/1/1902

“At half-past one on Tuesday a shocking accident occurred on the G.W.R. main line at Round Oak, by which a young man, named Thomas Johnson, who lodged at No.3 Round Oak, and was employed as a shunter, met with instant death by being knocked down and cut to pieces by the London Express, which makes its first stop at Brierley Hill from Dudley at 1.36. The deceased was not a native of this district, he having come from Oxfordshire some twelve or eighteen months ago, but during that time he had become a teacher at Bent Street Sunday School, and was regarded as a very respectable and trustworthy young man.

The inquest on the body was held on Tuesday afternoon at the BLUE BRICK HOTEL, Round Oak, before Mr. T. A. Stokes. Mr. D. Wall (from the office of Mr. J. W. Clulow) represented deceased’s friends and relatives and the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants, and Mr. Freeman, district inspector, watched the proceedings on behalf of the G.W.R. Co.

Thomas Johnson, father of the deceased, said his son was a single man, aged 22 years, and was a shunter in the service of the G.W.R.

Percy Owen, locomotive fireman in the company’s employ, stated that about 1.30 on Tuesday mid-day he was on his engine near the signal box at Round Oak when the deceased was talking to his mate. Deceased was also on the engine, and when he jumped off he did so backwards, and in doing so witness thought he stumbled by catching his foot against the points. Whether that was so or not, just at that moment a fast passenger train dashed by, and knocked deceased down and passed over him. They moved the body from the line, and sent for the police. Just previously they had made up their goods train, and deceased was in the act of telling them ‘right away’ when he was killed. Witness knew no cause for deceased moving on to the main line. Witness heard the whistle of the express engine quite distinctly, but as deceased was talking at the time, he might not have heard it, and a high wind prevailed at the time.

Mrs. Martha Harris, residing at 3, Round Oak, said the deceased had lodged with her since April last. He was at his lodgings at twenty minutes to one for his dinner, and enquired as to his letters. Shortly before two o’clock he was taken back dead. He had always been a bright and cheerful lad.

PC O’Leary stated he was called to the railway, and found the body lying in the six-foot way; it had been moved from the four-foot way so as to be clear of the trains. He found deceased’s cap three yards from the place where it was pointed out to him he had been struck; his legs were ten yards away, and part of his head 59 yards away, whilst the remainder of the body was 78 yards distant. The body was terribly cut up, and beyond identification.

The Coroner in summing up pointed out that there was no blame attaching to anyone.

The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

Ernest Pearson was a committee member of the Brierley Hill and District LVA. [1902]

County Express 1/3/1902

“The second annual dinner of Lodge No.304 ‘Pride of Round Oak,’ of the Sheffield Equalised Independent Druids, was held on Saturday evening at the lodge house, the BLUE BRICK HOTEL, Round Oak, when some 40 members attended and partook of an excellent and well-served dinner, provided by the host, Mr. *Ernest Pearson*.....”

Tipton Herald 6/3/1909

“The Pride of Round Oak Lodge (No. 304), Sheffield Equalised Independent Druids, held their annual dinner on Saturday at the club house, BLUE BRICK HOTEL, Round Oak.
Mr. J. Broome occupied the chair.....”

1911 Census

2, Round Oak – BLUE BRICK INN

- [1] *Joseph Smith* (49), widower, licensed victualler, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Amelia Harns* (48), widow, housekeeper, born Hanley, Worcestershire’
- [3] *Sarah Harns* (13), school, born Wordsley:

County Express 10/2/1917

“Brierley Hill Licensing Sessions.

BLUE BRICK HOTEL, Round Oak. Supt. Johnson said the tenant *William Winwood*, was fined in June for supplying a greater measure of liquor than asked for. The house has since been conducted satisfactorily. Licensed renewed.”

William Thomas Baggott was married to *Eliza Maud*.
He was the great grandfather of *Simon Middleton*.

Plans were passed for alterations in June 1925.

Closed

It re-opened as the BLUE BRICK TAP HOUSE (the first Bank’s Tap House) on 1st October 1993.

It was extended and refurbished, including building a conservatory in 1999, at a cost of £100,000

Simon Middleton died in 2013.

[2015]



2007



2015

BOARD

17, Chapel Street, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

LICENSEES

John Prince [1881]
John Hill [1882]
William Bate [1884]
Edgar Hickman **(1889 - 1890);**
Joseph Hunt **(1890 - [1891]**
Harry Smith **[1907] - 1933);**
Norah Alice Smith **(1933 - 1935);**
Jane Elizabeth Smith **(1935 - [1938]**

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

The license was granted in 1877.

1881 Census

Chapel Street

- [1] *John Prince* (36), mill furnace man, born Dudley;
- [2] *Hannah Prince* (36), wife, born Dudley;
- [3] *Lucy Prince* (10), daughter, scholar, born Dudley;
- [4] *Elizabeth Prince* (12), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *John Prince* (9), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Thomas Prince* (7), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Mary Ann Prince* (5), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [8] *Harry Prince* (3), son, born Kingswinford;
- [9] *Walter Prince* (1), son, born Kingswinford:

1891 Census

Chapel Street

- [1] *Joseph Hunt* (31), shingler, and outdoor beerhouse keeper, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Emma Hunt* (36), wife, born Wordsley;
- [3] *Beatrice Hunt* (4), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *William E. Hunt* (2), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *Florence E. Hunt* (1), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [6] *Joseph H. Hunt* (9 months), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [7] *Maria Williams* (15), domestic servant, born Brierley Hill:

1911 Census

Chapel Street

- [1] *Harry Smith* (41), beer retailer and iron roller, born Brockmoor;
- [2] *Alice Smith* (39), wife, married 16 years, assistant in the business, born Dudley;
- [3] *Elsie Smith* (14), daughter, school, born Dudley;
- [4] *Harry Smith* (12), son, school, born Dudley;
- [5] *May Smith* (11), daughter, school, born Dudley;
- [6] *Doris Smith* (9), daughter, born Dudley;
- [7] *Gladys Smith* (6), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [8] *Arthur Smith* (4), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [9] *Lilian Smith* (1), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [10] *William Thomas Smith* (under 1 month), son, born Brierley Hill:

BOARD

54-56, Mill Street, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

John Parkes
Truman, Hanbury and Co.

LICENSEES

Hubert Humphreys **(1870 - []**
William Price *[1872]*
George William Webb *[1884]*
George Mallen *[1889]*
Benjamin Bickley Mallen *[] - 1910)*;
Harry Bird **(1910 - 1929)**;
Arthur Dickenson **(1929 - 1934)**;
Henry Luther Batcup **(1934 - 1948)**;
Bob Fellows **(1948 - []**

NOTES

It had a beer and cider license.

William Price, beer retailer, 56, Mill Street. *[1872]*

BOARD

23, Park Street, (Parkes Street), BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Alfred Fradgley, Malt Shovel, Stourbridge Road. (acquired on 3rd August 1930)

LICENSEES

Henry Baker [1889]

William Grainger [1907] - **1920**);

Mrs. Sarah Millward (**1920 - 1930**);

Maud Maria Raybould (**1930**);

Florence Totney (**1930 - 1934**);

Herbert Sidney Parkes (**1934 - 1936**);

Hannah Bash (**1936** - [1938])

NOTES

Parkes Street [1912]

It had a beerhouse license.

The license was first granted in 1877.

William Grainger, beer retailer, Parkes Street. [1912]

BOARD +

BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Thomas Wood Jnr. **(1889 - []**

NOTES

It had a six-day license.

BOARD +

BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

James Weller [] - **1865**);
Elizabeth Weller (**1865 - 1869**);
Thomas Wood (**1869 - []**)

NOTES

James Weller died in 1865.

Check Amblecote.

BOARD

Cradley Forge, QUARRY BANK

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Lucy Talbot [1834]

BOAT

Pheasant Road / 33, (25), Station Road, (Belle Isle), (Hulland), Brockmoor, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

William Wood, Kingswinford [1886]
Frederick Warren, Plough Brewery
Holt Brewery Co. Ltd. (acquired in March 1926 for £2,000)

LICENSEES

William Wood [1851] – [1865]
Ephraim Westwood [1868] – **1882**;
Joseph Norwood **(1882 – 1886)**;
Maria Norwood **(1886 – 1889)**;
William Norwood **(1889 – 1893)**;
Mrs. Phoebe (Norwood) Hartshorne **(1893 – 1907)**;
Mrs. Harriet Workman **(1907 – 1926)**;
John Charles Workman **(1926 – 1929)**; manager
Alfred Fisher Chuter **(1929 – 1940)**;



1929

NOTES

Station Road, Brockmoor [1940]

It was a home brew pub.

It had a malthouse attached, which was disused by the 1930's.

1851 Census

Brockmoor – The BOAT

- [1] *William Wood* (30), boatman and beerhouse keeper, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Mary Ann Wood* (32), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Sarah Guest* (12), servant, born Kingswinford:

Brierley Hill Advertiser 9/2/1856

“On Monday last, an inquest was held at the BOAT INN, Brockmoor, before T. M. Phillips Esq., on the body of Jane Mansell, aged 9 years. Deceased was burnt on the 29th ult., by her clothes catching fire while alone in the house. A verdict of accidental death was returned.”

1861 Census

BOAT INN

- [1] *William Wood* (40), publican, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Maryann Wood* (44), wife, born Gornal;
- [3] *Sarah Clark* (16), servant, born Sedgley:

1871 Census

BOAT INN

- [1] *Ephraim Westwood* (48), victualler, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Phoebe Westwood* (45), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Sarah Tart* (23), niece, servant, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Kevin Westwood* (18), nephew, servant, born Kingswinford:

Stourbridge Observer 23/9/1871

“An inquest was held at Mr. *Ephraim Westwood*'s, the BOAT INN, Brockmoor, by Mr. Phillips, Coroner, touching the death of James Powell, a carter, in the employ of Benjamin Wood, of Bromley. After hearing the evidence, the jury found a verdict of Accidental Death.”

1881 Census

Hulland

- [1] *Ephraim Westwood* (55), publican, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Phoebe Westwood* (55), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Agnes Norwood* (24), niece, servant, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Julia Norwood* (18), niece, servant, born Kingswinford:

1891 Census

Station Road

- [1] *William Norwood* (26), licensed victualler, born Brockmoor;
- [2] *Phoebe Norwood* (21), wife, born Brockmoor;
- [3] *Emma Imes* (14), general servant, born Moxley:

1901 Census

25, Station Road – BOAT INN

- [1] *Harry Hartshorne* (33), engineer, ironworks, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Phoebe Hartshorne* (30), wife, licensed victualler, born Brockmoor;
- [3] *Emily Hartshorne* (19), domestic servant, born Brockmoor:

1911 Census

33, Station Road, Brockmoor

- [1] *Albert Workman* (40), engine driver, born Clent;
- [2] *Harriet Workman* (42), wife, licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *John Charles Workman* (16), son, office clerk, born Pensnett;
- [4] *Laura Mabel Workman* (13), daughter, house duties, born Pensnett;
- [5] *Albert Edward Workman* (12), son, school, born Pensnett:

County Express 24/12/1921

“Buffaloism. ‘Brockmoor’ Lodge, held at the BOAT INN, Brockmoor, had on Monday a large attendance, and a pleasant evening, including a regalia visit from the Violet Lodge, Bro. J. C. Workman, K.O.M., who was principal founder of the Brockmoor Lodge, and is also principal founder of the Sir John Charles Lodge, which is to be opened in January 11th next, at Pensnett, extended a hearty welcome to all visiting brothers, which was seconded by Bro. A. D. Joseph C.P. The following programme was ably rendered: Bro. W. Taylor, overture; Bro. J. C. Workman, K.O.C., violin solo; Bro. A. Holt, solo; Bro. H. Morris, recitation; Bro. J. Jones, C.P., violin solo; Bros. Oliver and J. C. Workman, K.O.M., duet; Bro. H. Morris, solo; Bro. Oliver, solo.”

Alfred Chuter = Alfred Chester

It was described in an auction catalogue, March 1926 as:

“Fully licensed. Under short tenancy. Together with cottage adjoining being No. 32 Station Road. A substantially erected double fronted, compact and conveniently arranged property, in a thickly populated district, and in an excellent state of repair. The accommodation includes: Entrance passage, front smoke room, front tap room, back bar, kitchen, sitting room, two bedrooms, club room, and cellar, together with paved yard with double gateway approach. Beer stores, WC and Urinal. Electric light is installed. License £16. Compensation Fund Levy £3. Rated at £19 5s 0d. The cottage adjoining contains three rooms and pantry, together with brewhouse and usual outbuildings and is let to Mrs. Mary Workman producing a gross annual rental of £11 5s 4d.”

Blackcountryman (Summer 2008)

Brockmoor Life by Joyce Perry

“.....I lived in a very old public house which in its earlier years may well have been a lonely hostel on a deserted moor The pub was called the BOAT. There were shutters at the windows; it had latched doors and red flag stones on the floor. No electricity but it had gas lamps that needed to be lit and put out each night. There was an old black cast iron gas stove, no running water in the house only a tap at the top of the yard in the Malthouse (not used for Malt in my time – but from years before when home brewing took place). My father was proprietor, over the door the sign read ‘Prop *Alfred Fisher Chuter* licensed to sell ales, wines, porter and tobacco (1929-1939)’. In the back yard a large pump still existed, which had provided water years before. A swinging sign (outside my bedroom window) said ‘Holt’s Ales’. On a windy night it would creak and groan all night long. I did not mind it though because to me it was the sound of home.

Women never went into the room where the men were, this was known as the ‘Tap Room’. In here the men would play darts and other games including Cribbage and in winter there would be a warm fire. The women tended to congregate in the back room; this was actually the kitchen with a large table in the middle. Women would sit on benches attached to the wall and my mother (*Victoria Chuter*) would get a nice fire going. The women would often sit with their children and babies and would warm their beer up in a ‘Devil’, a metal container with a handle, resembling an upside down Welsh ladies hat, but much smaller. It would be thrust into the fire for a few minutes and sometimes some sugar was added, this produced a lovely creamy froth on top of the beer. They would spend time chatting. Sometimes I would be in that room too, or I would be in another back room known as the parlour. At night time security was afforded by a big cast iron bar that was put across the front door into two large metal holders attached to the door frame.....”

[Joyce Perry (nee Chuter) was born in High Street, Brockmoor in 1923.]

Alfred Chuter married Victoria Warren.

Bilston and Willenhall Times 10/3/1928

“Brierley Hill Brewster Sessions Superintendent Willis said the house was fully licensed. It was purchased by the Holt Brewery Co in 1926, and *Workman* had been the licensee since July, 1926. The conduct of the house was good, and there had been no convictions

Witness applied for the house to be referred on the grounds of redundancy, and because it was the smallest house. The trade done during 1927 was: Barrels of beer 194, an average of about 4 barrels per week; gallons of spirits, 44.4; bottled goods 256 dozens large and 84 dozens small.

..... Cross-examined by Mr. Pritchett, witness admitted that for a small house the trade done was good. Witness did not know that the license dated back for more than 100 years, and that there had never been a complaint against it.....”

The license renewal was referred to the Compensation Authority on grounds of redundancy on 5th March 1928.

The license was renewed on 16th July 1928.

It closed on 14th October 1940.

The license was transferred to OAKFIELD in 1940.

It was demolished in 1942.

BOTTLE AND GLASS

23, Moor Lane, (23, Buckpool), (Lays Road), The Leys, Brockmoor, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Joshua Moore and others [1886]
Wordsley Brewery Co. [1906]
Thomas Plant and Co.
Hereford and Tredegar Brewery Co. Ltd.
Ansell's Ltd.

LICENSEES

Benjamin Holloway [1834] – [1835]
Charles Roberts [1845]
John Wood [1849] – [1850]
Henry Wiggins [1853] – [1860]
William Stanley [1862]
Mary Stanley [1864] – **1865**);
John Cook (**1865 – 1867**);
William Mullett (**1867 – 1878**);
Thomas Simpson (**1878 – 1893**);
Abraham Grice (**1893 – 1896**);
John Law (**1896 – 1898**);
Arthur Ray (**1898 – 1899**);
William Norris (**1899 – 1901**);
Frederick Harley (**1901**);
Samuel Simpson (**1901 – 1904**);
Thomas Darby (**1904 – 1906**);
Ann Blythling (**1906 – 1907**);
Frederick Loach (**1907 – 1909**);
William Lowe (**1909 – 1911**);
Frederick Homer (**1911 – 1912**);
David Round (**1912 – 1913**);
Herbert Harold Smith (**1913 – 1914**);
Henry Allen (**1914 – 1915**);
Wilfred Joseph Hilton (**1915 – 1929**);
John Stokes (**1929 – 1938**);
Arthur William Devenport (**1938** – [1940]
Mrs. Freda Ryder (**1957 – 1960**)
Lloyd Jones (**1963 – 1971**)
Arthur Devenport [1983]
Keith Andrews (**1984** – []
Debbie Woodward [2010]

NOTES

Buckpool [1849], [1881], [1896], [1912]
Lays Road [1891]
23, Buckpool [1901], [1940]
23, Moor Lane

It backed on to the canal.

BOTTLE [1834]

It had a beerhouse license.

Henry Wiggins was fined 5s and costs for being open during divine service on February 22nd 1857.

At Christmas 1857 a shoot was held, by *Henry Wiggins*, for a fat pig or £9.

Mary Stanley died in 1865.

Stourbridgse Observer 4/3/1871

“*William Mullett*, landlord of the BOTTLE AND GLASS public house, Buck Pool, was charged with allowing drunkenness in his house, on the 23rd ult. Mr. Perry defended.

Police-constable Mee said on the above date, about a quarter to 12 in the day, he visited the BOTTLE AND GLASS public house. His attention was called to a drunken man lying outside the house. He went into the house, and found five men drunk in the tap room. Called the attention of the landlord to the men.

Cross-examined: I knew two or three of the men who were there. The men who were in the house could not walk when they got up.

Police-constable Breton corroborated.

Mr. Perry said he was instructed that as regarded the man outside the house, he should not deny that he was drunk. Mrs. *Mullett* did not draw him any beer. He should call several witnesses to prove that the men inside the house were not drunk.

John Tolley said he lived at Moor Lane. On the above date he went to defendant's house, in company with George Davis, Benjamin Davis, and Joseph Bridge. They called for a quart of ale and drank it. He had a glass of rum. He asked the landlady to draw him some more ale, but she refused as she thought the other men had had sufficient. Witness gave a man named Roberts a glass of ale. He was rather fresh, and Mrs. *Mullett* refused to give him any ale. No one was drunk in the place except Roberts and Mr. King. No one was fresh in the house except Roberts. Samuel Jones and Selina Blackford corroborated Tolley.

Roberts said he went to *Mullett's* on the above date, and Mrs. *Mullett* refused to draw him any ale.

The Bench considered the case proved, and fined defendant 20s and costs - £1 14s 6d; in default fourteen days.”

1871 Census

Buck Pool

- [1] *William Mullett* (56), boatman and publican, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Sarah Mullett* (53), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Sarah Jane Mullett* (25), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *William John Mullett* (20), son, glass engraver, born Moor Lane;
- [5] *Ruth Mullett* (18), daughter, born Moor Lane;
- [6] *James Mullett* (15), son, scholar, born Moor Lane;
- [7] *Ellen Mullett* (13), daughter, scholar, born Moor Lane;
- [8] *Eliza Mullett* (9), daughter, scholar, born Moor Lane:

An inquest was held here in 1873.

1881 Census

Buckpool – BOTTLE AND GLASS INN

- [1] *Thomas Simpson* (40), boat steerer, born Buckpool;
- [2] *Hannah Simpson* (42), wife, beer house keeper, born Holly Heath, Worcestershire;
- [3] *William Simpson* (20), son, boatman, born Buckpool;
- [4] *Samuel Simpson* (15), son, boatman, born Buckpool;
- [5] *John Simpson* (13), son, scholar, born Buckpool;
- [6] *Joseph Thomas Simpson* (10), son, scholar, born Buckpool;
- [7] *Harry Alfred Simpson* (7), son, scholar, born Buckpool;
- [8] *David Simpson* (3), son, born Buckpool;
- [9] *George Simpson* (1), son, born Buckpool:

London Gazette 6/7/1886

“*Simpson, Thomas*, BOTTLE AND GLASS INN, Buckpool Licensed Victualler, Canal Haulier, and Boat Owner. Date of Order June 29, 1886, date of petition June 29, 1886. Date of Public Examination, July 21, 1886.....”

1891 Census

Lays Road – BOTTLE AND GLASS INN

- [1] *Thomas Simpson* (50), innkeeper and boatman, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Joseph Simpson* (20), son, boatman, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Sarah A. Payton* (23), general labourer, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Harry A. Simpson* (17), son, boatman, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *David Simpson* (13), son, scholar, born Brierley Hill;
- [6] *George Simpson* (11), son, scholar, born Brierley Hill;
- [7] *James Simpson* (7), son, scholar, born Brierley Hill:

County Express 2/2/1901

“The body of *Thomas Watton* (aged 60), of Buckpool, Wordsley, who had been missing since January 11th was found in the canal on Monday morning. At the inquest held on the body, at the BOTTLE AND GLASS INN, on Wednesday, by Mr. T. A. Stokes (coroner), the evidence showed that deceased, after leaving his work at Coalbournbrook, at 5pm on the 11th January, was not seen again alive. The night was a very foggy one, and it was feared he must have walked into the canal while on his way home. He was very fond of his family, and there was no suspicion he had committed suicide. The canal was dragged, but failed to yield any results, but at about 10am on Monday last, as *Joseph Hill*, boatman, of Kidderminster, was bringing his boat through the lock near the SAMPSON AND LION INN, he observed a body floating on the surface, the boat having evidently stirred it from the bottom. It was proved on examination to be that of the missing man. A verdict of ‘Accidentally drowned’ was returned.”

1901 Census

23, Buckpool – BOTTLE AND GLASS INN

- [1] *Frederick Harley* (28), licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Edith Harley* (28), wife, born Quarry Bank;
- [3] *Florence M. Harley* (8), daughter, born Pensnett;
- [4] *George Harley* (1), son, born Harts Hill;
- [5] *Fanny Badford* (14), domestic servant, born Brierley Hill:

1911 Census

Buckpool – BOTTLE AND GLASS INN

- [1] *Frederick Homer* (23), clay miner, hewer, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Ellen Homer* (23), wife, born Dudley;
- [3] *Elizabeth Homer* (61), mother, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Winnie Seach* (17), general servant, born Dudley;
- [5] *Clara Stokes* (5), visitor, school, born Brierley Hill:

It closed in 1979.

It was taken down, brick by brick, in 1980, and re-erected at the Black Country Museum, Tipton Road, Dudley in 1982.



2006



2010

BREWERS WHARF

Waterfront, Level Street, Merry Hill, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.
Pathfinder Pubs
Marstons plc [2015]

LICENSEES

Roy Timmins [1998]
Martin Crump [1999]
Ashton Keating [2003]
Mandy Passmore [2015]

NOTES

It was refurbished in 1999 at a cost of £100,000

Roy Timmins was married to Ann.

Martin Crump was married to Nanette.

It reopened on 28th November 2005 after a £275,000 refurbishment.

[2015]



1994



2015

BRICKMAKERS ARMS

29, Tansey Green Road, (5, Tansey Green), PENSNETT

OWNERS

John Plant
Mary Elizabeth Owen, Nechells, Birmingham
Julia Hanson and Son Ltd. (acquired 1897)

LICENSEES

John Plant [1861] – **1874**);
Thomas Plant (**1874**);
John Gardner (**1874 – 1875**);
Mary Carter (**1875**);
John Jeffries (**1875 – 1877**);
Thomas Henry Dance (**1877 – 1878**);
Sarah Lewis (**1878 – 1879**);
Alfred James Lewis (**1879 – 1880**);
John Nicholls Boden (**1880 – 1881**);
Mrs. Charlotte Boden [1881]
Joseph Amos (**1881 – 1882**);
Thomas Guest (**1882 – 1885**);
Louisa Pargeter (**1885 – 1887**);
John Plant (**1887 – 1895**);
Sarah Ann Plant (**1895 – 1896**);
Joseph Marsh (**1896 – 1897**);
William Morris (**1897**);
Thomas Cadwallader (**1897 – 1898**);
Mrs. Martha Carless (**1898 – 1906**);
Alexander Bradbury (**1906 – 1910**);
John Henry Jones (**1910 – 1926**);
Ben Hawkins (**1926 – 1933**);
Victor Ernest Parfitt (**1933 – 1963**)
Sidney Billingsley [] – **1972**);
James Nelson Tart (**1972 – 1982**);
David Leadbetter (**1982 – 1987**);
John Edward Hill (**1987 – 1991**);
Susan Edith Faulkner (**1991 – 1992**);
Gerald Whitehouse (**1992 – 1994**);
Robert Keith Taylor (**1994 – []**)



1996

NOTES

5, Tansey Green [1901]

It had a beerhouse license.
Full license granted.

Dreadnought FC were based here.

1861 Census

Tansy Green – BRICK MAKERS ARMS

- [1] *John Plant* (34), beer retailer, born Kingswinford;
- [2] Ann Maria Plant (29), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] Mary Plant (57), mother, born Kingswinford:

John Plant, retailer of beer, Pensnett. [1862]

1871 Census

BRICKMAKERS ARMS

- [1] *John Plant* (43), publican, born Kingswinford;
- [2] Ann Maria Plant (38), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] Mary Elizabeth Short (11), niece, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [4] Martha Collins (18), domestic servant, born Kingswinford:

John Plant, beer retailer, Tansey Green, Pensnett. [1872]

He was also a maltster.
He died in 1895.

Stourbridge Observer 8/6/1872

“Isaac Guy was charged with being drunk and refusing to quit the BRICKMAKERS ARMS INN, Tansey Green, on the 31st ult. *John Plant*, the landlord proved the case.....”

1881 Census

Tansy Green Road – BRICKMAKERS ARMS

- [1] *Charlotte Boden* (42), widow, innkeeper, born North Worcestershire;
- [2] Clara Boden (12), daughter, born Pensnett;
- [3] Helen Boden (11), daughter, born Pensnett;
- [4] Mary M. Boden (8), daughter, born Pensnett:

[It appears that Charlotte took over the pub from her deceased husband, but the license was not granted to her specifically.]

1891 Census

Tansy Green

- [1] *John Plant* (64), maltster and publican, born Kingswinford;
- [2] Sarah Ann Plant (55), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] Ann Maria Plant (19), niece, born Kingswinford:

Thomas Cadwallader was convicted of a felony on 28th March 1898.
His license was re-granted.

Martha Carless = Martha Careless

County Express 25/8/1900

“On Tuesday the annual licensing sessions were held for the Kingswinford and Wordsley division were held at the FOLEY ARMS HOTEL, when the licensing justices were: Mr. Henry Smith (chairman), Colonel J. B. Cochrane, Messrs. G. K. Harrison, J. S. Evers-Swindell, W. H. Stuart, T. Clulee, and W. Corbett.....

On the application of Mr. Clulow the justices granted a billiards license to Mrs. *Martha Carless*, of the BRICKMAKERS ARMS, Tansey Green, Pensnett. No opposition was raised.....”

1901 Census

5, Tansey Green – BRICKLAYERS ARMS INN

[1] *Martha Careless* (61), widow, beerhouse keeper, born Pontsdare, Glamorganshire;

[2] John Careless (41), son, widower, forge engineer, born Round Oak;

[3] John Potter (66), boarder, colliery engineer, born Birmingham;

[4] May E. E. Jones (14), granddaughter, born Pensnett:

Tipton Herald 30/5/1903

“Mr. T. A. Stokes (coroner) held an inquest on Saturday last at the BRICKMAKERS ARMS, Tansey Green, Pensnett, on the body of Charles Hincks, aged 20, a collier, who met with a fatal accident on Thursday whilst following his employment.

Francis Lennington, collier, said he was employed by Messrs. Roberts and Co, at Slater’s Hall Colliery, where the deceased also worked. On Thursday last, about 10.30 in the morning witness saw the deceased in charge of a horse and tub in the pit, coming along the incline. He stopped the horse whilst he put the ‘lockers’ in the wheel, but when stooping down in the act of doing this, the horse which was new to the work, became restive. Hincks called out to it, but the animal rushed on with the tub down the incline, and the driver was knocked over and dragged underneath the wheel of the tub for a distance of about twenty yards. The horse was stopped and the deceased got from under the tub. His head was partly smashed and his neck was broken. Dr. Norwood and Dr. Pyburn were sent for, but before they arrived Hincks was dead.

William Dando, also a collier, said he saw the accident happen, and could corroborate what the last witness had said. A verdict of Accidental Death was returned.”

Mrs. Martha Carless, beer retailer, Tansey Green. [1904]

Black Country Bugle

Letter from Ben Mills, Pensnett

“.....One of the oldest cinemas in the Black Country was sited behind the BRICKMAKERS ARMS I remember going there as a child in 1912, and being given a stick of rock. At the outbreak of war it was turned into a sewing factory Mr. *Jones* was the publican at the BRICKMAKERS in those days. We often played on the stage of the cinema with his late son Horace, but Mr. *Jones* would chase us off if he caught us.”

John Henry Jones, beer retailer, Tansey Green. [1916]

Black Country Bugle

‘Tansey Green Publicans of Old’

“.....were Mr. and Mrs. *B. Hawkins* and their daughter Betty, who regularly went on Sunday afternoon jaunts after closing their pub just along the way.”

John Hill was married to Hazel.

London Gazette 4/12/1992

“*Faulkner, Susan Edith* lately carrying on business as the BRICKMAKERS ARMS date of filing Petition - 11th November 1992.....”

It closed in 1997.

It was demolished in 1997.

BRICKMAKERS ARMS

36, (42), Mount Pleasant, (Delph), QUARRY BANK

OWNERS

Thomas Fox, maltster, Cradley [1886]
Caroline Fox
Alfred Dunn
Henry Stevens, New Inn, Quarry Bank
Joseph Hollis (acquired on 15th March 1932)
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired on 6th January 1947)
Punch Taverns

LICENSEES

Francis Warr [1849] – [1856]
Henry Worrall [1858]
Joseph Parry [1860] – **1870**;
James Bunn (**1870** – [1871])
Barnabas Pearson [1872] – **1875**;
Silas Jones (**1875** – **1876**);
John Stringer (**1876** – **1879**);
Thomas Allen (**1879** – **1880**);
John Price (**1880** – **1883**);
Jervis Dunn (**1883** – **1898**);
Mrs. Sarah Ann Dunn (**1898** – **1899**);
Alfred Dunn (**1899** – **1923**);
Joseph Hollis (**1923** – **1947**);
John Frederick Attwood (**1947** – **1951**);
Charles Clifford Murray (**1951** – **1978**);
Barry John Reynolds (**1978** – **1981**);
Christine Lily Bell (**1981** – **1983**);
Joseph Raymond Lester-Hinchliffe (**1983** – **1992**);
Andrew Williams (**1992** – **1996**);
Christine Anne Robinson (**1996** – **1999**);
Frank Norman Fisher (**1999**);
Barry Reynolds (**1999** – [])
Susan Cooper [2014]



1994

NOTES

42, Mount Pleasant [1901]
36, Mount Pleasant

BRICKLAYERS ARMS [1868], [1872], [1873]

It was known locally as the 'Brick'.

It had a beerhouse license.

It had a bowling green at the rear.



2015

Francis Warr, beer retailer, Delph. [1849], [1850]

1851 Census

Mount Pleasant

[1] Francis Warr (51), victualler, born Kingswinford;

[2] Sophia Warr (44), wife, born Bewdley;

[3] Sophia Warr (9), daughter, born Kingswinford:

Brierley Hill Advertiser 17/5/1856

“On Wednesday last, the 14th, an inquest was held before T. M. Phillips, Esq, at the house of Mr. *Francis Warr*, BRICKMAKERS ARMS, Mount Pleasant, near this town, on the bodies of two children named Mary Jane Hall, aged 17 months, and Susannah Harthill, aged 7 years and 9 months, who were drowned in a clay pit on the previous Monday afternoon.

The first witness called was Emma Hughes, single woman, who lives near the place, and said she was in the house at about a quarter before six on the Monday afternoon, the 12th, and saw Mr. and Mrs. Hall and several other persons running towards the pool on the other side of the brick kiln; she ran out of the house and saw the two children on the top of the water, and called out to Mr. Hall that the children were there. Mr. Hall came back and jumped into the water and fetched the youngest out first, he then jumped in again and fetched the other child out, they both appeared to be dead. Every means were used to restore life but without effect. Dr. Walker was immediately sent for, and his two assistants were quickly in attendance and used every means to restore animation but without effect. Richard Nehemiah Hall, fitter, said I am father of Mary Jane Hall, and live at Mount Pleasant. Susannah Harthill lived with me as nurse. On the afternoon of Monday last my eldest child kicked at the door and said, ‘Mama, the baby is in the water,’ – she is three years old. The child could not tell where. I ran to a pool at the other side of the brick kiln but could see nothing of the children. I was then told there were other pools, and had my attention called to the one where the children were. I immediately jumped in and fetched my child out first, she being nearest to me. I then jumped in again and fetched Susannah out. She was about a yard farther from the bank than my child was. When I went to her she moved her arm and gave a deep sigh. Every means were used to restore life, but without effect. The children had not been out of the house more than a quarter of an hour. I believe that both children died from suffocation. Do not know how they got into the water.

The coroner then went over the evidence, when the jury returned a verdict of Found Drowned, but how the deceased got into the water there is no evidence to show.

The pond where the children were drowned is situated at the end of a private road, with very high and steep banks, and is not fenced out in any way. It is supposed that the eldest child was trying to get some flowers, when she slipped into the water, taking the baby she was nursing with her. The coroner pointed out the necessity of having a fence put up, which was promised to be done.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 5/6/1858

“*Henry Worrall*, landlord of the BRICKMAKERS ARMS beerhouse, Mount Pleasant, was charged with having on Sunday the 9th ult, refused to admit a police constable in his house when requested to do so. PC Powner deposed that he went to the defendant’s house about a quarter past four on the afternoon of the above named day, and found six men in a garden at the back of the house. He went again at about a quarter to five and heard the voices of several men talking upstairs. He accordingly requested to be allowed to proceed upstairs, but was refused, defendant stating that it was his bedroom. The constable stated that he knew it was not his bedroom, but a large room where singing and dancing were usually carried on.

In answer to the charge defendant stated that there were no men in the house at the time, and that only his wife was upstairs, and that he did not think the police had any right to go into bedrooms. The Magistrates informed him that the police could search in any part of a house, if they thought it necessary so to do, and fined him 20s and costs.”

Joseph Parry was married to Esther.

Stourbridge Observer 10/8/1867

“*Joseph Parry*, of the Delph, was charged by Superintendent Mills with keeping his house open for the sale of beer during prohibited hours, on the 28th ult.

Police-constable Carroll proved the case and defendant was fined 2s 6d and costs.”

Stourbridge Observer 28/1/1871

“At the Police Court, on Monday, before Messrs. F. Evers and H. Hall, *James Bunn*, was charged with allowing drunkenness in his house, the BRICKMAKERS ARMS, Quarry Bank, on the 16th inst.

Police-constable Hammond said on the above date about half past ten o'clock, he visited defendant's house and saw two men fighting in the tap room. There were about twelve drunken men in the same place. Defendant was drunk, and was urging the men to fight. He again visited the place at a quarter to eleven, and the house was then in a state of disorder.

Police-constable Lavin said he visited defendant's house with last witness at a quarter past eleven, and saw several drunken men in the place. The defendant was also drunk.

The Bench said it was as bad a case as they had had, and should mark it with great severity, and would fine him £5 and costs; in default of distress two month's imprisonment and his license to be endorsed.”

Stourbridge Observer 15/4/1871 - Advert

“Worth Notice / To be Let, with Possession at the convenience of the In-coming Tenant, that well known Business Premises, The BRICKMAKERS ARMS, Mount Pleasant, Brierley Hill. To treat for this genuine Concern apply to Mr. *Bunn*, upon the premises; or to S. Insull, Auctioneer, Brierley Hill.”

Stourbridge Observer 30/3/1872

“*Barnabas Pearson*, landlord of the BRICKLAYERS ARMS, Mount Pleasant, was charged by Superintendent Mills with allowing gaming in his house, on the 11th inst. Mr. Homer defended.

Henry Millward said that on the above date he was in the defendant's house. A number of men were there, and he saw them toss for ale and cigars. They afterwards tossed for 5s and afterwards for £5. Mrs. Pearson was present and saw the tossing.

William Perry and Joseph Attwood gave corroborative evidence as to the tossing.

Mr. Homer then addressed the Bench, for the defence, contending that as soon as the parties began to toss, Mrs. Pearson sent for the police, and said she would not have any tossing in her house, and when a halfpenny was pitched on to the table, she swept it off on to the ground.

Mrs. Davies, James Bunn, and W. Howen gave evidence to the effect that there was no tossing either for cigars or monies.

The Bench retired to consider their verdict. On returning, Mr. Evers said there was a doubt in their minds about the tossing, and would give him the benefit, and dismiss the summons, and cautioned defendant.”

Stourbridge Observer 3/8/1872

“At the Police Court, on Thursday, before Mr. I. Spooner, Stipendiary, *Barnabas Pearson*, landlord of the BRICKLAYERS ARMS, Quarry Bank, was charged with permitting drunkenness in his house on the 13th ult. Mr. Homer appeared for the defendant.

Police-constable Lavin said about eleven o'clock on the night in question, he saw a drunken man enter the defendant's house. He followed him in, and saw the landlady fill him a cup of ale. He spoke to the landlady, and she said she was not aware that the man was drunk.

Mr. Homer, in defence, said the landlady was not aware that the man was drunk when she filled the ale, or she would not have done it; but as soon as she was told of it she ordered him out.

Mr. Spooner said he was of the opinion that the case was far too doubtful for him to go into, and dismissed it.”

London Gazette 9/2/1875

“The Bankruptcy Act, 1869. In the County Court of Worcestershire, holden at Dudley. In the Matter of Proceedings for Liquidation instituted by *Barnabas Pearson*, of Moor Lane out of business, formerly of Mount Pleasant, Brierley Hill, aforesaid, Publican.

Notice is hereby given, that a First General Meeting of the creditors of the above named person has been summoned to attend on the 22nd day of February 1875.....”

London Gazette 31/1/1879

“The Bankruptcy Act. 1869. In the County Court of Worcestershire, holden at Stourbridge.

In the Matter of Proceedings for Liquidation instituted by *John Stringer* now of the BRICKMAKERS ARMS, Mount Pleasant, near Brierley Hill aforesaid, Licensed Victualler and Iron Worker.

Notice is hereby given, that a First General Meeting of the creditors of the above named person has been summoned to be held on the 7th day of February, 1879.....”

1881 Census

Mount Pleasant – BRICKMAKERS ARMS

[1] *John Price* (25), licensed victualler, born Kingswinford;

[2] *Annie Price* (23), wife, born Kingswinford;

[3] *John Price* (1), son, born Kingswinford:

Jervis Dunn = *Gervase Dunn*

1901 Census

42, Mount Pleasant – Public House – BRICKMAKERS ARMS

[1] *Alfred Dunn* (33), licensed victualler and chain works manager, born Quarry Bank;

[2] *Clara Dunn* (32), wife, born Spennymoor, Durham;

[3] *George Dunn* (18), brother, brewer, born Quarry Bank;

[4] *Vernon Dunn* (10), son, born Quarry Bank;

[5] *Gladys E. Dunn* (3 months), daughter, born Quarry Bank:

County Express 4/1/1902

“Sick and Draw Clubs.....

BRICKMAKERS ARMS (Mount Pleasant, Brierley Hill).– The annual meeting and dinner was held at headquarters on December 26th, when about 30 members attended, and enjoyed the excellent catering of the host (*Mr. Dunn*). The annual statement of accounts presented by the secretary showed an income of £26 3s 2d, and working expenses, sick pay, etc., £1 19s 6d, leaving a balance available for dividend of £24 3s 9d, or 16s 8d per member. This was considered very satisfactory. Votes of thanks to the chairman (*Mr. Joseph Pearson*), and to the host and hostess for their hospitality brought a most enjoyable meeting to a close.”

County Express 25/1/1902

“On Monday a supper and social was held at the BRICKMAKERS ARMS INN, to celebrate the completion of alterations and improvements to *Mr. Brookes’s* property at Stamber Mill which has recently been converted by Messrs. *Brookes and Tandy* into three handsome shops. *Mr. William Cox* was voted to the chair and *Mr. Thomas Price* to the vice-chair. The remainder of the evening was spent in a convivial manner, the following contributing: Messrs. *N. Brooks, J. Fletcher, N. Hickman, Fletcher, G. Chance, J. Robinson, D. Cartwright, Heywood, Brown, and Hoskins*. During the evening the Quarry Bank Glee Party, consisting of Messrs. *A. Tandy, J. Bache, W. Cooper, and Geo. Heywood* also gave some capital selections. Votes of thanks to the host and hostess, chairman and vice chairman, and also the glee party for their attendance brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.”

1911 Census

Mount Pleasant – BRICKMAKERS ARMS INN

[1] *Alfred Dunn* (43), licensed victualler, born Quarry Bank;

[2] *Clara Dunn* (42), wife, married 11 years, born Spennymoor, Durham;

[3] *Gervase G. V. Dunn* (20), son, barman assisting, born Quarry Bank;

[4] *Gladys Dunn* (10), daughter, school, born Quarry Bank;

[5] *Matilda North* (18), general servant, born Delph:

Alfred Dunn brewed his own beer. [1914]

Joseph Hollis brewed his own beer.

[2014]

BRIDGE

163, (92), Bank Street, Brockmoor, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Great Western Railway Co. [1886]
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.
Avebury Taverns [1998]
Unique Pub Co. Ltd. [2001]

LICENSEES

Dudley Cartwright [1860] – **1870**);
John Nash (**1870** – []
Richard Phillips [1870] – **1873**);
Ann Phillips (**1873** – **1878**);
Edward Harley (**1878** – **1905**);
Francis Harley (**1905** – **1907**);
Sarah Ann Harley (**1907**);
Ellen Alice Wall (**1907** – **1908**);
Albert Edward Kinsell (**1908** – **1909**);
Mrs. Alice Jane Kinsell (**1909** – [1940]
Mrs. Pauline Scott [c. 1998]
Mrs. Threasea Hill (**1999** – []

NOTES

92, Bank Street [1911]

1861 Census

Bank Street – BRIDGE INN

- [1] *Dudley Cartwright* (45), licensed victualler, born Kingswinford;
- [2] Harriott Cartwright (43), wife, born Brockmoor;
- [3] Eliza Cartwright (20), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [4] Daniel Cartwright (19), son, works iron mill engine, born Oldswinford;
- [5] Mary Turner (22), servant to head, born Kingswinford;
- [6] Eliza Whittakear (48), visitor, born Brockmoor:

Dudley Cartwright was also an engineer. [1864], [1865]

Stourbridge Observer 9/4/1870

“Harriet Hill was charged by *Ann Phillips* with assaulting her on the 21st ult.

From the evidence of the complainant it appeared she kept a public house. On the above date defendant's husband was in her house, with others. Defendant came in, made use of bad language, and said she would have a knife in some heart before she left.

Defendant afterwards threw a jug at her, which cut her on the eye.

Two witnesses were called to support the case.

Defendant admitted throwing the jug, and said she threw it at complainant's husband because he called her a w——e. Fined 2s 6d and costs.”



1983



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Stourbridge Observer 30/7/1870

“*Richard Phillips*, publican, Bank Street, Brierley Hill, was summoned for selling ale during prohibited hours, on the 19th instant. Mr. Stokes defended.

Defendant's brother James Phillips said he was with John Holt on the above date, and went to his brother's house and had a gallon of ale. It was after twelve o'clock.

John Holt corroborated.

The Bench said the evidence as to the time was so uncertain that they should dismiss the case.”

1871 Census

Bank Street – BRIDGE INN

[1] *Richard Phillips* (45), licensed victualler, born Dudley;

[2] *Anne Phillips* (40), wife, born Dudley;

[3] Aaron Shaw (63), lodger, miner, born Tipton;

[4] Joseph Shaw (18), lodger, miner, born Old Hill:

1881 Census

BRIDGE INN, Bank Street

[1] *Edward Harley* (48), licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;

[2] Ann Harley (51), wife, born Dudley;

[3] Susannah Harley (21), daughter, born Brierley Hill;

[4] Sarah Ann Harley (19), daughter, born Brierley Hill;

[5] Benjamin Harley (17), son, no occupation, born Brierley Hill;

[6] William Harley (12), son, scholar, born Brierley Hill;

[7] Frank Harley (10), son, scholar, born Brierley Hill:

1891 Census

Bank Street

[1] *Edward Harley* (52), licensed victualler, born Quarry Bank;

[2] Ann Harley (61), wife, born Dudley;

[3] Susannah Harley (31), daughter, born Brierley Hill;

[4] Francis Harley (19), son, saddler, born Brierley Hill;

[5] Edward Wood (5), grandson, scholar, born Brierley Hill:

County Express 4/1/1902

“Sick and Draw Clubs.....

BRIDGE INN (Bank Street, Brierley Hill).– On Boxing day about 30 members partook of their annual dinner. After the cloth was drawn the chair was taken by Mr. E. Harley, jun., who read the annual report, which declared a dividend of 14s 6d per member. Songs and recitations were given by the members and a vote of thanks to the host and chairman brought the evening to a close.”

1911 Census

92, Bank Street – BRIDGE INN

[1] *Alice Jane Kinsell* (41), widow, licensed victualler, born Wordsley;

[2] Albert Edward Kinsell (11), son, school, born Dudley;

[3] Frances Kinsell (8), daughter, born Brierley Hill;

[4] Dorothy Eunice Kinsell (3), niece, born Brierley Hill:

An application to move the license to an adjacent site was granted on 1st March 1937.

[2000]

It closed.

It reopened as Monsoon Nights Indian restaurant in 2003.

It later became INFINITY. [2007]

It later became ROBBIE'S. [2008]

BRIDGE

Level, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Mrs. Mary Ann Darby [1845]

BRITANNIA

Delph Lane, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Thorneycroft [1849] – [1850]
Hadford [1856]

NOTES

Brierley Hill Advertiser 1/11/1856

“About six o’clock last evening, as a young lad was in the act of raking the canal for coal, he discovered the body of a man at the bottom of the Nine Locks. He immediately raised an alarm, and the body was soon got out; and from its appearance, which is that of a boatman, it is supposed to have remained in the water since Monday, as that was the last time he was seen alive. Deceased who is an elderly man had been at Mr. *Hadford’s*, the BRITANNIA, at the Delph, and it is conjectured that he must have been intoxicated, and had fallen into the canal. The body was removed to Mr. *Harley’s*, the BELL INN, when it now lies awaiting an inquest.”

Check The Fold.

BRITANNIA

68, (153), Dudley Road, (Dudley Street), Round Oak, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

W. H. Westwood, Stourbridge
Julia Hanson and Son Ltd. (leased)

LICENSEES

John Aston [1861]
George Wilkes [1864] – [1870]
Joseph Sadler (1870 – 1874);
Richard Coley (1874);
Emmanuel Wassley (1874 – 1875);
Alfred Pearson (1875);
Joseph Thompson (1875 – 1883);
Enoch Bennett (1883 – 1884);
David Meese (1884 – 1903);
Joseph Ameson (1903 – 1907);
William Insull (1907 – 1910);
Charles Moseley (1910 – 1911);
Walter Wooldridge (1911 – 1913);
Joseph Bratt (1913 – 1921);
Joseph Alfred Humphries (1921 – 1923);
William Henry Williams (1923 – 1936):

**TO BE LET, with immediate possession, the
BRITANNIA INN, Round Oak, Brierley-Hill.**
The House is situated near the Round Oak New Iron
Works, and a good business may be done. The House and
Premises comprise Front Tap Room, Front Parlour, Cook-
ing Kitchen, Large Club Room, Four Sleeping Rooms, Two
Cellars, Brewhouse, Yard, Bowling Alley, and Garden,
being well supplied with Hard and Soft Water. Coming-in
about £40; Rent £20 per year.
For particulars and to treat, apply on the Premises; or to
Mr. Hawkins, Auctioneer, Brierley-Hill.

Advert 1856

NOTES

153, Dudley Street [1871], [1881], [1891], [1901]
153, Dudley Road [1904], [1912]
68, Dudley Road

It had a beerhouse license.

Brierley Hill Advertiser 25/10/1856

“To Be Let, with immediate possession, the BRITANNIA INN, Round Oak, Brierley Hill. The House is situated near the Round Oak New Iron Works, and a good business may be done. The House and Premises comprise Front Tap Room, Front Parlour, Cooking Kitchen, Large Club Room, Four Sleeping Rooms, Two Cellars, Brewhouse, Yard, Bowling Alley, and Garden, being well supplied with Hard and Soft Water. Coming-in about £40, Rent £20 per year.

For particulars, and to treat, apply on the Premises, or to Mr. Hawkins, Auctioneer, Brierley Hill.”

1861 Census

Dudley Street – BRITANNIA INN

- [1] John Aston (39), publican, formerly coalminer, born Kingswinford;
- [2] Mary Aston (42), wife, born Stourbridge;
- [3] Elizabeth Aston (68), mother, widow, born Kingswinford:

George Wilkes = George Wilks

G. Wilkes issued tokens from here.

George Wilkes, beer retailer, Dudley Street. [1864], [1865], [1868], [1870]

Stourbridge Observer 24/7/1869

“William Wassall was charged with wilfully damaging a porkpie on the 14th inst, the property of Mary Harrington. Mr. Addison appeared for complainant, and Mr. Waldron for defendant.

From the evidence of complainant, it appears that she was in the habit of going about to sell pork and other pies. On the above date she went to a man of the name of *George Wilkes*, who keeps a beerhouse, and saw the defendant there. He picked up a pork pie, and bit it, and refused to pay for it. Defendant afterwards took a damson pie, and eat it. Two witnesses were called for the defence, to prove that complainant said defendant could have the pies on credit. The Bench said he believed defendant tried to defraud the woman, and it was a very bad case where a woman had to go about selling pies for a livelihood.

Fined 5s and costs, and ordered to pay the value of the pie.”

Licensed to *Joseph Sadler* on 11th October 1870. Before then it was a beerhouse for many years, but the landlord was sent for a term of penal servitude and so the house closed and was re-licensed.

[Was the previous landlord George Wilkes?]

1871 Census

153, Dudley Street

- [1] *Joseph Sadler* (29), innkeeper, born Wombourn;
- [2] *Hannah Sadler* (28), wife, born Wombourn;
- [3] *George Sadler* (6), son, born Wombourn;
- [4] *Mary Sadler* (5), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Hannah Sadler* (3), daughter, born Kingswinford:

Joseph Sadler, beer retailer, 153, Dudley Street. [1872]

Stourbridge Observer 2/5/1874

“On Thursday, at the Police Court, before Mr. Isaac Spooner (Stipendiary), *Richard Coley*, landlord of the BRITANNIA INN, Round Oak, was charged with keeping his house open during illegal hours on the 20th April. Police-sergeant Walters stated that on the night in question, about half past eleven, he called at defendant’s house, and in one of the side rooms he found fifteen men belonging to a travelling circus, and he was under the impression that he had a perfect right to supply them with drink.

The Stipendiary said that defendant had set the law at defiance, for he must have known he was doing wrong. He would be fined £5 and costs, and the license would be endorsed.”

1881 Census

153, Dudley Street

- [1] *Joseph Thompson* (34), publican, born Tipton;
- [2] *Sarah J. Thompson* (33), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Maria Thompson* (12), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Letitia Thompson* (10), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Mary A. Thompson* (7), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Frederick Thompson* (1), son, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Joseph Thompson* (64), father, born Kingswinford;
- [8] *William Head* (42), visitor, born Kingswinford:

1891 Census

153, Dudley Street – BRITANNIA INN

- [1] *David Meese* (35), boiler manufacturer and publican, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Sarah E. Meese* (35), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Sarah A. B. Meese* (9), daughter, scholar, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Joseph W. Meese* (7), son, scholar, born Brierley Hill:

County Express 15/9/1900

“Thomas Jones, of 92, Dudley Road, Hart’s Hill, was charged with threatening David Martin, ironworker, Wood Street, Hart’s Hill; and there was a cross-summons against Martin for assaulting Jones at the same time and place. Mr. Williams (from the office of Mr. Waldron) represented Martin, and Mr. Barradale (Dudley) was for Jones. Martin gave evidence to being in the BRITANNIA INN, Round Oak, on the night of September 8th. Jones saw him there, and invited him to have a drink, ‘which it gave him the greatest pleasure to have,’ although witness was under surety to keep the peace towards Jones. He said Jones began to ‘humbog’ him about the hope of getting him to break his surety, but witness would not do so, and then Jones threatened that he would shoot him with a pistol. When witness went out Jones twice attempted to strike him, and witness defended himself by pushing Jones away. By Mr. Barradale: Jones was a man of this sort – he would ask him to have a drink and threaten to kill him at the same time. He denied striking Jones or attempting to push him over some railings. The case for Jones was a totally different story. Jones, John Pound, inspector on the tram-line, and Andrew White, assistant engineer at the Power Station, put another side-light on the case. Martin asked Jones to pay for a drink of whisky for him. Martin left before Jones, and when the latter went out, two independent witnesses heard Martin challenge Jones, and so Jones proceeded towards his home with his hands in his pockets, Martin struck him two or three violent blows, Jones being felled to the ground and dazed. ‘Were you not drunk?’ asked Mr. Williams. Jones replied, ‘No, but if you get a thump or two under your earhole, it makes you feel giddy.’ The Stipendiary said Martin was bound over in another Court to keep the peace. The assault on Jones was a serious and violent one, and he fined Martin £2 and costs, or a month. The summons against Jones was dismissed.”

1901 Census

153, Dudley Street – BRITANNIA INN

- [1] *David Meese* (45), publican and boiler maker, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Sarah Elizabeth Meese* (45), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Sarah Ann Beatrice Meese* (19), daughter, apprentice to millinery, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Joseph William Meese* (17), son, apprentice to carpentry, born Brierley Hill:

County Express 8/3/1902

“On Tuesday night a concert arranged for the benefit of Mr. Walter Worton, was given at the BRITANNIA INN, Round Oak, when Mr. A. Cornforth presided over a very large audience. The programme was contributed to by: Messrs. E. Westwood, E. Garner, J. Box, W. Woodall, S. Moss, J. Davis, J. Eckleston, A. Fletcher, and Hughes.”

Joseph Ameson, beer retailer, 153, Dudley Road. [1904]

1911 Census

Dudley Road – BRITANNIA INN

- [1] *Charles Moseley* (25), iron moulder, born Holly Hall;
- [2] *Maria Moseley* (23), wife, married 1 year, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Moseley* (under 1 month), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Francis Fradgley* (20), general servant, born Brierley Hill:

Walter Wooldridge, beer retailer, 153, Dudley Road. [1912]

Plans were approved, for improvements to the sanitary arrangements, at the adjourned Licensing Meeting, on 4th March 1930.

The license renewal was refused and it was referred to the Compensation Authority on grounds of redundancy on 2nd March 1936.

Renewal refused 17th July 1936.

It closed on 30th December 1936.

BRITANNIA

The Fold, (2, Lower Delph), BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

J. and T. Perry [1822]
Joseph Cartwright
Henry Webb [1886]
William Henry Simpkins, Round Oak
North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1896)
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1909)

LICENSEES

John and T Perry [1822]
William Lea [1829] – [1835]
J Stephens [1840]
John Ford [1849] – [1851]
Joseph Radford [1854] – **1872**;
Joseph Cartwright **(1872 – 1878)**;
Henry John Webb **(1878 – 1882)**;
Charles Hollis **(1882 – 1883)**;
Benjamin Pearson **(1883 – 1884)**;
William Stokes **(1884)**;
Charles Tomlinson **(1884 – 1885)**;
Amelia Hill **(1885 – 1886)**;
James Harvey Hill **(1886 – 1887)**;
John Baines **(1887)**;
James Hartwell **(1887 – 1888)**;
Eliza Flavell **(1888)**;
Benjamin Raybould Jnr. **(1888 – 1893)**;
Thomas Hill **(1893 – 1897)**;
Joseph Chance **(1897)**;
David Thomas Holt **(1897 – 1900)**;
Solomon Tolley **(1900 – 1914)**;
Thomas Alfred Holt **(1914 – 1916)**;
William James Wall **(1916 – 1918)**;
Sarah Jane Wothers **(1918 – 1922)**;
George Leach **(1922 – 1923)**;
William James Wall **(1923)**;
Herbert Holton **(1923 – 1926)**;
Alfred James Hickman **(1926 – 1939)**;

NOTES

Lower Delph [1881], [1896]

OLD BRITANNIA [1864], [1865]

It had a beerhouse license.

John Ford, veterinary surgeon and beer retailer, Brierley Hill. [1849]

1861 Census

Radford Lane – Brettle Lane House

- [1] *Joseph Radford* (66), nail maker and victualler, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Mary Radford* (68), wife, born Alveley, Shropshire;
- [3] *Elizabeth Richards* (31), general servant, born Wolverley, Worcestershire;
- [4] *Mary Ann Head* (17), general servant, born Kingswinford:

1881 Census

Lower Delph

- [1] *Henry Webb* (44), publican, born Ledbury;
- [2] *Eliza Webb* (40), wife. Born Tewkesbury;
- [3] *Noah Webb* (18), son, boatman, born Ledbury;
- [4] *Anne Webb* (15), daughter, scholar, born Salisbury;
- [5] *Henry Webb* (13), son, scholar, born Whorston, Buckinghamshire (?);
- [6] *Eliza Webb* (7), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Sophia Webb* (5), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [8] *Alfred Webb* (2), son, born Kingswinford;
- [9] *Selina Webb* (1), daughter, born Kingswinford:

London Gazette 14/10/1881

“The Bankruptcy Act, 1869. In the County Court of Worcestershire, holden at Stourbridge.

In the Matter of Proceedings for Liquidation instituted by *Henry John Webb*, of the BRITANNIA INN, Delph, Brierley Hill Licensed Victualler and Boatman.

Notice is hereby given on the 27th day of October, 1881.....”

1891 Census

2, Lower Delph

- [1] *Benjamin Raybould* (37), publican, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Louisa Raybould* (38), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Benjamin Raybould* (15), son, labourer in iron works, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Job Raybould* (12), son, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Elizabeth Raybould* (7), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Alice Raybould* (1), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Edith Jasper* (14), general servant, born Kingswinford:

Solomon Tolley = *Soloman Tolley*

County Express 5/1/1901

“Annual Meetings Of Sick And Draw Clubs.....

BRITANNIA INN (Delph).- The members of the ‘Judge and Jury’ Society held their annual dinner on Boxing day. A most enjoyable party sat down to the repast provided. After the cloth was drawn and business settled, a pleasant evening was spent. Toasts and votes of thanks concluded the evening.”

1901 Census

2, Lower Delph

- [1] *Solomon Tolley* (50), brick yard carter, born Middlesex;
- [2] *Sarah Tolley* (45), wife, born Birmingham;
- [3] *Edward Tolley* (22), son, brick yard carter, born London;
- [4] *Annie Tolley* (20), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *Sarah Tolley* (10), daughter, born Brierley Hill:

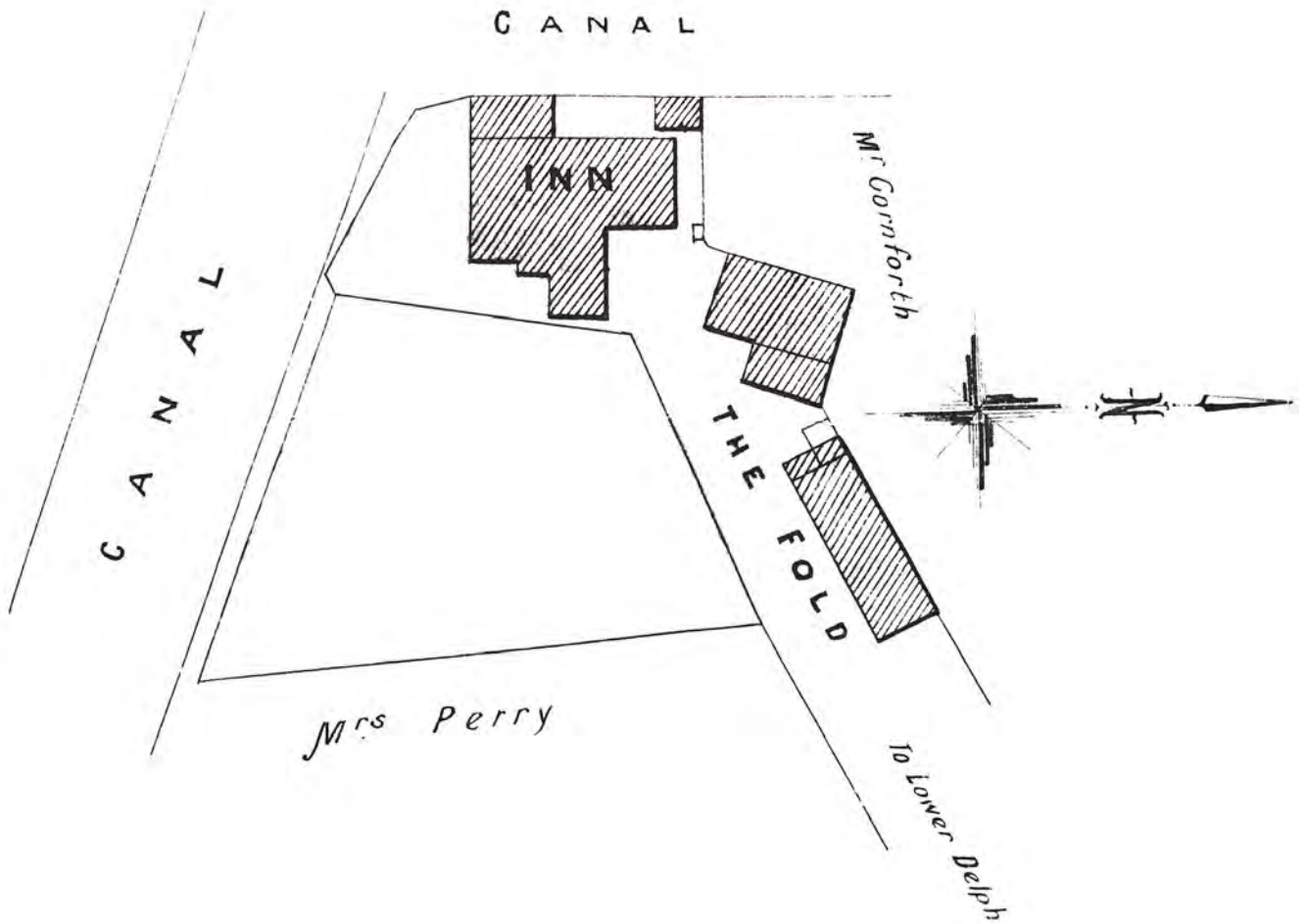
Indenture dated 28/10/1909

“All that messuage or dwelling-house called The BRITANNIA INN with the stable, pigstye, outbuildings, garden land and appurtenances thereto belonging situate at The Delph.....”

Removal Order to ROYAL EXCHANGE – not confirmed – 1938.

The license renewal was referred to the Compensation Authority on 6th March 1939.
It closed on 30th December 1939.

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Plan date unknown

BRITANNIA

Cressett Lane, The Leys, Brockmoor, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

H. O. Firmstone Esq.
Elwell, Williams
Smith and Williams
Julia Hanson and Son Ltd. (acquired in 1934)

LICENSEES

Littleton Wood []
Mrs. Phoebe Wood [1845] – [1850]
Benjamin Wood [1851] – **1884**;
David Dawes (**1884 – 1903**);
Isaac Woodcock (**1903 – 1919**);
Mrs. Ellen Bishop (**1919 – 1922**);
Jonathan Chuter (**1922 – 1935**);
Emma Ann Chuter (**1935 – 1937**):

NOTES

Littleton Wood was born in 1780.

He was also a butty miner.

He also owned the BROCKMOOR HOUSE, Brierley Hill and the MINERS ARMS, Round Oak and a butcher's shop and slaughterhouse in High Street, Bilston.

He died of tuberculosis in 1844.

1851 Census

Lays Road

[1] *Benjamin Wood* (29), mine agent, born Highfield, Staffordshire;

[2] Ann Wood (31), wife, born Shut End;

[3] Phoebe A. Wood (2), daughter, born The Lays;

[4] Joseph Pearson (9), nephew, scholar, born Bilston;

[5] Elizabeth Tenant (14), house servant, born The Lays;

[6] Ann Webb (19), house servant, born Rocks Hill:

Benjamin Wood was also a wine agent. [1854]

[Possibly a mine agent, not wine agent]

Brierley Hill Advertiser 8/3/1856

“No.1 Iron Boat Society will commence at the house of Mr. *Benjamin Wood*, BRITANNIA INN, the Lays, near Brierley Hill, the first meeting of which will be holden on Tuesday, March 11th, 1856, on which occasion a Dinner will be provided free of expense punctually at 4 o'clock.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 18/9/1858

“To Canal Carriers and Others. To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. H. Detheridge, on Monday, September 20th 1858, at the house of Mr. *Benjamin Wood*, the BRITANNIA INN, Leys, Brockmoor Four Good Cabin Boats, belonging to Mr. Baldwin.....”

Benjamin Wood was also a coalmaster. [1860]

Stourbridge Observer 17/4/1869

“John Laws was charged with being drunk and refusing to quit a public house when requested to do so.

Benjamin Wood, the landlord of the house, proved that the defendant was very disorderly and refused to leave when requested, and threatened to put a knife into him.

Mr. Spooner: It is my duty to fine publicans when they transgress the law, and I do so very heavily; and it is my duty to protect them when they do right. I fine you 10s and costs.”

Stourbridge Observer 13/11/1869

“At the Petty Sessions held on Thursday last, before I. Spooner, Esq, (Stipendiary), William Hunt was charged with wilfully breaking seven squares of glass on the 7th inst, the property of *Benjamin Wood*, of Brockmoor.

Complainant said he kept a public house and the defendant came into it on the above date. Witness’s wife called his attention to the defendant’s conduct, who was annoying the customers and drinking their ale. He did not fill defendant any, but ordered him out of the house. When he was out he commenced to beak a window, and broke seven squares, worth 7s.

The defendant said nothing in defence, and was fined 6d and costs, and ordered to pay the 7s damage done; in default 14 days’ hard labour.”

1871 Census

The Lays

[1] *Benjamin Wood* (49), mineral merchant and publican, born Highfields, Staffordshire;

[2] Ann Wood (53), wife, born Kingswinford;

[3] Sophias Edwards (19), barmaid, born Kingswinford;

[4] Fanny Edwards (17), assistant, born Kingswinford;

[5] Eliza Morris (16), domestic servant, born Cley Hill, Shropshire;

[6] Abigail Millington (17), domestic servant, born Brierley Hill:

1881 Census

The Leys – BRITANNIA INN (sic)

[1] *Benjamin Wood* (58), coal, lime and mineral merchant and publican, born Highfields, Bilston;

[2] Ann Wood (63), wife, born Shut End, Kingswinford;

[3] Matilda Grocutt (17), barmaid, born John Street West, Birmingham;

[4] Ann Hasley (20), general servant, born Colwall Green, near Malvern;

[5] Jane Morris, char woman, born Shropshire:

1891 Census

Cressett Lane

[1] *David Dawes* (49), licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;

[2] Sarah A, Dawes (47), wife, born Brockmoor;

[3] Matilda Dawes (19), daughter, school teacher, born Brierley Hill;

[4] William Dawes (17), son, pattern maker, born Brierley Hill;

[5] Sarah A. F. Dawes (13), daughter, scholar, born Brockmoor;

[6] Caroline E. Dawes (13), daughter, scholar, born Brockmoor;

[7] Lucy Small (20), visitor, school teacher, born Cookley, Worcestershire;

[8] Sarah Wilks (20), domestic servant, born Cookley, Worcestershire;

[9] Edward Sankey (22), brewer’s labourer, born Brockmoor:

David Dawes was also a boatbuilder. [1892]

County Express 24/3/1900

“Mr. T. Allen Stokes (coroner), held an inquest at the BRITANNIA INN, Brockmoor, on Saturday, on the body of Joseph Edmunds (48), a pipe moulder, of the Leys, Brockmoor, whose death occurred on the 14th inst.

It was stated that the deceased was employed at Messrs. Parson’s foundry, Leys, and met with an accident to one of his feet whilst carrying molten iron on February 2nd last. Although the injury was rather severe, he continued to work, and on March 1st he caught the injured foot again, the result being that blood poisoning supervened, and Edmunds died.

The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

1901 Census

The Leys – BRITANNIA INN

- [1] *David Dawes* (57), licensed victualler, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Sarah A. Dawes* (57), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Sarah A. F. Dawes* (23), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Caroline E. Dawes* (23), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *John D. Andrews* (15), nephew, errand boy, born Kingswinford:

1911 Census

Leys – BRITANNIA INN

- [1] *Isaac Woodcock* (46), licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *M. M. Woodcock* (41), wife, married 21 years, assisting in business, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Sarah Ann Andrews* (27), domestic servant, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *John D. Andrews* (25), brewer, born Kingswinford:

Isaac Woodcock was also a brewer. [1914]

Mrs. Ellen Bishop was also a brewer. [1921]

Conveyance dated 2/7/1934

“All that messuage tenement or dwelling-house situate at or near The Leys Brockmoor Brierley Hill in the County of Stafford with the stables Buildings yards garden and appurtenances thereto and for some years past known as the BRITANNIA (sic) INN which said premises contain an area of two thousand two hundred and fifty square yards.....”

The license was referred to the Compensation Authority on the grounds of redundancy on 1st March 1937.

House to be closed 31st December 1937.

BRITISH OAK

BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William Perry [] - **1865**);
William Pearson (**1865 - 1869**);
Thomas Holden (**1869 - []**)

BROCKMOOR HOUSE

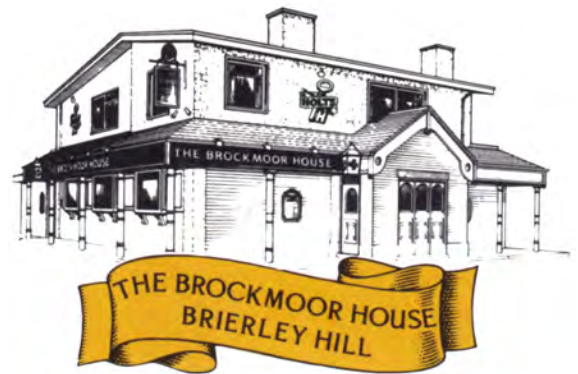
48, Station Road / 17, High Street, Brockmoor, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

William Jackson, Pensnett
Benjamin Wood, Kingswinford
North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd. [c. 1896]
Holt Brewery Ltd. [c. 1905]
Anells Ltd.
Holt, Plant and Deakin (acquired in 1989)
Burtonwood Brewery Co. (Forshaws) Ltd. [2000], [2002]
Black Country Traditional Ales [2009]

LICENSEES

John Pearson [1845]
Samuel Worrall [1851]
Richard Worrall [1849] – [1851]
Richard Worrall [1857] – [1858] which one?
Richard Worrall [1861] – **1867**;
William Worrall [1860] ?
Benjamin Wood **(1867 – [])**
Joseph Pearson [1868] – **1883**;
John Joseph Jackson **(1883 – 1900)**;
Mrs. Annie Elizabeth Jackson **(1900 – 1906)**;
Arthur Edward Lloyd **(1906 – 1907)**;
James Bird **(1907 – 1908)**;
David Round **(1908 – 1912)**;
Harry Powick **(1912 – 1916)**;
Henry Crump **(1916 – 1918)**;
Ernest William Palmer **(1918 – 1924)**;
Harry Blount **(1924 – 1926)**;
Frederick James Jarman **(1926 – 1938)**;
John Stokes **(1938 – 1939)**;
George Henry Farmer **(1939 – [1940])**
Alfred Fisher Chuter **(1940 – 1945)**
Peter Arnold [1984]
Fred Trick **(1989 – [])**



Advert 1989

NOTES

48, Station Road [1940]

BROCKMOOR ARMS until c.1877.
BROCKMOOR HOUSE [1862], [1940], [2009]

The second building was larger than the first, and was built on the same site. This site is now occupied by shops.

The present (third) building is on the opposite corner.

1851 Census

- [1] *Richard Worrall* (52), widower, glassmaker, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Emily Worrall* (13), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Mary Worrall* (9), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Richard Worrall* (6), son, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *William Worrall* (4), son, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *John Hayward* (50), father in law, sheet iron roller, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Ann Hayward* (50), mother in law, born Kingswinford;
- [8] *Jemima Hatward* (2), daughter, born Kingswinford:

Brierley Hill Advertiser 14/11/1857

“*Richard Worrall*, licensed victualler, of BROCKMOOR HOUSE, Brockmoor, was indicted for selling ale, on Sunday forenoon, the 1st inst, before the hour of half past twelve o’clock. In support of the information, it was stated by PC Freeman that, on the morning in question, about nine o’clock, he saw three men come out of defendant’s house. Immediately after, two men went into it. Seeing this, he also went into the place; but he could not find them. There were two jugs on a table in the tap room. Defendant admitted, in his defence, that it was customary for him to open his house on a Sunday morning, but he never sold any drink on those occasions. There had not, either, been any one drinking in the house when the policeman made his appearance.

The Bench thought that the evidence of the police officer carried weight with it, and gave them reason to believe that parties had been drinking or were going to drink in the house, and, therefore, defendant was fined 10s, with costs.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 16/1/1858

“On Saturday last, the annual dinner was held at the house of Mr. *Richard Worrall*, BROCKMOOR HOUSE, Brockmoor, when about eighty persons sat down to an excellent repast, provided by the generosity of the respected host. The meeting broke up at a late hour; the evening being spent in songs, speeches, and toasts, and the utmost hilarity and good feeling prevailing.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 19/6/1858

“The late extraordinary and mysterious tragedy which we recently brought before the notice of our readers last week remains in all essential points enshrouded in the same impenetrable gloom as at its first discovery. Since the finding of the body on the morning of the 11th inst, ‘rumour with her thousand tongues’ has been very busy, but nothing certain is yet known either as to the perpetrator of the crime, or the causes which led to it.

The plain facts of the case – as at present brought to light – are as follows: the deceased man Collins is supposed to have been a native of Manchester, but for the last twelve months he had been living at Dudley, at the house of a widow named Cowl. During the former part of that time he had been in the employ of Mr. Wright of Dudley; but latterly he had worked for Messrs. Brown and Freer. He bore the character of a steady man, and was very regular in his habits. A short time before noon on Thursday the 10th inst, Jabez Onions called on him at the workshop, and being an old acquaintance of Collier’s the latter immediately left work and accompanied Onions to a neighbouring beershop and remained drinking with him till about ten o’clock at night. About that time they parted the company that had been drinking with them during the evening, apparently with the intention of proceeding to Collier’s lodgings at Dudley. Onions had stated that he should have to remain out all night, and a young man who had been drinking with them offered him a share of his bed, but he declined that offer, and accepted one which Collier had made to go home with him. They accordingly left the PHEASANT beershop together, apparently on very friendly terms, both of them rather the worse for liquor – Onions being being the more sober of the two.

From that time nothing more was seen of either of them till five o’clock on the following morning, when a man named Sheldon proceeding to his employment at the Old Park discovered the body of a man – who afterwards proved to be the unfortunate deceased – lying in a field called Dudley Field, situate between Brockmoor and Harts Hill. He was frightfully injured, and the wounds on the body presented incontestable evidence that he had met with a violent death. Onions has never been heard of since, although the police have been indefatigable in their exertions to discover his whereabouts. It is tolerably certain that he is a man of a roving disposition, unsettled habits, and violent temper. There are, as a natural consequence of the mysterious character of the tragedy, a vast number of rumours current concerning the affair, but most of them are not very nearly related to truth. On Tuesday evening last the neighbourhood of Brierley Hill and Brockmoor was in a state of great excitement and commotion in consequence of a report that Onions was in custody. On the police, however, instituting enquiries the report was found to be utterly without foundation, and that crowd of people had mistaken the apprehension of a runaway

apprentice for that of Onions. Other stories are in circulation, but it is impossible in the present state of affairs to exactly determine what properties of truth exists in all or any of them. Every exertion is being made to apprehend Onions, and it is to be hoped that these exertions will not long be fruitless as he must – at the very least – be able to throw some additional light on this gloomy subject.....”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 30/6/1858

“The adjourned inquest on William Collins, the man supposed to have been murdered at Brockmoor on the 10th inst., was resumed on Thursday, at the BROCKMOOR HOUSE. Onions, the supposed murderer, not having yet been found, no further evidence was offered, and the inquiry was adjourned until the 20th July.”

- See PHEASANT

Wolverhampton Chronicle 7/7/1858

“The late murder – The murder of the unfortunate man, Collins, continues involved in the darkest mystery. Circumstances, however, which have come within the knowledge of the police since the adjournment of the inquest, seem, it is said, to add to the impossibility of Onions being the actual murderer, however deeply he may be implicated in the matter. It has been discovered that at an early hour on the morning on which the body was found, a man was observed in a hovel on a pit bank, near the scene of the murder, carefully wiping something, supposed to be spots of blood, from his shoes; but, it is said to be clear that this man was not Onions. The latter has been advertised in the Police Gazette. Collins, the murdered man, was shortly to have been married to the woman with whom he helped.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 4/9/1858

“The Brockmoor Murder. The Surgeon’s Evidence and the Verdict.

The fearful tragedy remains involved in the same apparently impenetrable gloom, and surprise is still expressed that it should be possible for one man to murder another in the midst of a locality containing seven thousand inhabitants, and yet so successfully elude the messengers of justice as to have escaped apprehension up till now, despite the utmost vigilance of the police throughout the kingdom.

The jury met before T.M. Phillips, Esq, (Coroner), on Tuesday morning last, at BROCKMOOR HOUSE to resume the adjourned inquiry into this atrocious crime; but with the exception of the evidence of the surgeon who made the post mortem examination, nothing new was brought forward. The evidence of the surgeon, Dr. Walker, was as follows:-

I am a surgeon, and reside at Brierley Hill, in this county. By the directions of the Coroner I made a post mortem examination of the body of the deceased, William Collier, on the 12th day of June last. On examining the body externally I found that the right hand and face were besmeared with blood. The eyebrows were slightly swollen and much discoloured by effused blood. The skin on the left side of the face and head was very much bruised and _____. On the posterior and lateral aspects of the head was a contused wound, about one inch in length, extending to the bone. On removing the scalp blood was found effused and the perioniteum, exterior fractures were also discovered extending in all directions upwards, downwards, backwards, and forwards, involving the frontal two parietal, two temporal, accipital, sphenoid and ethynoid bones, but in particular fracturing the temporal bone of the right side; also the occipital sphenoid, and frontal bones in four or five places and extending to both the nasal(?) and upper maxiliary bones. Both middle meningeal arteries ruptured, and clotted blood found beneath the skull, between the membranes of the brain, between the hemispheres, in the ventricles, and on the base of the brain. I am of opinion that the mortal injuries found upon the head of the deceased were caused by a blunt instrument, and that the head must have been resting when such injuries were inflicted on or against some solid substance.

Remarking upon Dr. Walker’s evidence, the Coroner said there could be but little doubt that Collier came to his death by severe blows and great violence, but there was no evidence before the jury to show by whom these blows were inflicted. He was quite willing, if the jury thought proper, to adjourn the inquest for two months longer, in the hope that Onions might by the expiration of that time be forthcoming.

There was some little discussion between the jurymen as to which course should be procured – whether to close the inquest then, or again, adjourn the inquiry; but the majority being in favour of concluding the Coroner’s inquiry then, they retired to consider their verdict. On re-entering the room the foreman (Mr. Felton), said they had all agreed, with the exception of Mr. Cooper, to a verdict of Wilful Murder, against some person or persons unknown.

Mr. Cooper said that he could not conscientiously return any other verdict than that of, Wilful Murder against Jabez Onions, but as there were twelve jurymen, without his opinion did not interfere with the validity of the verdict.

Superintendent Mills stated that he had been in communication with various Superintendents of police in different parts of the kingdom., and he had not the slightest doubt from information he had received that Onions would shortly

be found. He thought, however, that if government would offer a reward it would greatly assist in discovering his whereabouts. The Coroner intimated that he would take the suggestion – which was also forcibly endorsed by the jurymen – into consideration, and endeavour to get it carried into effect.

There is one feature of the evidence given by the surgeon worthy of special remark. He says that he considers that the blows inflicted upon Collier's head must have been given when it was resting upon a solid substance. We may infer from this that it is considered impossible that a simple blow, or a series of blows, on the head, without any of the reaction which would be produced if the head were lying upon a solid substance, could have caused these particular injuries, and fractures of the skull which the post mortem examination evinced. The evidence also clears up the mystery as to how a man could have vigorously handled such an immense stake as that which was found lying beside the unfortunate deceased, marked with blood, and therefore supposed to be the weapon used in the deadly attack. It now appears probable that whatever blows Collier might have previously received he received the injuries which caused his death while lying upon the ground, when it would have been very easy to strike him with the stake in question. However, it is useless to conjecture further. Although out of the Coroner's power, Onions is still a marked man, and as such amenable to law and justice as ever; and we can only conclude our notice of this tragical affair by expressing a hope that he may soon be in the hands of the police – whether it be to establish his innocence, or confirm the suspicions now entertained of his guilt."

Brierley Hill Advertiser 23/10/1858

"On the night of Wednesday last some thieves contrived to effect an entrance into the BROCKMOOR HOUSE, kept by Mr. *Richard Worrall*, licensed victualler. The entrance appears to have been first attempted at the bar window, on the side of the house, but failing in their attempts there they were compelled to go round to the front of the house – a very much more exposed situation. They ____ to have commenced operations by boring three holes in the shutter, then after raising the shutter belt they bored another hole in the screen bar of the sash, and by sawing the feathering of the sash they were able to enter the bar parlour. Some very valuable articles of furniture were in this room, but as they were not very portable, or not adapted to the wants of the burglars they were simply disarranged and left. The burglars then seem to have gone into a little ante-room where the beer machine and spirits bottles are, expecting to find money in the till. Mr. *Worrall* occasionally keeps large sums of money in the till; but on the evening in question he happened to take it all upstairs to his bed room. The burglars subsequently were compelled to be content with 2s 6d in copper. They appear to have helped themselves with a little spirituous liquor, and then to have decamped only taking a half quarter _____ measure. The keys of the cellar in which were ____ amongst other articles, forty gallons of rum, were just under the till in the bar; but these appear to have escaped notice. Information of the burglary was given to PC Freeman about 7 o'clock on Thursday morning as soon as it was discovered, but he was unable to find any trace of the depredators."

1861 Census

Brockmoor – BROCKMOOR INN

- [1] *Richard Worrall* (40), publican, born Birmingham;
- [2] *Martha Worrall* (39), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Emily Worrall* (20), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Ann Worrall* (18), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Richard Worrall* (16), son, apprentice to builder, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *William Worrall* (12), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Jenny Worrall* (10), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford:

Stourbridge Observer 21/11/1868

"William Rosser was charged by *Joseph Pearson*, landlord of the BROCKMOOR HOUSE INN, Brockmoor, with being drunk, and refusing to quit his public house on the 2nd inst.

Complainant said that on the above date the defendant came into his house, very drunk. He told him to go out but he would not, and he stripped himself to fight. He challenged all the persons in the room to fight. Mrs. Bent said that on the above date she was at complainant's house. Defendant was very drunk, and challenged several people in the room to fight, and struck a man who was there four times in the mouth, and drew the blood each time. She called the landlord in, who put him out. This was about nine o'clock at night.

Fined 5s and costs; in default 14 days' imprisonment."

Stourbridge Observer 30/7/1870

“Richard Wassall was charged with being drunk and riotous at the BROCKMOOR HOUSE INN, and refusing to quit when requested, on the 19th.

Police-constable Cotterill said he saw defendant go into the BROCKMOOR HOUSE INN, and in about a minute or so afterwards heard a noise, and went in and saw defendant fighting. Ordered him out, and he refused to go.

John [sic] Pearson, the landlord of the house, said defendant was making a noise in the house. He sent for the police, and defendant then left the place.

Defendant was fined 5s and costs; in default 14 days.”

AND

“William Chance, of the Delph, was charged with stealing a quantity of cigars on the 25th, the property of *Emma Bytheway*, landlady of the WHIMSEY INN.

Emma Bytheway, niece of the landlady, said she lived with her aunt, and about two o’clock saw the prisoner in the parlour, with the cigar box in his hand, against the beer machine. When the prisoner saw her he tried to put the box on the shelf. Some of the cigars were on the floor, and some he had in his hand. She also saw him at the money drawer. He had his hand in the drawer. There was some silver in, but it was taken out. The money was safe a quarter of an hour before. Examined the drawer while the prisoner was in the room.

Emma Bytheway, landlady, said that the last witness called her into the room. She found the prisoner with a cigar box in his hand. She saw the prisoner open the money drawer. There was 2s 6d in silver in it, but it was taken out. Prisoner asked to be forgiven. She sent for the police, and the prisoner ran away.

Joseph Pearson of the BROCKMOOR HOUSE, was in the room at the time. I told him I thought he was as big a thief as the prisoner.

Police-constable Fairbanks proved apprehending the prisoner, and charged him with stealing money and cigars.

The learned Stipendiary sentenced the prisoner to three months’ hard labour; and he much regretted that the person with him was not before him, as he would have sentenced him. It was a dastardly outrage to take advantage of Miss *Bytheway* to rob her.”

Stourbridge Observer 25/3/1871

“*Joseph Pearson*, landlord of the BROCKMOOR HOUSE INN, Brockmoor, was charged with permitting drunkenness in his house. Mr. Clulow defended.

Police-constable Cotterill said that about three o’clock he was near the defendant’s house. Heard a great noise. Went in, and a man named Taylor charged Wassall with stealing his watch. Wassall at that was very drunk, and had to be led away. Taylor was also drunk. When Taylor said that his watch was stolen, witness told him to get out a warrant for Wassall. Defendant was present at the time. The men were drunk, and he called his attention to it.

Mr. Clulow addressed the Bench for the defence, and said he was instructed to deny what the policeman had said, and should call two independent witnesses named Richard Beddall and Joseph Powell, who swore that both Wheeler and Wassall were sober, and the Bench said they thought it possible the officer was deceived, and dismissed the case.”

1871 Census

Road leading to Brockmoor from Brierley Hill – BROCKMOOR HOUSE INN

[1] *Joseph Pearson* (30), colliery manager, born Bilston;

[2] Sarah A. Pearson (30), wife, born Kingswinford;

[3] Phoebe A. Pearson (10), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;

[4] Benjamin L. Pearson (8), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;

[5] Sarah E. Pearson (6), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;

[6] Joseph A. Pearson (3), son, scholar, born Dudley;

[7] Harry A. Pearson (2 months), son, born Kingswinford;

[8] Sarah A. Jones (16), general servant, born Kingswinford:

Stourbridge Observer 8/6/1872

“*Joseph Pearson*, was charged with permitting gaming in his house, on the 31st. John Bullock said he was a coal dealer, and lived at William Street, Brierley Hill. On the above date he was at the BROCKMOOR HOUSE (defendant’s place). He had been in some time, when defendant asked him to toss for pints of ale. He did toss, and lost five pints. There were others tossing in the place.

Defendant denied the charge, and called Enoch Foxhall, miner, who said he lived at Brockmoor. He was in the defendant’s house on the 31st ult. Bullock was there, and wanted to toss anyone in the place. Defendant said if Bullock did not pick the money up he would put him out of the house. There was no tossing.

William Skelding and his wife were in the house. Ellen Skelding, wife of William Skelding, fruiterer, Brockmoor, said on the above date about half past nine she went after her husband to the defendant’s house. She stayed there till eleven. She did not see any tossing in the house.

Defendant was further charged with assaulting Bullock. Complainant said defendant gave him a punch on the face, and knocked him down. Defendant said he was turning complainant out, and he retaliated, and he was compelled to use force. Defendant was fined £5 and costs, and his license to be endorsed. In the assault case he was ordered to pay costs.”

Stourbridge Observer 5/10/1872

“On the application of *Joseph Pearson*, licensed victualler, Brockmoor (who was fined £5 in June last for allowing gaming in his house), for a renewal of his license. Superintendent Mills stated that he could not say anything favourable of *Pearson*. A short time since he was convicted for being drunk at a neighbouring public house.

Mr. King (Magistrates’ Clerk): That would not be an offence against the Act.

The Chairman: If you do not keep yourself sober, it cannot be expected that you will keep your customers sober.

Defendant: I am very sorry, and it shall not happen again.

The Chairman: You must conduct yourself better in future, or else it will go hard with you. Your license will be granted this time.”

1881 Census

High Street, Brockmoor

[1] *Joseph Pearson* (39), licensed victualler, born Bilston;

[2] Sarah A. Pearson (39), wife, born Brockmoor;

[3] Sarah E. Pearson (16), daughter, born Brockmoor;

[4] Joseph A. Pearson (13), son, born Brockmoor;

[5] Harry A. Pearson (10), son, born Brockmoor;

[6] Ann Bentt (21), domestic servant, born Brockmoor;

[7] Frederick Hammond (6), visitor, born Lichfield:

Advertisement – November 1882

“the largest fat pig in England, to be seen alive.”

John Joseph Jackson acted as a colliery manager for his father.

County Express 2/6/1900

“A great sensation was caused in Brierley Hill district on Saturday morning by the report that the body of Mr. *John Joseph Jackson*, colliery manager and licensed victualler, of the BROCKMOOR HOUSE INN, had been found in his own bedroom in a frightfully shattered condition from the explosion of dynamite. The report of the explosion was heard a considerable distance from the house, which stands at the corner of High Street and Station Road, Brockmoor, and which is a conspicuous object in the village from the fact that it is only held up by the aid of a large number of poles against it, the property having been irreparably damaged by mining operations. The window panes in the room where the affair happened were blown out into Station Road.

The enquiry as to the cause of death was held on Tuesday morning before Mr. T. Allen Stokes, coroner, at the CROSS KEYS INN, Brockmoor. Mr. W. Waldron represented the widow and family. Mr. Thomas Green was the foreman of the jury.

Mrs. Annie Elizabeth *Jackson* said she was the widow of the deceased, who was 46 years old. He was a licensed victualler, and also managed a colliery for his father. At about half-past ten on Saturday morning witness took her husband a cup of coffee and a newspaper, he then being in bed. She asked him if he was going to get up, and he

replied that he would in a few minutes. She did not notice anything peculiar about him. Witness then left the room, and went downstairs, and a quarter of an hour afterwards she heard a bump, which in her opinion at the time sounded like a falling chimney. She immediately rushed upstairs for the two children, who were in the same room as her husband was in. The room was full of smoke, and she did not see her husband, but she managed to catch hold of the children, and carried them to the bottom of the stairs, and there met William Andrews, who went up. She did not know that her husband was in the habit of carrying explosives about him, but she had seen him with some caps, which he carried with him. Witness had no knowledge whether her husband did the blasting operations at the colliery.

The Coroner: I think it is customary for the under ground managers to see to that.

Mr. Waldron: The deceased was the under ground manager.

The Coroner: Had he had any bother or trouble about money? – Witness: Yes, sir; we had the bailiffs in.

At that time? – Yes, sir.

What was the amount of debt, do you know? – About £36, I think.

Did he appear to be queer in his manner – No.

By Mr. Waldron: There were three beds in this room, one of the children being in the bed where her husband was, and the second child in another bed. When she took the coffee and newspaper up her husband seemed cheerful enough, and had been for some considerable time past. She had seen nothing different in his demeanor.

Mr. Waldron: It was nothing new for him to have a bit of trouble about money matters? – No, he has had a bit lately.

So it didn't worry him very much? – No.

When you went upstairs did you see the body at all? – No, sir.

Continuing to reply to questions by Mr. Waldron, Mrs. Jackson said she afterwards found that Dr. Taylor had been sent for.

Mr. Waldron: There is no question that the children were in the room at the time of this unfortunate accident to your husband? – Witness: They were.

They are aged two and three years respectively? – Yes.

William Andrews, roller, stated that on Saturday last he was outside the BROCKMOOR HOUSE INN, and about twenty minutes to eleven he heard a noise, as though an explosion, coming from the house, and at the same time the glass from one of the bedroom windows fell into the street. He went into the house and went upstairs. The room was full of smoke, and witness could not see his hand before him. He discovered the body of Mr. Jackson on the room floor at the far end of the room from the window, his feet being toward the foot of the bed. Witness noticed the shattered state of the body.

Mr. Waldron remarked that he had Dr. Taylor present, and if the coroner did not call him he should do so in order that he might give evidence.

The witness, Andrews, replying to Mr. Waldron, said deceased had got his trousers on, and also his shirt, which was partially blown away. Witness noticed that the trouser pocket had been blown away.

By the Foreman: Witness did not understand much about dynamite or gelatine, but the smoke gave off a queer, sharp smell.

The Foreman remarked that the explosive would be gelatine, which gave off a smoke sharp to the nose.

Mr. L. A. Taylor, surgeon, Brierley Hill, said he was called in to see the deceased's body at about half-past twelve on Saturday. The body had been moved into one corner of the room and placed on a bed. Deceased had some combinations on at the time. His trousers had been removed, and witness found that a portion of the combinations on the left side had been torn away, and which corresponded to the injuries. The whole of the left side of the abdominal wall was blown away, and the tissues below the chest were also blown away. Several ribs were broken and one portion of the ribs he found he found lying on the floor.

By the Coroner: All the injuries he found were above the hip but they were more severe in the abdomen and chest.

The Foreman: Do you know anything of the nature of explosives? – Witness: I have a rough idea.

Is the tendency of gelignite an upwards or downwards tendency? – I cannot tell you that from my own knowledge.

The Coroner (to the foreman): Perhaps you can tell that. – The Foreman: It is both, unless there is something to resist.

Mr. Waldron asked Dr. Taylor what was his view as to the cause of death? – Dr. Taylor: I should think that probably he had the explosive in his trouser pocket.

The Coroner: That is a matter for the jury.

Mr. Waldron: Did you see the trousers? – Dr. Taylor: No, I think the trousers had been taken away.

You were told the pocket was blown off? – Yes, I was told that the pocket had been blown away. There was a hole

in the woolen underclothing.

These explosives can go off in two ways, either by concussion or by heat? – I have been told so.

The Coroner: You don't know? – Dr. Taylor: No, I don't know myself.

Mr. Waldron: Might I ask the doctor, as a skilled witness, as to whether he considers this was an accident? – The

Coroner: It's only a quest for facts; he cannot say.

Mr. Waldron remarked that no one could prove the actual facts.

The Coroner said Mr. Waldron might ask the question if he liked, but he personally thought the jury capable of judging.

Mr. Waldron: He has formed an opinion.

The Coroner: Ask him.

Mr. Waldron then asked Dr. Taylor to give the opinion he had formed.

Dr. Taylor replied that he was told the deceased had caps in his pocket, and he assumed that to be true. Then when deceased got out of bed he would proceed to put his trousers on, and the pulling them on would create friction, which, combined with the heat of his body, would be sufficient to explode an explosive in his pocket, and cause the accident. Further, he considered the explosive took a direction which blew away the abdominal wall.

The Coroner: You are assuming two facts in that case, viz., that he had caps in his trouser pocket, and also he had an explosive in his pocket?

Dr. Taylor said he was told that such was the case, and he was giving his opinion on the accuracy of that assumption.

Mr. Waldron: You form your opinion from data placed before you? – Dr. Taylor: Yes.

The Foreman: I understand you have not seen the pocket? – Dr. Taylor: No.

And you don't understand the nature of gelatine or gelignite? – I said I only had a rough idea of what it was.

Have you ever seen a cap? – Not that I know of.

And how do you get your opinion that friction would fire a cap, or that that friction to a cap would fire gelignite?

– It is not my opinion; I have been told it was.

Assuming that a cartridge had been in his pocket and had exploded, would it have damaged the thigh where the pocket is? – That would depend upon the position of the pocket. I think it would have accounted for the injuries as they were.

Will you explain to the jury how an explosive in the pocket coming in contact with friction, or the heat of the body would affect the chest? – Because the direction of the explosive was upwards and outwards.

If it was upward and outward, why did it not affect his lower part? – It would have to go down in order to do that.

The Foreman remarked it was an understood thing it did go down.

Dr. Taylor: If he pulled his trousers with a jerk the direction would more likely be upwards than downwards.

The Foreman here picked up a piece of gelignite, which Police-constable Tetlow had found in the bedroom amongst other things.

The Coroner asked if it would go off, and was not assured by the foreman of the jury it would not.

Mr. Waldron: It may go off by concussion, or by heat; I hope it won't go off.

A Juryman (Mr. Thomas Davies) asked if Dr. Taylor thought it possible the sample of gelignite to explode itself?

– Dr. Taylor: I have no technical knowledge of the explosives.

Mr. Waldron remarked that there was no suggestion that it did not explode of itself; there were two reasons given – friction caused by the jerking of the trousers, and the heat of the body.

The Coroner said he would call the foreman as a witness, he appearing to possess practical knowledge.

Mr. Thomas Green, the foreman of the jury, was then sworn. He said he was a millwright engineer, and had extensive dealings with explosives for 25 years, and amongst other explosives he dealt with gelignite and dynamite.

The sharp character of the smoke to the nose of those visiting the room was a sure sign that the explosive was gelignite. The heat of the body would never explode a cap.

The Coroner: Would the heat of a body be likely to explode a gelignite cartridge? – Mr. Green: No, sir; it's the safest way to temper it. He further explained that it was nothing more or less, when the explosion occurred, than an electric shock. In this case there would be nothing in the atmosphere to show its resistance. It would be different if he had it upon a piece of iron; in that case there would be resistance.

The Coroner: All injuries were above the hip? – Mr. Green: Yes.

Supposing that the cartridge had been in the trouser pocket, or had been exploded by the trousers being pulled on, would you not have expected some injuries on the hip? – Yes, if the pocket was in its usual place. It would have to be in the breast pocket to cause the injuries where they were.

You expect from the injuries being up here (pointing to the breast and abdomen) where the cartridge would be? – Yes it would be somewhere about there.

Somewhere over the heart? – Yes.

Mr. Waldron said that could not be so, according to the medical evidence as to the nature of the injuries.

Mr. Green said that the blow had been exactly on the side.

The Coroner: Is it a rule for these people in collieries to carry explosives about with them? – Yes.

To their homes? – No, not to their homes.

Mr. Waldron: But lots of workmen do take them away? – Mr. Green: Yes, no doubt they do. In frosty weather, in winter, it is necessary to temper it, that is to agitate the nitro-glycerine, and you do that by heat. The company always advise warming pans, but of course, they are a trouble. They put the explosives in the pocket, and the heat of the body will bring it up nicely.

The Coroner: Won't it explode? – Mr. Green: Not under those circumstances.

The Coroner: Is it usual to carry cartridges about – Mr. Green: Yes, sir, and I fully intended bringing some up with me to show you.

The Coroner: Oh, leave it behind – (laughter).

Mr. Green: It's the most harmless explosive known.

The Coroner: It's harmed this man at any rate.

A Juryman (Mr. Allchurch) observed that from his personal knowledge it was usual for men engaged in mines to carry explosives about.

Mr. Waldron put questions to Mr. Green as to the reliability of the explosive, asking if it was always certain to take the direction required.

Mr. Green replied that Nobel's was always reliable, but the German was not, nor other improper makes.

Mr. Waldron (pointing to the parcel of gelignite in the room): Is that Nobel's? – Mr. Green: No, it's a foreign make.

Is it not English make? – No. I call it bogus.

It is not what it ought to be, you mean? – The owner, whoever it is, is ashamed of his name.

There is no name upon it? – No.

Therefore there is an element of doubt as to what it really would or would not do in exploding? – Yes, but that can soon be tested; I will show you if you like.

So far as Nobel's is concerned, it would be known definitely as to which course it would take? – Yes, Nobel's and Kynoch's are perfectly made.

You would be pretty sure as to what direction it would go? – They would all go the same direction.

Is it fair to put it to the jury that concussion and heat would produce an explosion? – Concussion would, but not heat.

Mr. Waldron: Then you don't agree with the authorities?

Mr. Green remarked that his answer referred to the heat of the body. If the explosion took place from heat, there would be none of the cartridge remaining, and exactly the same thing would occur from concussion, in case it was got up to the proper temperature to explode.

The Coroner: Supposing the cartridge did explode, would you expect whether the cartridge was Nobel's or Kynoch's, or any other, the result to be as you find in this case? – Mr. Green: Exactly, and if it had been a hard substance instead of a soft substance the building would have suffered. It being a soft substance there is no resistance. If it had been an iron body next to the explosive, the building would have gone.

Mr. Waldron: There is no doubt about that.

Mr. Green said he would like to have the coroner's permission to show the effects. He thereupon broke a piece of gelignite from off the bulk in the possession of Police-constable Tetlow, and putting it on a penny on the floor, asked for a match.

The Coroner: No, I won't have it. You people who are in constant contact get careless, and you think nothing can make it go off.

Mr. Green: I would have liked to have shown you this.

The Coroner: No thank you.

Police-constable Tetlow said he was called to the deceased's house at 10.40 on Saturday, and upon going upstairs found the deceased there. The room was nearly full of smoke. Deceased lay on his back between the bed and wall, and was quite dead. He agreed with the doctor's evidence as to the nature of the injuries. Mr. Jackson had got his trousers, pants, and socks on, and the shirt and undershirt. The top of the trousers on the left-hand side was completely blown away above the pocket. Close to deceased's legs, witness found the cartridge produced. He searched the body, and in the right-hand trouser pocket he found the cap produced. (This was about an inch long, used for inserting in the explosive). Among the shattered portion of the body, witness picked up an empty match box. Deceased's jacket and vest were hanging on the bedstead near to the body. Witness also found the pieces of fuse produced, and a number of letters and papers relating to money matters. These showed that the man was in

difficulties, practically all bills being unpaid. The County Court bailiff was in possession of the goods at the time.

By Mr. Waldron: He had known the man eighteen months, and he always seemed cheerful and jolly.

A Juryman (Mr. E. W. Ecclestone) asked whether the bills all referred to the business of the house, or to the colliery at which he was manager.

Police-constable Tetlow said the bills referred to the house and colliery, those of the colliery belonging to deceased's father.

Mr. Waldron asked the coroner, in summing up, to direct the jury to disabuse their minds of anything they might have seen in the newspapers.

The Coroner said he was sure the jury would not think of the newspaper reports, and that they would decide according to the evidence given that day. He had seen one or two short newspaper paragraphs himself, but not very much, and he dared say they had seen more than he had, but he was sure they would decide the case in accordance with the evidence they had had adduced to them that morning. He would ask the jury to first of all tell him whether they thought he committed suicide, and if they did find that he committed suicide, whether at the time he was temporarily insane. Those were the three issues they had to decide. They had the evidence of Mrs. Jackson, who said that at 10.30 on Saturday morning deceased was in bed, and said he was going to get up in a few minutes, and that he seemed his usual self. She left the room and shortly afterwards there was an explosion, and running upstairs she found the room full of smoke. Mrs. Jackson also said the bailiffs were in the house for a debt of £36. He had no doubt that so far as this particular explosive went the jury were more capable of dealing with it than he was, several of them had appeared to be practical men, and had a knowledge of these explosives. It was evident that the deceased was in a position to have access to these explosives in his business capacity, and no doubt the evidence of Mr. Green was correct when he stated that these cartridges were often carried about by people who were going to use them. It was a fact that the deceased was in monetary difficulties, and at the moment the bailiffs were in the house. The question how this cartridge should have exploded when it did, unless he did it himself, was rather a difficult one to understand. He would ask them to consult amongst themselves, and tell him first of all whether they thought it was not an accident, and if they thought it was not an accident, whether it was suicide, and if it was suicide, whether at the time the deceased did it he was, in consequence of trouble or other circumstance, temporarily insane and did not know what he was doing.

Mr. Waldron suggested it would be impossible for the deceased to put it there, because if so the hand must have been blown off.

The Coroner: I don't think that; it is all a question of theory. The cartridge might have exploded without his hand being there. The jury have heard your suggestion.

Mr. Hickman (a juryman): As far as I am concerned, I think it was an accident.

The jury consulted in private for a few minutes, and afterwards the foreman told the coroner that the jury considered that through insufficient evidence they could not say how the explosion took place.

Mr. Waldron: Then that is Accidental Death.

The Coroner: Quite so.

A verdict was returned accordingly."

1901 Census

17, High Street, Brockmoor

[1] *Annie E. Jackson* (38), licensed victualler, born Pensnett;

[2] *Harry Homer* (14), son, forge labourer, born Bowling Green, Worcestershire;

[3] *Mabel Jackson* (7), daughter, born Brockmoor;

[4] *Kathleen Ruth Jackson* (6), daughter, born Brockmoor;

[5] *Joseph John Jackson* (4), son, born Brockmoor;

[6] *Evelyn Jackson* (2), daughter, born Brockmoor;

[7] *William Ezekiel Jackson* (18), stepson, general labourer, born Brockmoor;

[8] *Maria Jones* (46), aunt, cook, born Brockmoor;

[9] *Ann Bradley* (69), friend, seamstress, born Church Hill, Worcestershire:

County Express 7/9/1901

“Mr. Waldron, on behalf of Mr. William L. Jackson, of the BROCKMOOR HOUSE INN, Brockmoor, asked the approval of the magistrates to a plan for the re-building of this public-house. Owing to mining subsidence, he said, the house had been so damaged that it was unsafe for habitation, and Mr. Jackson felt that now the subsidences had ended, and there was no more danger, he should re-build the house on the old foundations. There would be no extension of the licensed area at all, in fact the situation would not admit to any extension.

Mr. Superintendent Spendlove said it was absolutely essential that the house should be re-built; it was a disgrace to the place in its present state.

The Bench approved the plan.”

[The new establishment is situated on the opposite side of Station Road.]

Tipton Herald 28/3/1903

“Under the auspices of the Local Order of Free Gardeners a benefit concert was given on Monday evening at the BROCKMOOR HOUSE INN. Councillor H. T. Williams presided and there was a large attendance. The musical programme was contributed to by Mr. J. Price (vocalist), Mr. Fletcher (humorist), and the Aeolian Glee singers. The proceedings from the concert will be given to a man named Davies, who has been out of work for some time. It is expected that a good sum will be realized.”

Tipton Herald 3/10/1903

“George James, Station Road, Brockmoor, was charged with being drunk on licensed premises on the 21st ult. PC Ledward stated that on the 21st ult he visited the BROCKMOOR HOUSE INN, where he found the defendant very drunk. The landlord said he had requested him to leave, but he had refused to do so. Defendant had not been supplied with beer. Witness told the defendant he had better get away home, which he did. Fined 2s 6d and costs.”

Tipton Herald 22/5/1909

“Mr. T. Allan Stokes, coroner for South Staffordshire, held an inquest at the BROCKMOOR HOUSE INN, Brockmoor, on the body of Laura Phoebe Bullock, aged 5 months, daughter of Mark and Phoebe Bullock, of 46, Station Road, Brockmoor, on Tuesday.

The evidence of the mother went to show that her husband was a haulier, and that the infant was put to bed on Sunday night about half past nine and slept with two other children, aged 13 and nine years. Mrs. Bullock retired to rest at ten o'clock, and slept in a bed adjoining. About five o'clock on Monday morning she heard the deceased cry, and gave it a bottle of milk. One of the other children was sleeping with its head at the foot of the bed, and the other at the other end, and the clothes were dragged off the baby. After rearranging the clothes, witness went to sleep, and at six o'clock found the infant dead on the side of the pillow, and the other children in exactly the same position as she found them an hour previous. She did not notice that the infant was discoloured on the back.

The Coroner: From what you saw the child could not be overlain?

Witness: No, it looked to me that she had had a fit, as her hands were clenched.

A juryman said the child had been delicate from birth and Mrs. Bullock replied that that was so, but that it had not been attended by a doctor.

The Coroner: How many children have you had?

Witness: Sixteen.

The Coroner: How many are there alive?

Witness: Eight.

Witness explained that four had been born dead, another had died from inflammation, and a further one from bronchitis after living five weeks.

The Coroner said if the jury believed the woman the child could not have died from being overlain, and it was for them to come to a conclusion as to the cause of death. There did not appear to be anything suspicious about the matter, and he did not think a post mortem examination was necessary.

The jury came to the conclusion that the child died from Natural Causes, probably a fit.”

1911 Census

48, Station Road

[1] *David Round* (39), hotel manager, born Oldbury;

[2] *Sarah A. Round* (47), married 11 years, born Kingswinford;

[3] *Nancy E. Round* (7), daughter, born Brierley Hill;

[4] *Sarah Smith* (68), mother in law, widow, born Dudley;

[5] *Sarah Beckley* (20), general servant, born Kingswinford:

David Round – check also BOTTLE AND GLASS, and KINGS ARMS.

Alfred Chuter married *Victoria Warren*.

It closed in June 1989.

It reopened as a Holt, Plant and Deakin pub in July 1989, after a refurbishment costing £120,000.

Fred Trick was an ex naval chef.

He was married to *Clare*.

See also WALL HEATH TAVERN.

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BROWN JUG

Round Oak, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

George Wilkes [1865]
John Hyde [1866]
John Williams [1869]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

Stourbridge Observer 17/6/1865

“At the Police Court on Thursday, *George Wilkes*, landlord of the BROWN JUG beerhouse, Round Oak, was charged with having committed an assault upon Amelia Rowley, a single woman, with intent to ravish her. Mr. Corbett, of Kidderminster, defended.

From the evidence of the complainant, it appeared that the young woman was in the habit of going to the defendant's house on Fridays to assist in cleaning the place and doing other work. On the 8th ult., she went to defendant's house as usual, at about half past five o'clock in the morning, and defendant let her in. He afterwards committed the assault complained of, and behaved in a most gross manner. Complainant did not take out a summons against him until some days afterwards, as her father was away from home at the time. After hearing the remarks of Mr. Corbett for the defence, Mr. Spooner said that it was clearly a case for conviction under the Masters and Servants Act. The girl had gone in to the house of defendant, who was a married man and felt naturally every confidence that he would treat her properly, as she had been in the habit of going there for five or six months. Defendant had taken advantage of her position, and had behaved in such a way as to deserve a most severe chastisement. He must therefore pay a fine of £10 and costs, or go to prison for three months and be kept to hard labour. The fine was immediately paid.”

Stourbridge Observer 4/8/1866

“On Monday last, at the Public Office, *John Hyde*, landlord of the BROWN JUG INN, Round Oak, was charged by Superintendent Mills with allowing gambling in his house on the 18th ult. The case was clearly proved, and the defendant was fined 10s and costs.”

Stourbridge Observer 3/7/1869

“*John Williams*, landlord of the BROWN JUG, was charged by Superintendent Mills with keeping his house open for the sale of beer after the hour of eleven o'clock on the night of the 23rd ultimo.

Police-sergeant Carroll proved the offence.

Superintendent Mills said he had received several complaints, but had not been able to detect defendant.

Fined 40s and costs - £2 10s 6d.”

BRUNELS

Waterfront East, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

David Peter Williams [2001]

BULLS HEAD

86, (13), Bull Street, (Bull Lane), Silver End, Brettell Lane, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Messrs. Smith and Hodnett, Kingswinford [1886]
Smith and Williams [c. 1916]
Julia Hanson and Son Ltd. (acquired on 2nd July 1934)
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.
Gordon Haverson
Black Country Traditional Inns [2008]

LICENSEES

Thomas Lane [1845]
Joseph Sutton [1851] – [1854]
Thomas Pearsall [] – **1857**);
Samuel Bird (**1857** – []
Joseph Baker [1860] – **1891**);
Mrs. Sarah Ann Baker (**1891** – **1896**);
Josiah Shaw (**1896** – **1897**);
William Shaw (**1897** – **1898**);
David Jewes (**1898** – **1905**);
Alfred Holt (**1905** – **1914**);
James Henry Dawes (**1914** – **1918**);
William Baker (**1918** – **1921**);
Lawson Butler (**1921** – **1923**);
Albert Benjamin Haddon (**1923** – **1926**);
Ernest Albert Shorthouse (**1926** – **1927**);
Edward Gough (**1927** – **1928**);
Ernest Harry Bowen (**1928**);
Fred Harold Hunting (**1928** – **1929**);
John Charles Cox (**1929** – **1930**);
James Henry Dawes (**1930** – **1939**);
John Thomas Davis (**1939** – **1940**);
William James Taylor (**1940** – **1949**);
William Lowe (**1949** – **1952**);
Leonard Bowes (**1952** – **1955**);
Reginald Herbert Booton (**1955** – **1956**);
Jesse James Dowler (**1956** – **1958**);
Harold Richard Humphries (**1958** – []
A Allcroft [1983]
Gordon Haverson (**1986** – []
Ron Hillman [1988]
Jane Tonks [] – **2013**);
Nigel Brian Salisbury (**2013** – [2014]

NOTES

13, Bull Street [1891], [1901]
Bull Lane [1934]
86, Bull Street [1940]

Thomas Lane was also a maltster. [1845]

1851 Census

Bull Lane – BULLS HEAD

- [1] *Joseph Sutton* (39), glassmaker and innkeeper, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Eliza Sutton* (37), wife, born Belbroughton;
- [3] *Matilda Sutton* (12), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *William Sutton* (10), son, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Emma Sutton* (7), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Emma Patrick* (16), house servant, born Pidmere, Worcestershire:

Joseph Sutton was also a professional spring jumper.

1861 Census

Bull Lane – BULLS HEAD

- [1] *Joseph Baker* (34), victualler, born West Bromwich;
- [2] *Sarah Baker* (44), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Thomas Baker* (7), son, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Mary Ann Baker* (5), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *John Baker* (2), son, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Ann Baker* (66), widow, housekeeper, born Broseley:

1871 Census

Bull Street – BULLS HEAD

- [1] *Joseph Baker* (46), victualler, born West Bromwich;
- [2] *Sarah Baker* (55), wife, born Worcester;
- [3] *Thomas Baker* (17), son, labourer, born Wordsley;
- [4] *Mary Ann Baker* (15), daughter, born Wordsley;
- [5] *John Baker* (13), son, born Wordsley:

1881 Census

Brettell Lane

- [1] *Joseph Baker* (56), licensed victualler, born West Bromwich;
- [2] *Harriett Baker* (60), wife, born Hereford;
- [3] *John Baker* (22), son, labourer, born Wordsley;
- [4] *Sarah Baker* (20), daughter in law, born Wordsley;
- [5] *Rebecca Baker* (6), granddaughter, scholar, born Wordsley;
- [6] *Harriett Baker* (10 months), granddaughter, born Wordsley;
- [7] *Annie Brown* (16), domestic servant, born Brierley Hill:

Sarah Ann Baker = Sarah Ann Barker

1891 Census

13, Bull Street – BULLS HEAD

- [1] John Baker (32), iron moulder, born Buckpool;
- [2] Sarah Ann Baker (30), wife, born Buckpool;
- [3] Harriet Baker (10), daughter, scholar, born Brettel Lane;
- [4] Joseph Baker (9), son, scholar, born Brettel Lane;
- [5] William Baker (7), son, scholar, born Brettel Lane;
- [6] Mary Ann Baker (5), daughter, scholar, born Brettel Lane;
- [7] John H/ Baker (3), son, scholar, born Brettel Lane:

County Express 28/7/1900

“On Tuesday Mr. T. Allen Stokes (coroner) held an inquest at the BULLS HEAD, Brettell Lane, relative to the death of Elizabeth Tolley (43), single woman, of Forge Row, Bull Lane. The evidence showed that about five o’clock the deceased was at the tea table at her home, and was seen to fall and expire immediately. A verdict of ‘Death from Natural Causes’ was returned.”

1901 Census

13, Bull Street - BULLS HEAD INN

- [1] David Jewes (60), licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] Mary Ann Jewes (60), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] William Jewes (23), son, haulier, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] Eli Jewes (17), son, boot finisher, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] William Longmore (64), brother in law, widower, brickyard labourer, born Brierley Hill;
- [6] Mary Maria Attwood (25), general servant, born Brierley Hill:

1911 Census

Bull Street – BULLS HEAD

- [1] Alfred Holt (57), collier’s winder and licensed victualler, born Kingswinford;
- [2] Isabella Holt (62), wife, married 35 years, assisting in business, born Quarry Bank;
- [3] Sarah Holt (27), daughter, assisting in business, born Wordsley;
- [4] Arthur Holt (30), son, general carpenter, born Careless Green, Lye;
- [5] George F. K. Whestley (35), lodger, general haulier, born Chivers Coton, Nuneaton;
- [6] Dora Louisa Wheatley (32), wife, married 8 years, born Kingswinford;
- [7] Frank Wheatley (7), son, born Wednesbury:

Alfred Holt – check also ROYAL OAK.

County Express 6/1/1917

“DIVIDEND CLUBS

BULL’S HEAD, Brettell Lane.– The dividend amounted to £1 2s 10d per member, and was deemed very good. After an excellent supper Mr. H. Darby was voted to the chair and Mr. E. Cartwright to the vice-chair, and a most pleasant evening was spent. The host and hostess (Mr. and Mrs. J. Dawes) and the firm (Messrs. Smith and Williams and Co., Ltd.) were thanked. Mr. J. Cook (secretary) announced that the club would re-commence today.”

Conveyance dated 2/7/1934

“All that messuage or public house with the stable and outbuildings known by the sign of the BULLS HEAD INN situate in Bull Lane Brettell Lane Brierley Hill aforesaid And Also All That cottage adjoining thereto and which forms part of the BULLS HEAD INN occupied by J. H. Dawes And Also All That messuage or dwelling house with the outbuildings adjoining the said last mentioned messuage and now or late in the occupation of Postings.”

Demolished
It was rebuilt in 1937.

It closed in 1985.

Express and Star 18/12/1985

“Application for change of use from pub to light industrial with ancillary offices.”

- This application was made prior to selling the pub to *Gordon Haverson*.

It reopened in 1986.

Ron Hillman was married to *Phyllis*.

Nigel Salsbury – see also *GEORGE GALLAGHER, WAGGON AND HORSES, Stourbridge, BOAT, Old Hill, THREE FURNACES, Old Hill.*

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BULLS HEAD

132, Pensnett Road, (Brockmoor Bridge), (Brockmoor Wharf), (1, Commonsides), PENSNETT

OWNERS

Stourbridge Navigation Co. [1822], [1900]
Thomas Lloyd [1886]
Elwell, Williams (acquired on 11th July 1901)
Smith and Williams (acquired c. 1916)
Julia Hanson and Son Ltd. (acquired on 2nd July 1934)
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

LICENSEES

John Turner [1818]
John Turley [1829]
William Sansom [1834] – [1845]
John Holloway [1849] – [1850]
Thomas Goodman [1854]
John Griffiths []
Isaiah Hunt [1861] – [1870]
Michael Haines [] – **1869**;
Thomas Harris (**1869 – 1871**);
Keziah Harris (**1871 – 1880**);
Isaac Fletcher (**1880 – 1884**);
Mrs. Sarah Fletcher (**1884 – 1885**);
Samuel Sadler (**1885 – 1900**);
William Yates (**1900 – 1933**);
Ellen Jane Yates (**1933 – 1934**);
Gladys Julia Hoare (**1934 – 1939**);
Thomas Hickman (**1939 – []**)
William Yates [1940]
William Cole [1940]
George Allen [1959] – [1966]
Andy Dunn (**1985 – []**)
Bill Husband (**1986 – []**)
John Welding [2001] – [2007]



NOTES

Brockmoor Bridge [1871], [1911], [1940]
1, Commonsides [1901]

John Turner was also a forge manufacturer. [1818]

John Griffiths – see also CASTLE AND FALCON, Dudley.

Stourbridge Observer 13/8/1870

“*Thomas Harris*, a boatman and publican, of the BULLS HEAD, Brockmoor, was fined 10s and costs, for allowing five drunken men to remain on his premises.

Police-sergeant Breton, who gave evidence in the case, affirmed that one of the men was so drunk that he lay in the empty fireplace, with his head up the chimney.”

1871 Census

BULLS HEAD

- [1] *Thomas Harris* (58), licensed victualler and boatman, born Tewkesbury;
- [2] *Keziah Harris* (49), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Joseph Longwell* (21), son, boatman, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Gains Longwell* (19), son, puddler, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Hannah Longwell* (17), daughter, general servant, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Thomas Longwell* (10), son, assistant boatman, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Emanuel Longwell* (10), son, assistant boatman, born Kingswinford;
- [8] *William Brown* (54), lodger, forge manager, born Kinfare, Staffordshire:

Stourbridge Observer 15/4/1871

“An inquest was held on Saturday last at the BULLS HEAD INN, Brockmoor Bridge, before W. H. Phillips, Esq, Deputy Coroner, touching the death of *Henry Davis*, a youth eleven years old, who was found dead in the Stourbridge Canal, on the previous Thursday.

From the evidence of *William Wood* it appears that deceased worked for him as a steerer in the boat in the canal, and on looking round for the deceased did not see him, and he surmised that he had fallen into the canal. Search was at once made, and after dragging the canal for an hour, found the body.

The jury returned a verdict of Found Drowned.”

Thomas Harris died in 1871.

1881 Census

Canalside – BULLS HEAD INN

- [1] *Isaac Fletcher* (60), publican, born Tipton;
- [2] *Sarah Fletcher* (60), wife, born Dudley:

1891 Census

Commonside – BULLS HEAD INN

- [1] *Samuel Sadler* (41), publican, born Dymock, Gloucestershire;
- [2] *Maria Sadler* (49), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] *James Longville* (21), stepson, boatman, born Derby;
- [4] *John Longville* (18), stepson, boatman, born Derby;
- [5] *Hannah Walters* (80), widow, boarder, born Hinksford;
- [6] *Joseph Mees* (25), son in law, general labourer, born Commonside;
- [7] *Mary Mees* (23), wife, born Hartshill;
- [8] *Mable Mees* (1), daughter, born Commonside:

County Express 27/10/1900

“Preliminary Advertisement. Freehold Properties In Stourbridge.

Freehold Fully-Licensed Premises, The BULLS HEAD INN, Brockmoor.

H. King & Son will Offer For Sale By Auction, on Friday, 23rd day of November, 1900, at the TALBOT INN, Stourbridge, at Five for Six o'clock in the Evening, subject to Conditions then to be produced, the following.....

(By Instructions from the Stourbridge Navigation Company).

The Fully-Licensed Premises, The BULLS HEAD INN, situate at Brockmoor Bridge, with Warehouse, Stabling, Outbuildings, etc., held on a lease which expires on 25th March, 1901. Solicitors, Messrs. Harwoods and Company, Stourbridge.

Further particulars in future advertisements.

Auctioneers Offices: High Street, Stourbridge. Telephone: 0197.”

1901 Census

1, Commonside

[1] *William Yates* (38), publican, born Bromley;

[2] *Ellen Yates* (36), wife, born Birmingham;

[3] *Joseph Yates* (10), son, born Pensnett;

[4] *Sarah Ann Homer* (24), housemaid, born Stourbridge:

1911 Census

1, Brockmoor Bridge – BULLS HEAD

[1] *William Yates* (48), licensed victualler, born Pensnett;

[2] *Ellen Jane Yates* (46), wife, married 21 years, born Birmingham;

[3] *Joseph Yates* (20), son, apprentice carpenter and joiner, born Pensnett;

[4] *Lillet Pagett* (17), general servant, born Pensnett:

County Express 28/10/1914

“An inquest was held on Wednesday at the BULLS HEAD INN, Commonside, before Mr. T. A. Stokes (coroner) concerning the death of Edward George Hodgkiss (27), 34, Church Street, Dudley, whose body was recovered from the Stourbridge Canal at Hay Wharf Bridge, Brockmoor, on Monday.

Lizzie Maud Hodgkiss said her husband was a telephone attendant. He had been in the RAMC, but was discharged in August as medically unfit. After dinner on Sunday he left in the best of health to visit some relatives at Brierley Hill, and promised to be back by 7pm.

The Coroner: Do you know any reason why your husband should commit suicide?

Witness: He did not drown himself. He was too happy and in no trouble whatever.

Witness added her husband could not swim.

William Jones, puddler, 17, Mullett Street, Bromley, said deceased, with his brother, visited witness on Sunday and left the FISH INN, Commonside, for home at 9pm.

Deceased said he would walk to Round Oak and catch the tram to Dudley. It was a black night. Witness and deceased brother walked some distance in front of deceased, and about 50 yards before reaching Hay Wharf Bridge witness called, and deceased replied, ‘All right, I’m coming.’ When over the bridge they called again, and receiving no reply witness returned as far as the FISH INN, but could not find him. Witness presumed he had altered his mind and had walked to High Oak to catch the tram from there.

The Coroner: Did he seem cheerful?

Witness: Yes sir, he was very cheerful, and enjoyed himself well during the afternoon and evening.

George Pritchard stated he recovered the body from the canal by the bridge on Monday morning. Witness left the body on the towing path and informed the police. Deceased was fully dressed, and had his hat on. The water was about 5ft 6in deep. Witness also recovered a walking stick from the canal on the other side of the bridge.

PC Ledward said he was informed of the recovery of the body at 7.45. He found no marks on it. Sunday night was very dark. No lamps in the vicinity were alight, and Bromley furnaces were not on. It would be very easy for a man to walk into the canal; the place was a very awkward one.

Mr. I. Woodcock (foreman) said the jury were strongly of the opinion that the Canal Company should erect some fencing to protect the public during the winter.

The Coroner remarked that they could not oblige the Canal Company to do so, but on a previous recommendation from them they did erect some fencing lower down the canal.

The jury returned a verdict of Accidentally Drowned, and added a rider that the Stourbridge Canal Company should be notified of the need for fencing.

Mr. Woodcock: And that it should be painted white.

Mr. Shakespeare (a juryman): If something is not done soon there will be more fatalities. A motor car will be the next to fall in.”

Conveyance dated 2/7/1934

“BULLS HEAD INN situate near Brockmoor Bridge near Brierley Hill aforesaid delineated on the plan endorsed on an Indenture made the Eleventh day of July One thousand nine hundred and one between the Company of Proprietors of the Stourbridge Navigation of the one part and Isaac Trevor Elwell, Harry French Williams, William Henry Smith, John Benton and Frederick Hipkiss of the other part.....”

Closed

It reopened as BREWSTERS in 1985, after a 7 month refurbishment.

Andy Dunn was married to Ros.

The name was changed back to BULLS HEAD. [1993]

It was gutted by fire in July 2001.
It reopened on 26th October 2001

[2008]

Closed [2009]

It was converted to housing. [2012]



2008

BUSH

Commonside, PENSNETT

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Abraham Evans [1829]
William Stokes [1834]
Abraham Evans [1835]
Benjamin Baker [1845] – [1850]
William Hardy [1851]
Caleb Hardy [1854] – [1858]
Emanuel Simkins [1860]
William Timmins [1862]
Caleb Hardy [1864] – [1865]
James Curran [] – **1865**;
Thomas Guest **(1865 – []**
Henry Perry [1868]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

Benjamin Baker was also a provision dealer. [1845]

Brierley Hill Advertiser 6/2/1858 - Advert

“Unreserved Sale at Commonside, Kingswinford. To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. H. E. Detheridge, on Monday next, February 8th 1858, the whole of the Household Furniture, Brewing Vessels, and Effects, comprising Windsor and other Chairs, Beds, Bedsteads, Mattresses, Sheets, Blankets, Eight-day and Thirty Hour Clocks, Chinese Glass, Sofa, Mahogany Chest of Drawers, Ale Tables, Forms, Iron Spittoons, excellent iron-bound Ale Casks, Wort Vats, Mash Tub, narrow-wheel Cart, sundry lot of Gearing, and other Effects, belonging to Mr. *Caleb Hardy*, who is giving up the public business.....”

Caleb Hardy, beer retailer, Commonside. [1864], [1865]

Stourbridge Observer 9/1/1869

“*Henry Perry*, landlord of the BUSH beerhouse, Commonside, was charged with keeping his house open for the sale of beer after the hour of 11.30pm, on the 29th ult. Sergeant Carroll proved the case, and defendant was fined 5s and costs; in default 14 days.”

UNRESERVED SALE AT COMMONSIDE,
KINGSWINFORD.

TO be SOLD by AUCTION, by Mr. H. DETHERIDGE, on Monday Next, February 8th, 1858, the whole of the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, BREWING VESSELS, and Effects, comprising Windsor and other Chairs, Beds, Bedsteads, Mattresses, Sheets, Blankets, Eight-day and Thirty-hour Clocks, Chimney Glass, Sofa, Mahogany Chest of Drawers, Ale Tables, Forms, Iron Spittoons, excellent iron-bound Ale Casks, Wort Vats, Mash Tub, narrow-wheel Cart, sundry lot of Gearing, and other Effects, belonging to Mr. Caleb Hardy, who is giving up the public business.
Sale to commence at Eleven o'clock in the morning.

Advert 1858

BUSH

High Street, QUARRY BANK

OWNERS

LICENSEES

NOTES

[1822]

CALEDONIA

Mousehall Farm Road, (Woods Lane), QUARRY BANK

OWNERS

Punch Taverns (acquired in 2001)

LICENSEES

Jon Maslen-Jones [1996]

NOTES

[1976]

[1998]

Closed [2001], [2002]

It was badly damaged by fire on 3rd June 2002.

CASTLE

High Street, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Joseph Rollinson [1854] – [1862]
James Ashton [1864] – **1868**;
James Smith (**1868** – [1870])

NOTES

Joseph Rollinson = Joseph Rowlinson

Brierley Hill Advertiser 11/1/1856 - Advert

“CASTLE INN, Brierley Hill. A money club will commence on Thursday, January 17th 1856, in shares of £25 each. Any person becoming a member will much oblige their obedient servant, *Joseph Rollinson*.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 17/5/1856

“The Annual Anniversary of Nelsonic Crimson Oaks Society was held at Mr. *J. Rollinson*'s CASTLE INN, Brierley Hill, when the members sat down to an excellent dinner, which was served up in a most satisfactory manner, and a very pleasant and convivial evening was spent, duly enlivened with some excellent singing.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 30/5/1857 - Advert

“Whitsun Holidays. You can now have your Portrait taken at half the usual Price, in consequence of a new discovery made by Messrs. Neil & Co, at Mr. *Rollinson*'s CASTLE INN, the only place in Brierley Hill where you can get a correct one taken. Parties about to have their Portraits taken should examine the Specimens exhibited at the above INN, and they will instantly see the superiority they possess over the many wretched abortions exhibited in this town and elsewhere.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 16/11/1857 - Advert

“At the CASTLE INN, Brierley Hill, Mr. *J. Rollinson* begs to announce that the annual Quadrille Party will commence on Tuesday evening next, November 17th 1857, dancing to commence at half past Seven o'clock. A full Quadrille Band will be in attendance. Admittance : Gentlemen 6d each.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 30/1/1858 - Advert

“CASTLE INN, Brierley Hill / Mr. *Rollinson* begs to announce that his Annual Ball will take place on Tuesday, February 2nd 1858.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 23/10/1858

“Brierley Hill Victoria Cricket Club. On Tuesday last the members of this club met for the purpose of playing their closing game for the season, but in consequence of the unfavourable state of the weather, the attendance was not large, nor the game concluded.

They afterwards adjourned to the CASTLE INN, for supper, after which the chairman read the balance sheet of the club, and it was found, to the great satisfaction of the members, that a handsome balance remained in hand for the commencement of the next season, notwithstanding the large outlay attendant upon the establishment of a club. The committee and officers were appointed for the ensuing season, and the members separated highly delighted with the energetic manner in which the whole had been carried out.”

Joseph Rollinson was also a builder. [1860]

1861 Census

High Street

- [1] Joseph Rollinson (46), publican, born Kingswinford;
- [2] Sophia Rollinson (42), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] _____ Rollinson (20), daughter, assistant to publican, born Kingswinford;
- [4] Hannah Rollinson (18), daughter, assistant to publican, born Kingswinford;
- [5] Lucy Rollinson (16), daughter, assistant to publican, born Kingswinford;
- [6] Sophia Rollinson (14), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [7] Joseph Rollinson (11), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [8] Phoebe Rollinson (8), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [9] Mark Rollinson (6), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;

Stourbridge Observer 30/7/1865

“James Ashton, landlord of the CASTLE INN, Brierley Hill, was summoned for a similar offence. [Encouraging drinking on a Sunday – 24th inst.]

Police-constable Hill deposed that on Sunday last he went to defendant’s house, and on going upstairs, he found two persons drinking; the landlord said, ‘I will give you half a sovereign to say nothing about this.’; witness said he must report it.

The Stipendiary [Isaac Spooner]: On the 17th March you were fined for allowing gambling in your house; I must mark my sense of duty in this case; before you had only to pay costs, letting you off lightly; now you are fined £5 and 9s 6d costs; I shall endorse your license with my signature.”

London Gazette 2/2/1869

“James Smith, of the CASTLE INN, High Street Licensed Victualler and Forge Manager, formerly of the BIRD IN HAND, Park Street having been adjudged bankrupt under a Petition filed in the County Court of Worcestershire, holden at Stourbridge, on 4th of January, 1869, a public sitting for the said bankrupt to pass his last Examination, and make application for his Discharge.....” - this was granted

Stourbridge Observer 17/7/1869

“.....In the Matter of James Smith of the CASTLE INN, High Street, Brierley Hill licensed victualler and forge manager, formerly of the BIRD IN HAND INN, Park Street, Brierley Hill aforesaid, licensed victualler, adjudged bankrupt on the 4th day of January, 1869.

An order of discharge will be delivered to the bankrupt after the expiration of thirty days from this date, unless an appeal be duly entered against the judgement of the Court, and notice thereof be given to this Court.

Dated 14th day of July, 1869, C. Evers, High Bailiff.”

CASTLE INN, BRIERLEY-HILL.

A MONEY CLUB will commence on Thursday, January 17th, 1856, in Shares of £25 each. Any person becoming a member will much oblige their obedient servant,
JOSEPH ROLLINSON.

Advert 1856

CASTLE INN, BRIERLEY-HILL.

THE Public are respectfully informed that a SICK CLUB will commence at the above Inn, on MONDAY, February 2nd, 1857. Any person becoming a member will much oblige,

Their obedient servant,

JOSEPH ROLLINSON.

Full particulars may be obtained at the bar.

Advert 1857

WHITSUN HOLIDAYS.

YOU can now have your Portrait taken at half the usual Price, in consequence of a new discovery made by Messrs. NEIL & Co., at Mr. ROLLINSON'S, CASTLE INN, the only place in Brierley-Hill where you can get a correct one taken. Parties about to have their Portraits taken should examine the Specimens exhibited at the above Inn, and they will instantly see the superiority they possess over the many wretched abominations exhibited in this town and elsewhere.

Advert 1857

CASTLE INN, BRIERLEY-HILL.

MR. ROLLINSON begs to announce that his ANNUAL BALL will take place on TUESDAY, February 2nd, 1858.

Advert 1858

CHURCH TAVERN

36, High Street (Highway Road) / Church Street, QUARRY BANK

OWNERS

William Showell and Sons (leased 22nd December 1884) (acquired 3rd September 1897) [1903]
Samuel Allsopp and Co. Ltd.
Ind Coope and Allsopp (leased from July 1935)
Ansells Ltd.
Holt, Plant and Deakin
Sue Whittall [1995]
S.A. Brain and Co. Ltd. (acquired in 1996)

LICENSEES

Daniel Williams [1854]
David Williams [1860] – [1861]
Herbert Hazlehurst [1862]
Nebo Cartwright [] – **1866**;
George Paskin **(1866 – 1875)**;
Charles Ward Tunnicliffe **(1875)**;
Silas Jones **(1875 – 1883)**;
Edward Taylor **(1883 – 1884)**;
William Stevens **(1884 – 1887)**;
Ann Protheroe **(1887 – 1890)**;
Harry James **(1890)**;
Levi Willetts **(1890 – 1896)**;
William Williams **(1896 – 1902)**;
Matthew Beard **(1902)**;
Benjamin Wilkinson **(1902 – 1904)**;
William Hayes **(1904 – 1908)**;
Percy Ronald Frost Handsaker **(1908 – 1910)**;
Richard Dimmock **(1910 – 1911)**;
David Eli Brooks **(1911 – 1920)**;
George Leach **(1920)**;
Alfred Homer **(1920 – 1935)**;
Albert Smith **(1935 – 1948)**;
Claude John Stevens **(1948 – 1958)**;
Brenda Rogers **(1958 – [])**
Mrs. Evelyn Rose Shepherd [1962] – **1966**);
James Henry Beckett **(1966 – 1971)**;
Irene Elsie Dunn **(1971 – 1977)**;
Ian Anthony David Borthwick **(1977 – 1979)**;
Alan William Preston **(1979 – 1981)**;
Roy John Kingsley **(1981 – 1982)**;
Jacqueline Emily Perrins **(1982 – 1984)**;
Irene Vera Trinder **(1984 – 1985)**;
Albert Percival Bacon **(1985 – 1992)**;
Janet Holt **(1992 – [1993])**
Paul Drury [1995]
Yvonne Jacqui Hunt [1998]
Mandy Jordan [2012] – [2014]



Advert 1984



1994

NOTES

It was known locally as "The Long Pull".

David Williams was also a builder.

1861 Census

Highway Road

- [1] *David Williams* (47), victualler and carpenter, born Dudley;
- [2] *Elizabeth Williams* (46), wife, born Cradley, Worcestershire;
- [3] *Lucy Raybould* (18), servant, born Cradley, Worcestershire:

London Gazette 13/4/1866

"*Nebo Cartwright*, late of the CHURCH TAVERN INN, Quarry Bank Innkeeper and Cordwainer, but now of Bower Lane having been adjudged bankrupt under a Petition for adjudication of Bankruptcy."

George Paskin = *George Paskins*

1871 Census

Turnpike Road – CHURCH TAVERN INN

- [1] *George Paskin* (39), publican and maltster, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Sarah M. Paskin* (39), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Hercules E. Hazlehurst* (11), nephew, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Elizabeth Stevens* (22), general servant, born Kingswinford:

1881 Census

High Street

- [1] *Silas Jones* (39), licensed victualler, CHURCH TAVERN, born Quarry Bank;
- [2] *Sarah Jones* (36), wife, born Quarry Bank;
- [3] *Annie Jones* (19), daughter, born Quarry Bank;
- [4] *Eliza Wilks* (19), domestic servant, born Dudley:

1891 Census

CHURCH TAVERN

- [1] *Ada Willetts* (35), unmarried, living on own means, born Quarry Bank;
- [2] *Levi Willetts* (28), brother, chainmaker and publican, born Quarry Bank;
- [3] *Alfred Willetts* (7), nephew, born Quarry Bank;
- [4] *Ernest Willetts* (9 months), nephew, born Quarry Bank;
- [5] *Alice Homer* (19), domestic servant, born Quarry Bank;
- [6] *Eliza Malpass* (23), domestic servant, born Quarry Bank:

Black Country Bugle (April 1995) – Pub of the Month

".....*Levi Willetts* kept the CHURCH TAVERN – noted as a popular 'tap' for Bloomers chainmakers, and despite its proximity to the church, was a 'gambling house' with *Levi* doing a bit of bookmaking on the side....."

County Express 10/3/1900

"On Monday an enquiry was held at the CHURCH TAVERN, by Mr. T. Allen Stokes (coroner), concerning the death of *Mary Ann Dudley*, widow, aged 79, of High Street, Quarry Bank. For several years the deceased had been weak, and at 7.30 on Saturday morning was given a cup of tea with a little whiskey in. Two hours later she died. A verdict of 'Death by natural causes' was returned...."

1901 Census

36, High Street – CHURCH TAVERN

- [1] *William Williams* (35), chain maker and publican, born Quarry Bank;
- [2] *Ada Williams* (39), wife. born Quarry Bank;
- [3] *Alfred Willetts* (16), stepson, carpenter and joiner, born Quarry Bank;
- [4] *Ernest Willetts* (10), stepson, born Quarry Bank;
- [5] *May Cartwright* (16), general servant, born Quarry Bank;
- [6] *Lizzie Shaw* (17), general servant, born Quarry Bank:

Tipton Herald 14/3/1903

“The adjourned licensing sessions

Mr. Waldron appeared for Messrs. Showell the owners of this house. He said that several alterations the Bench had suggested had been completed, and the owners were also prepared to adopt another suggestion he (Mr. Waldron) had made.

Mr. King (magistrates' clerk) said there were two convictions against this house, which Mr. Waldron might explain. Mr. Waldron said the firm had had the house 25 years, and the objection of continual changes of tenants did not apply. A tenant named *Wilfred* (sic) *Williams* was fined £5 for only a technical offence, and subsequently a man named *Beard* was fined £5 and costs. He applied for the renewal of the license because it was such a valuable house. The application was granted.”

1911 Census

36, High Street

- [1] *Richard Dimmock* (33), licensed victualler, born Dudley Wood;
- [2] *Annie Dimmock* (34), wife, married 14 years, born Old Hill;
- [3] *Elsie Guise* (18), general servant, born Quarry Bank;
- [4] *William Dimmock* (10), son, school, born Reddal Hill;
- [5] *Fred Dimmock* (8), son, born Reddal Hill;
- [6] *Frank Dimmock* (6), son, born Reddal Hill;
- [7] *Mary Dimmock* (3), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [8] *Jim Dimmock* (9 months), son, born Wednesbury:

County Express 29/11/1919

“At Brierley Hill Police Court, on Monday, *David Eli Brooks*, CHURCH TAVERN INN, Quarry Bank, was charged with suffering a lottery, to wit a sweepstake, to be carried on on his licensed premises on October 31st. He pleaded not guilty.

Mr. J. Walter Clulow prosecuted for the chief constable and Mr. Graham Millward (instructed by Messrs. Shakespeare and Vernon, Oldbury) defended.

Mr. Clulow said there was also a summons against a man named Poxon for aiding and abetting Brooks. On October 31st, at 7.10 p.m., PC Clark was at the back of the CHURCH TAVERN, and through the window saw a number of customers in the house, including Poxon, who was a discharged soldier out of work. Amongst persons seated were four named Bloomer, John Billingham, Perks and Benjamin Green, whilst Wm. Hayes, sen., a man of no occupation, was sitting against the counter. Brooks, the defendant, had in his hand two sheets of paper which he appeared to be reading to Poxon. On the counter Poxon had a large number of coupons, containing a list of numbers, cut out of a piece of cardboard. He was writing on them with a lead pencil. After Clark had watched for five minutes the yard back door opened so he decided to step into the room. Immediately he did so Poxon took the coupons off the counter; these contained the names of the different persons whose names were on the sheets; the sheets contained the names of the football matches being played. Brooks tried to hide the names underneath the counter lid, but Clark saw this and obtained possession from Brooks. Defendant said to the policeman: ‘You know the game Mr. Clark; it is no use me telling the tale; it is a football sweep. I have got it up for the customers. This is the first time I have ever done it, and we have not paid no money or received any yet. You have not seen any money pass.’ Clark replied that a public house was not the place to hold a football sweep. To this Brooks answered he would see it was a lesson to him. Poxon said it was his fault, and that he had started it.

Mr. Clulow said by putting the card coupons together there could be built up a considerable part of a card notice issued from Messrs. Showells Brewery relating to the prices etc., of spirits, in respect of their houses. Messrs. Showells were the owners, and he wished to say this firm had done everything they could to impress upon their managers the importance of keeping within the law. He wished also to draw attention to an extraordinary fact which and only been discovered at the eleventh hour. On the papers would be found the name 'Irene'; the landlord had a daughter, a schoolgirl, of this name, and evidence would be given that the handwriting on the sheets was this girl's. On the next evening Miss Sarah Brooks, defendant's barmaid and sister, went to the Quarry Bank Police Station, and saw PC Maisey, and in consequence of what she said Maisey went to the CHURCH TAVERN, when Brooks, in a conversation, said if Clark had reported the matter to his superintendent 'it had done it, and he was a ruined man.' Brooks also told him it was only a fortnight ago he received instructions from the firm to guard against bookmaking and the like. A sweepstake Mr. Clulow said, was a lottery, and a lottery was an unlawful game.

The Clerk: Is it necessary the lottery should actually have taken place.

Mr. Clulow: The Lord Chief Justice says 'No.'

PC Clark gave evidence bearing out Mr. Clulow's statement, and said there were 47 coupons containing the names of football teams. Amongst the names of persons on the list were several aliases to whom witness knew they referred, including 'Joe-Joe,' 'Elijah,' and 'Cat'. No.47 coupon bore the name of 'Irene', defendant's daughter.

PC Maisey gave evidence as to the conversation *Brooks* had with him the following night.

Miss Lily Price, a teacher in Quarry Bank Council School, was called as a witness and stated that the writing in the copy book produced was that of Irene Brooks, daughter of defendant, and a scholar in the school.

At this stage Mr. Millward said in addition to representing Messrs. Showells, he appeared for the defendant, and now that the facts had come out he thought it right that defendant should offer a plea of guilty. Two sums were marked paid on the list, and were the only amounts received. As it now transpired that the writing was in his own daughter's hand it was impossible for Brooks to keep up the attitude he had hitherto adopted. He had conducted the house most satisfactorily for nine years. Defendant was not aware of the law affecting sweepstakes; these were lawful in the roadway, but not on licensed premises. On behalf of Messrs. Showell learned counsel said they had done everything they could to prevent this sort of thing happening, because it endangered thousands of pounds worth of property. Quite recently the firm had written Brooks reminding him of the necessity for strict observance of all orders, rules and regulations, and particularly with regard to betting, etc.

The Bench considered the case a bad one. This sort of thing must be stopped. Defendant had been actually warned by his firm, and his eight or nine years' connection with the license ought to have taught him better than to indulge in this. He would be fined £10, distress, or 26 days. In the fine was included £1 for witness's and £4 for solicitor. Thomas Poxon, High Street, Quarry Bank, a discharged soldier, pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting Brooks in the commission of the offence.

Poxon, whom, PC Clark said was a very respectable man, was fined £1 or 11 days."

County Express 7/2/1920

"Licensing Sessions At Brierley Hill....

Mr. Graham Millward (instructed by Messrs. Shakespeare and Vernon) asked for the renewal of the license for the CHURCH TAVERN INN, High Street, Quarry Bank.

PC Clark said the former tenant was convicted in November for permitting gambling and was fined £10. Since the present tenant, George Leach had been there the house had been satisfactorily conducted.

Mr. Millward said it was clearly demonstrated that the owner Messrs. Showells Brewery, took the upmost precautions to prevent the kind of offence the former tenant was guilty of.

The license was renewed."

David Eli Brooks was described as a provision dealer, High Street. [1921]

Evelyn Shepherd married Ken Shepherd (manager of the Dudley Hippodrome).

Closed

It reopened as a Holt, Plant and Deakin pub on 10th December 1984.

Irene Vera Trinder – see also PLOUGH AND HARROW, Stourbridge.

Albert Bacon was born in Warley on 30th December 1934.
He was married to June (b. Rowley Regis).
He died on 20th March 2005.

Janet Holt's partner was Robert Boxley.

Paul Drury was given a 12 month jail sentence for stealing £6,950.83 in August 1998.
He was married to Lindsey.

It was renamed THREE SHOVELS in 1995

It was renamed NAILMAKER.

The name changed back to CHURCH TAVERN [2003]

[2015]



COACH AND HORSES

High Street, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Joseph Shakespeare [1849] – [1862]
Ann Addenbrooke [1864] – [1865]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

Joseph Shakespeare = Joseph Shakespear

Joseph Shakespear, beer retailer, Brierley Hill. [1849]
Joseph Shakespeare, beer retailer, Brierley Hill. [1850]

Brierley Hill Advertiser 17/1/1857

“This evening (Friday) between seven and eight o’clock, as Mr. *Joseph Shakespeare*, of the COACH AND HORSES INN, High Street, was crossing the top of Bank Street, he was knocked down by a horse and trap which was coming up Bank Street at a rapid pace, and very seriously injured. Being about the time of going to press we are unable to give full details.”

Joseph Shakespeare, retailer of beer, High Street. [1862]

COCK

Brettell Lane, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Thomas Brooks [1864]

NOTES

Stourbridge Observer 13/8/1864

“A young man named Walker, was charged with assaulting Mr. *Thomas Brooks*, landlord of the COCK INN, Brettell Lane.

Mr. *Brooks* swore that the defendant came into the house, kicked him, and promised to smash him. Defendant kicked in the panel of the door.

Mrs. Smith said she had been to Enville in company with the landlord and his wife. They were sat discussing the beauties of Lord Stamford's estate, when prisoner came in and assaulted the landlord.

The defendant called a man and a girl named Stafford, who swore the landlord was the aggressor.

The bench came to the conclusion that they considered them quite unworthy of belief, and fined the defendant 2s 6d, and 15s costs, or 14 days imprisonment.”

COCK

122, (76), (69), Moor Street, (Moor Lane), BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Isaiah Shakespeare [1854] – [1857]
Josiah Shakespeare [1860]
John Wood [1862]
George Brooks [1864] – **1868**);
Mary Adams (**1868** – []
Henry Adams [] – **1868**);
Caleb Hardy (**1868** – []
Henry Adams [] – **1869**);
William Moreton (**1869** – **1871**);
John Beasley (**1871** – []
Henry Price [] – **1872**);
John Poole (**1872** – **1876**);
Benjamin Raybould (**1876** – **1877**);
George Brown (**1877** – **1881**);
Joseph Wassell (**1881** – **1889**);
George Wassell (**1889**);
Frances Newton (**1889**);
Mary Ann Allchurch (**1889** – **1890**);
Frances Perry (**1890**);
Thomas Davis (**1890** – **1904**);
Thomas Plant (**1904** – **1909**);
Archibald Edgar Vale (**1909** – **1934**);
Henry Robbins (**1934** – **1935**);
James Powell (**1935** – **1936**);
Reuben Joseph Walker (**1936** – **1937**):

NOTES

Moor Lane [1857], [1864], [1867], [1872]
76, Moor Street [1873], [1881], [1891]
69, Moor Street [1904], [1911], [1912]
122, Moor Street [1916], [1921]

Brierley Hill Advertiser 4/4/1857

“*Isaiah Shakespeare*, landlord of the COCK INN, Moor Lane, was charged by Superintendent Mills with having his house open for the sale of beer before the hour of one o’clock on the morning of Sunday, the 22nd last. Police-constable Freeman found five or six men drinking together in a room. When discovered they endeavoured to secret the measures containing the liquor.

Mrs. *Shakespeare* appeared today, and in defence said that her son was married on the morning in question, and the parties in the house were friends who had been invited to the wedding.

Fined 5s and costs.”

**TO LET, with Immediate Possession, that
OLD-LICENSED PUBLIC-HOUSE, known as
the “Cock Inn,” Moor-lane, near Brierley Hill.—For
further information apply to F. and E. Jones, High-
street, Stourbridge.**

Advert 1869

Brierley Hill Advertiser 3/10/1857

“On Thursday afternoon an inquest was held before T. M. Phillips, Esq, coroner, at the COCK INN, in this town, over the body of Sarah Carter, Moor Lane, who was found dead in her house on the previous day. From the evidence given at the inquest, it transpired that deceased was in her usual health at six o’clock on Wednesday evening. Shortly after that time she was left alone in the house; and, upon the return of some party connected with the place, about seven o’clock, she was found lying dead on the floor, near to the kitchen. After all the particulars were gone through relative to the deceased, a verdict of Found Dead was returned.”

George Brooks = George Brooke

Stourbridge Observer 20/8/1864

“Benjamin Perry charged Thomas Dunn with an assault at the COCK public house, and defendant without the least cause or provocation whatever kicked him and left him for dead. He is an underhand puddler, and lives in Moor Lane, Brierley Hill.

The assault took place last Tuesday week at about half past ten at night. He and Mr. *Brooks*, the landlord of the COCK INN were having a few words when Dunn came in, and he said, ‘George go into him.’ *Brooks* then knocked him down and defendant kicked him when he was down. The two Staffords saw it all. He (complainant) became insensible and did not know anything till the next morning. He could not tell how he had got home. He owed the landlord for some beer. Dunn said, ‘It was like the rest of the b_____ puddlers.’ He had lost two days work through the injuries he had received.

David Stafford was present on the 3rd inst. He saw Briggs [*Brooks?*] knock the complainant down and Dunn kick him when he was down, and he came and struck him when they had picked him up. The blow he gave him on one side of the head made blood come out of the opposite ear.

Mr. George Wall, surgeon, of Brierley Hill, saw the complainant on the 4th of August. He had two very bad black eyes, and he complained of a pain at the stomach, but upon examination he could find no marks of violence. He certainly had received some violent blows on the head.

Sabarah Stafford was there and corroborated the evidence given by David Stafford.

Defendant deposed that he went into *George Brooks*’ last Tuesday week, and *Brooks* and Perry began to fight. The complainant struck at him also, and he (defendant) returned the compliment he had no doubt.

George Brooks was about to give evidence, when the Bench said as there was another case which had a bearing upon this, they would adjourn it until Monday week at Wordsley.”

Stourbridge Observer 19/10/1867

“*George Brooks*, landlord of the COCK INN. Moor Lane, was charged by Superintendent Mills with knowingly permitting drunkenness, and keeping a disorderly house on the 8th inst.

Police-constable Fairbanks said that he visited defendant’s house a little before two o’clock in the morning. There were about twelve persons in the house; one man lying down asleep, others in the act of fighting, and some of them cursing and swearing. The landlord was also drunk at the time. Witness cautioned the landlord about keeping such a disorderly house, and told him he would hear of it again. He visited the house again about a quarter past two, in company with another officer. There were four women in the house at the time. One of them, named Price, he knew to be a bad character. Witness did not know the other women.

Police-constable Mallen corroborated the last witness.

Defendant, in answer to the charge, said that it was a very wet night, and that there was no one drunk, as he had only filled two quarts of ale to the whole of the men. He knew them all to be respectable men and women.

Several witnesses were called for the defence. After hearing their evidence the Bench did not consider the case proved to their satisfaction, and dismissed it.”

Stourbridge Observer 3/4/1869 - Advert

“To Let, with Immediate Possession, that Old-Licensed Public House, known as the COCK INN, Moor Lane, near Brierley Hill. / For further information apply to F. and E. Jones, High Street, Stourbridge.”

Stourbridge Observer 30/10/1869

“Charles Fowler was charged by James Nicklin with assaulting him and stealing 7s from him on the 17th inst, at Moor Lane. Mr. Addison defended. Complainant said he lived at Mushroom Green. On the above date about eleven pm, he left the THREE CROWNS INN, Brierley Hill, with James Marsh and two young women.

Passed the defendant and eight other men, who caught them by the COCK INN. Defendant struck him, and 7s were knocked out of his hand, and some of them picked it up. Gave information to Police-constable Mee. Cross examined: Will swear that the defendant is the one who struck me. Have seen the two women. Did not ask them if they knew who it was that struck me. Had a quart of porter at *Naylor's* between the four of us. Don't know who picked the money up.

James Marsh said he was with complainant, on the above date in Moor Lane. Overtook nine young men. Were talking to them for about a quarter of an hour. Saw defendant strike complainant with his fist on the head, and then another man struck him.

Cross examined: Had been to *Naylor's*, and had a quart of porter. Went to the place where the women worked, and asked them if they knew who struck complainant.

Police-constable Mee said on the above date the complainant came to him with his eyes 'bunged up'.

In defence, Mr. Addison called Ann Holt, who said she lived in Moor Lane. On the above date, defendant met complainant and Marsh, who took them into the THREE CROWNS INN, and stopped there until eleven o'clock. Overtook several young men who were singing, and they laughed at them. They came up to complainant and asked him what he was laughing at, and began to fight. Saw defendant, who stood behind, and took no part in the quarrel. He did not pick the money up.

Eliza Roland corroborated last witness.

The Bench considered there was a doubt in the case, and dismissed it.”

William Moreton = William Morton

1881 Census

76, Moor Street – The COCK

[1] *George Brown* (35), publican, born Stafford;

[2] *Mary Brown* (39), wife, born Oakengates:

Thomas Davis = Thomas Davies

1891 Census

76, Moor Street

[1] *Thomas Davis* (39), glass maker and publican, born Brierley Hill;

[2] *Laury Davis* (38), wife, born Brierley Hill;

[3] *Harry J. Davis* (16), son, clerk, born Brierley Hill;

[4] *Mary A. Pearsall* (17), niece, dressmaker, born Brierley Hill;

[5] *Ada Bridgen* (16), lodger, dressmaker, born Brierley Hill:

1911 Census

69, Moor Street

[1] *Archibald Edgar Vale* (38), publican, born Wigmore, Hertfordshire;

[2] *Sarah Vale* (42), wife, married 5 years, assisting in business, born Coventry;

[3] *Alice Smith* (19), friend, barmaid, born Coventry;

[4] *Rose Dumtington* (16), general servant, born Brierley Hill:

Archibald Edgar Vale was secretary of the Brierley Hill Free Home Brewers' Association. [1921], [1934]

He was also a brewer. [1914], [1926]

The license was referred to Compensation Authority on 1st March 1937.

The house closed on 31st December 1937.

COCK +

BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

George Brown **(1887 - 1898)**

COMMERCIAL

36, Fenton Street, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Worcestershire Brewing and Malting Co. (acquired c.1905)
Kidderminster Brewery

LICENSEES

James Noden [1862]
John Scriven [1870] – **1878**);
Thomas Meese (**1878 – 1882**);
William Hudson (**1882 – 1885**);
David Gascoyne (**1885 – 1886**);
Eli Hines (**1886 – 1892**);
Owen Scriven (**1892**);
Joseph Blakeway (**1892 – 1899**);
Abel Beddard (**1899 – 1915**):

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Fendon Street [1862]

1871 Census

36, Fenton Street – COMMERCIAL INN

- [1] *John Scriven* (47), glass maker, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Eliza Scriven* (43), wife, born Dawley, Shropshire;
- [3] *Sarah Ann Scriven* (23), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Arthur Albert Scriven* (18), son, glass maker, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Lawrence A. Scriven* (16), son, glass maker, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Frederick James Scriven* (13), son, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Alfred Harry Amos Scriven* (11), son, born Kingswinford;
- [8] *Beatrice Amelia Scriven* (9), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [9] *Alice Tryphena Scriven* (6), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [10] *Edgar Wallace Scriven* (4), son, born Kingswinford;
- [11] *Ernest D. Scriven* (2), son, born Kingswinford;
- [12] *Margaret Maud M. Scriven* (6 months), daughter, born Kingswinford:

1881 Census

36, Fenton Street – COMMERCIAL INN

- [1] *Thomas Meese* (70), widower, licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Sarah Beddard* (62), widow, sister in law, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Sarah E. Allchurch* (7), visitor, scholar, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Eliza Morgan* (19), general servant, born Brierley Hill:

1891 Census

36, Fenton Street – COMMERCIAL INN

- [1] *Eli Hines* (44), licensed victualler, born Plymtree, Devon;
- [2] *Emily Hines* (41), wife, born Bewdley;
- [3] *William Hines* (16), son, shoe maker, born Cookley, Worcestershire;
- [4] *Charles Hines* (15), son, ironworker, born Cookley, Worcestershire;
- [5] *Beatrice Hines* (13), daughter, scholar, born Cookley, Worcestershire;
- [6] *Mary Ann Hines* (12), daughter, scholar, born Cookley, Worcestershire;
- [7] *Florence Hines* (10), daughter, scholar, born Cookley, Worcestershire;
- [8] *Eli Hines* (8), son, scholar, born Cookley, Worcestershire;
- [9] *Emily Hines* (6), daughter, scholar, born Cookley, Worcestershire;
- [10] *Matilda Bragger* (16), general servant, born Brierley Hill:

1901 Census

36, Fenton Street – COMMERCIAL INN

- [1] *Abel Beddard* (48), public house manager, born Brockmoor;
- [2] *Elizabeth Beddard* (45), wife, born Walsall;
- [3] *Florence S. J. Beddard* (24), daughter, assistant mistress, board school, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Sidney L. Beddard* (21), son, brewer's clerk, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *Ada Beddard* (18), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [6] *Gladys Beddard* (6), daughter, born Brockmoor:

1911 Census

36, Fenton Street

- [1] *Abel Beddard* (58), manager of inn, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Elizabeth Beddard* (55), wife, married 35 years, assistant in the business, born Walsall;
- [3] *Florence Beddard* (34), daughter, county council school assistant, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Gladys Beddard* (16), daughter, at home, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *Florence Garbett* (7), granddaughter, school, born Brierley Hill:

The license renewal was refused on 29th July 1914.

The license was extinguished on 4th January 1915.

COMMERCIAL

42, High Street / Cressett Lane, Brockmoor, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Jeremiah Gittins
Joseph Gittins, Rushall
David Dawes
North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1896)
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1909)

LICENSEES

James Gittings [1856] - **1869**);
Jeremiah James Gittings (**1869 - 1872**);
Phoebe Gittins (**1872 - 1875**);
Joseph Schiller (**1875 - 1879**);
Joseph Chambers (**1879**);
David Dawes (**1879 - 1897**);
Edward Evans (**1897 - 1898**);
Alfred Bradley Felton (**1898 - 1900**);
William Parfitt (**1900 - 1901**);
Thomas Henry Maybury (**1901 - 1902**);
Ernest Garner (**1902**);
Edward Fletcher Jnr. (**1902 - 1903**);
Samuel Homer (**1903 - 1905**);
Richard Cardo (**1905 - 1908**);
William Hall (**1908 - 1909**);
Samuel Insull (**1909**);
Joseph Samuel Grainger (**1909 - 1910**);
Thomas Alfred Holt (**1910 - 1911**);
William Ernest Beaman (**1911 - 1914**);
Charles Sheldon (**1914**);
Mrs. Maria Sheldon (m. Bent) (**1914 - 1922**);
Thomas Henry Cook (**1922 - 1923**);
Florence McGill (**1923 - 1928**);
Joseph Gray (**1928 - 1929**);
Bertie William Bartlett (**1929 - 1930**);
Seth Robinson Jones (**1930 - 1931**);
Isaiah Basford (**1931 - 1938**);
Ronald Harvey Whitehurst (**1938**);
John Pearsall (**1938 - []**)
Cephas Vanes [1940]
Reg Corbett [pre 1966]
Michael Jones [2009]



1997



2008

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Brierley Hill Advertiser 12/7/1856

“An inquest was held at the house of Mr. *J. Gittins*, COMMERCIAL INN, Brockmoor, on the 5th inst, before T. M. Phillips, Esq, on the body of a miner named James Gillard, who was killed by a fall of coal whilst at work in a pit belonging to Messrs. Matthews and Bond, on the previous day.
Verdict Accidental Death.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 29/8/1857

“*James Gittings*, licensed victualler, of the COMMERCIAL INN, Brockmoor, was charged at the instance of Superintendent Mills with knowingly permitting drunkenness and disorderly conduct in his house. Police-constable Powner deposed that a little after one o'clock on Monday night he was on duty at Brockmoor, when within a hundred yards of defendant's house, he heard a great noise proceeding thence. He then went into the house, and found sixteen intoxicated persons in one room, and also found a number of persons behaving in a disorderly manner in other rooms. He called defendant's attention to the circumstances, but on his visiting the house again in about half an hour afterwards, he found the same parties behaving in the same manner as before. Defendant was cautioned and was fined 20s and 8s 6d costs.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 24/7/1858

“On Wednesday morning last a girl named Sarah Pulley, four years of age, was found dead in a well in premises adjoining her parents' residence at Brockmoor. The body now awaits a coroner's inquest, which will be held at the COMMERCIAL INN, Brockmoor. On Saturday (this day).”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 25/9/1858

“On Saturday last, a butty collier, named Benjamin Westwood, was killed by a fall of coal while at work in the Hurst Pits, at the Level, the property of Messrs. Hall, Holcroft, and Pearson. A large quantity of coal fell upon him, followed by a considerable amount of what is technically called 'shut', and that completely buried him in rubbish. When taken out life was extinct, death having been caused by various mortal injuries on his side and back. An inquest on the body was held on Tuesday last, at the COMMERCIAL INN, Brockmoor, before W. H. Phillips, Esq, (Deputy Coroner), and after hearing the circumstances connected with the accident, the jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.
Deceased was 31 years of age, and has left a widow and three children.”

1861 Census

High Street – COMMERCIAL INN

- [1] *James Gittings* (45), victualler, born Brockmoor;
- [2] *Pheaby Gittings* (45), wife, born Brockmoor;
- [3] *Joseph H. Gittings* (12), son, scholar, born Brockmoor;
- [4] *William Gittings* (10), son, scholar, born Brockmoor;
- [5] *John Wall Gittings* (50), boarder, widower, blast furnace labourer, born Brasby, Shropshire;
- [6] *Harriot Wall* (27), boarder, dressmaker, born Brockmoor:

Dudley Herald 7/9/1867

James Gettings, landlord of the COMMERCIAL, Brockmoor, was fined £5 and costs for allowing drunkenness.

Stourbridge Observer 13/11/1869

“*James Gittings*, landlord of the COMMERCIAL INN, at Brockmoor, was charged by Superintendent Mills with unlawfully permitting drunkenness in his house on the 2nd instant. Police-constable Breton said about eight o'clock he visited the defendant's house, and found one man drunk. The defendant was also lying down with another man quite drunk. Witness then went away and returned at half past nine o'clock, and found two men drunk and two men dancing; one man was vomiting. Evidence was also given to the effect that defendant was fined £5 on the 5th of September 1867, for a similar offence. Superintendent Mills said that he had many complaints about the house being a nuisance, and on the above date he was passing the defendant's house and heard a great noise, and sent two officers to detect him.

Mr. Spooner said it was a very serious offence, making persons drunk and causing a disturbance. It appeared to him that a small fine had no effect, and he should now fine him the highest penalty he could - £10 and costs; and the next time he would lose his license.

The money was then paid, £10 14s 8d.”

Stourbridge Observer 11/3/1871

“Thomas Hodgetts and Daniel Bedhall, were charged with being drunk and refusing to quit the house of *Jeremiah Gittings*, the COMMERCIAL INN, Brockmoor, on the 3rd instant.

Mary Ann Bagott, domestic servant, proved that defendants came into Mr. *Gittings*’s house. She refused to fill them any ale because they were fresh. They refused to go, and the police were sent for.

Police-constable Cotterell proved that he was sent for, and found the two defendants, who wanted to fight the landlady. He ordered them out in her presence. They refused to go for a time, but ultimately he got them out, when they created a great noise, and both the defendants struck and kicked him, and he had to send for assistance.

Hodgetts, who has been convicted five times, was sentenced to three month’s hard labour, and Bedhall, who had once been convicted for drunkenness, was sentenced to one month’s hard labour.”

Phoebe Gittins = Phoebe Gittings

David Dawes issued tokens from here.

Stourbridge Observer 4/1/1873

“Mark Wassall was charged with being drunk and refusing to quit the COMMERCIAL INN, Brockmoor, on the 27th ult. Police-constable Cotterell said that he was sent for. Went to the house and found the defendant drunk and quarrelling. He refused to leave, and witness had to put him out.

Phoebe Gittings, the landlady, corroborated the officer and said that defendant was very violent. Did not fill the defendant anything to drink. Defendant having been several times convicted, was fined £5 and costs; in default three months imprisonment with hard labour.”

1881 Census

High Street, Brockmoor – COMMERCIAL INN

- [1] *David Dawes* (37), licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;
 - [2] *Sarah Ann Dawes* (26), wife, born Brockmoor;
 - [3] *Mary Maria Dawes* (12), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
 - [4] *Matilda Dawes* (10), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
 - [5] *William Dawes* (8), son, born Brierley Hill;
 - [6] *Sarah Ann Dawes* (3), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
 - [7] *Caroline Dawes* (3), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
 - [8] *Kitty Jones* (18), domestic servant, born Brierley Hill:
- [Sarah Ann was probably David’s second wife.]



1891 Census

Cressett Lane

- [1] *David Dawes* (49), licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Sarah A. Dawes* (47), wife, born Brockmoor;
- [3] *Matilda Dawes* (19), daughter, school, teacher, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *William Dawes* (17), son, pattern maker, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *Sarah A. F. Dawes* (13), daughter, scholar, born Brockmoor;
- [6] *Caroline E. Dawes* (13), daughter, scholar, born Brockmoor;
- [7] *Lucy Small* (20), visitor, school teacher, born Cookley, Worcestershire;
- [8] *Sarah Wilks* (20), domestic servant, born Cookley, Worcestershire;
- [9] *Edward Sankey* (22), brewer’s labourer, born Brockmoor:

David Dawes was also a boatbuilder. [1892]

He issued tokens from here.

1901 Census

42, High Street

- [1] *William Parfitt* (44), manager hotel, born Pensnett;
- [2] *Esther Parfitt* (43), wife, born Brockmoor;
- [3] *J_____ Parfitt* (19), daughter, born Dudley;
- [4] *Clara Parfitt* (17), daughter, born Aston, Warwickshire;
- [5] *Bertie Parfitt* (14), son, born Aston, Warwickshire;
- [6] *Mark Parfitt* (10), son, born Brockmoor:

County Express 7/12/1901

“William Morris, of Brockmoor, was charged with doing malicious damage to a table, glasses, and cups, value 15s, the property of *Thomas Henry Maybury*, on 30th November; further with refusing to quit the COMMERCIAL INN, Brockmoor, when requested; and further with assaulting *Thomas Henry Maybury*, the landlord.

According to the evidence of the landlord, his wife, and other witnesses, the defendant created a disturbance in the COMMERCIAL INN. *Maybury* requested him to leave, but he refused. *Maybury* then went towards him to get him out, when the defendant struck him in the face, and, it was alleged, then picked up a stool, knocked a piece out of the table, and knocked the cups and glasses off it, doing damage to the amount of 15s.

The defendant said there was a row between the landlord and some customers over betting, and the damage was done during a scuffle.

Defendant was fined 5s and cost for refusing to quit, 20s and costs for the assault, and the charge of malicious damage was dismissed.”

Tipton Herald 19/12/1903

“On Wednesday, a concert was held at the COMMERCIAL HOTEL, for the benefit of Mr. J. Wood, who has been ill for the last twelve months, and is still unable to follow his employment. Councillor H. F. Williams presided.....”

1911 Census

High Street – COMMERCIAL INN

- [1] *Thomas Alfred Holt* (35), colliery engineer (stationary), born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Annie Elizabeth Holt*, (33), wife, married 12 years, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Ethel Holt* (10), daughter, school, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Mabel Holt* (2 months), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *Alfred Holt* (6), son, school, born Brierley Hill;
- [6] *Arthur Holt* (2), son:

Maria Sheldon married a Mr. Bent on 8th September 1918.

Reg Corbett was married to Pat.

[2010]

Closed

It became a restaurant. [2012]

COMMERCIAL

23, Bromley, (Bromley Lane), PENSNETT

OWNERS

William Edwards, Kingswinford [1886]
John Bright Willis
Home Brewery (Quarry Bank) Ltd. (acquired c.1894)
North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd.
Jack Downing (acquired c.1921)
William Butler and Co. Ltd. (acquired c.1923)
Julia Hanson and Son Ltd.

LICENSEES

William Edwards [1864] - **1873**;
Mrs. Mary Wellings (**1873 - 1876**);
John Wellings (**1876 - 1879**);
John Lamb (**1879 - 1889**);
John Bright Willis (**1889 - [1901]**)
John Bright Willis [1911] - **1916**);
Mary Lewis (**1916 - 1918**);
Mary Weston (m. Lowe) (**1918 - 1921**);
Victor Ernest Parfitt (**1921 - 1922**);
Edward David Percy Harley (**1922 - 1923**);
Arthur Plant (**1923 - 1925**);
Harry Llewelyn Painter (**1925 - 1926**);
Henry Hoskins (**1926 - 1929**);
William Newman (**1929 - [1938]**)

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

William Edwards, beer retailer, Bromley. [1864], [1865]
William Edwards was also a coal master. [1870], [1872]

1871 Census

Bromley Lane – COMMERCIAL INN

- [1] *William Edwards* (50), coal master and licensed victualler, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Sarah Edwards* (43), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *William Edwards* (20), son, mine agent, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Benjamin Edwards* (19), son, engineer, colliery, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Sarah Edwards* (15), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *John Edwards* (13), son, iron worker, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Frederick Edwards* (10), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [8] *Leacroft Edwards* (8), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [9] *Charles E. Edwards* (4), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [10] *George G. Edwards* (2), son, born Kingswinford;
- [11] *Matilda Hales* (19), general servant, born Kingswinford:



1994

1881 Census

Bromley Lane – COMMERCIAL INN

- [1] *John Lamb* (50), general labourer, born Bewdley;
- [2] *Martha Lamb* (48), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Benjamin Lamb* (28), son, blacksmith, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *William Lamb* (18), son, general labourer, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Rose H. Lamb* (16), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Mary J. Lamb* (8), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *George G. Lamb* (6), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [8] *Maria Hale* (18), domestic servant, born Kingswinford:

1891 Census

Bromley – COMMERCIAL INN

- [1] *John B. Willis* (40), boat builder, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Bertha Willis* (30), wife, born Bromley;
- [3] *John B. Willis* (11), son, scholar, born Blakeall, Worcestershire;
- [4] *Bertha A. Willis* (9), daughter, scholar, born Amblecote:

1901 Census

23, Bromley

- [1] *John B. Willis* (47), licensed victualler, born Pensnett;
- [2] *Bertha Willis* (43), wife, born Pensnett;
- [3] *John Willis* (21), son, brewer, born Pensnett;
- [4] *Bertha Willis* (19), daughter, general servant, born Pensnett:

1911 Census

23, Bromley – COMMERCIAL INN

- [1] *John Bright Willis* (31), licensed victualler, born Walsall;
- [2] *Elsie Adelaide Willis* (26), wife, married 6 years, born Pensnett;
- [3] *Doris Adelaide Willis* (6), daughter, born Bromley;
- [4] *Bertha Willis* (3), daughter, born Bromley;
- [5] *Minnie Griffiths* (17), general servant, born Bromley;
- [6] *Jemima Bent* (14), general servant, born Brockmoor:

[2004]

Closed [2007], [2015]



2007



2009

CORBYNS HALL

PENSNETT

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Thomas Jones [1871]

NOTES

Stourbridge Observer 29/4/1871 - Advert

“CORBYNS HALL INN / Pensnett / Mr. Hinton will Sell by Auction, on Monday, May 1st, the whole of the Brewing Plant, Fixtures, Furniture, &c, belonging to Mr. *Thomas Jones*, who is giving up the Premises. / Sale at Eleven o'clock.”

CORBYN'S HALL INN,
PENSNETT.

MR. HINTON will SELL by AUCTION,
on MONDAY, MAY 1st, the whole of the
BREWING PLANT, FIXTURES, FURNITURE,
&c., belonging to Mr. Thomas Jones, who is giving up
the Premises.
Sale at Eleven o'clock.

Advert 1971

CORN EXCHANGE

Amblecote Road / Mount Pleasant, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Tony Whittaker (1983 – 1986)
Greenall Whitley (acquired in January 1986) [1992]
Scottish and Newcastle Breweries Ltd. [2002]
Spirit Group [2003], [2014]

LICENSEES

John Smith (1983 – [])
Derek May (1986 – [])
Douglas Grocutt [] – 1987)
Terry Constable (1992 – [])
Bryan Wilson [2002] – [2007] manager
Caroline Henson [2013] manager
Craig Delday [2014] general manager



2015

NOTES

It was opened on 15th December 1983, as the NINE LOCKS AND CHAINMAKER, by actor, Bill Maynard.

It was built on the site of a malthouse.

Black Country Bugle (January 1984) - Pub of the Month

“.....Tony Whittaker – a Delph lad who began his working life in E. J. Pearson’s brickworks and in a couple of miraculous decades developed his own multi-million pound construction and civil engineering company his mother Mrs. Emily Whittaker still keeps that famous pub THE STORES.”

Closed

It reopened as the CORN EXCHANGE in April 1992.

Terry Constable was married to Paula.

It was refurbished in 2005. £1,970 was raised for Mary Stevens Hospice, from the sale of the unwanted furniture, plus the ticket sales for Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve functions.

It underwent a £150,000 refit in March 2013.

It closed on 3rd November 2014 to have its interior redesigned into a Flaming Grill pub.

[2015]

COTTAGE

Cottage Street, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Henry Pearson [1869]

NOTES

Stourbridge Observer 10/4/1869

“To be Sold by Auction.....

Lot 4 – All that Public House and Premises, called the COTTAGE INN, with the three Dwelling Houses adjoining, situate in Cottage Street, Brierley Hill, in the occupation of *Henry Pearson*, Joseph Morris, Henry Mercy, and William Holt, at the annual rental of £30 12s; and containing in the whole 237 square yards.....”

Stourbridge Observer 21/8/1869

“*Henry Pearson*, landlord of the COTTAGE INN, Cottage Street, was summoned for having sold beer during prohibited hours on Sunday, the 8th instant.

Charlotte Taylor said on the above date she saw a woman named Johnson come out of defendant’s house about half past ten in the morning, with a jug of ale. Afterwards saw Mary Ann Holt come out about half past eleven, with some ale.

Mr. Waldron said in defence, he should prove by the women and two lodgers that were in the house, that no drink was sold, or any taken off the premises.

Mary Ann Holt said she was at defendant’s house about a quarter to eleven o’clock. Did not take any drink away, or see any one else do so.

Charles Eades corroborated.

Robert Davis said he was a lodger at defendant’s. Did not see last witness, or Holt, there on the above date. Did not see any beer drunk.

Mr. Spooner said he should fine the defendant £2 and costs, and he should order him to be reported to the Licensing Magistrates when they next sit.”

Lot 4.—All that PUBLIC-HOUSE and Premises, called the “COTTAGE INN,” with the three DWELLING HOUSES adjoining, situated in Cottage-street, Brierley Hill, in the occupation of Henry Pearson, Joseph Morris, Henry Mercy, and William Holt, at the annual rental of £30 12s; and containing in the whole 237 square yards.

Advert 1869

COTTAGE

Cricket Field, Brockmoor, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Earl of Dudley

LICENSEES

Mrs. Maria Scriven [1872] – 1881);
Ann Maria Jones (1881 – 1901);
Frederick George Griffiths (1901 – 1903);
Mary Scriven (1903 – 1907);
Thomas Ellerton (1907 – 1908);
Charles William Sims (1908 – 1909);
Benjamin Andrews (1909 – 1911);
Reuben Jones (1911 – 1915);
Henry Allen (1915 – 1919):

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

Mrs. *Maria Scriven*, beer retailer, Brockmoor. [1872]

1881 Census

Cricket Field, Brockmoor

- [1] *Maria Scriven* (78), widow, publican, born Brockmoor;
- [2] *Maria Jones* (46), daughter, born Brockmoor;
- [3] *Owen Jones* (19), grandson, tinworker (?), born Brockmoor:
[Was *Maria Jones* the same person as *Ann Maria Jones*?]

1891 Census

Cricket Field, Brockmoor

- [1] *Ann Maria Jones* (56), widow, beerseller, born Brockmoor:

Ann Maria Jones, beer retailer, Brockmoor. [1896]

It was found that the premises had been altered without permission, in December 1909, and it had to be restored in 21 days.

County Express 8/2/1919

“Brierley Hill Licensing Sessions.....

Supt. Tucker mentioned the COTTAGE TAVERN, Brockmoor, leased to the Home Brewery Co. It had, he said, been previously brought to the notice of the licensing justices. The licensee was *Henry Allen*. During the last twelve months they had only sold 16½ barrels. He thought there would be a dozen houses within a radius of 200 yards, and the LABOUR-IN-VAIN was within 150 yards. The COTTAGE TAVERN was in a very dilapidated condition. The Bench decided that the course directed with regard to the WATERFALL INN be pursued also in regard of the COTTAGE TAVERN.”

[The Bench adjourned the renewal of this license to the adjourned sessions on March 3rd, and directed the Clerk to serve in the meantime notice of objection with a view to the license being referred for compensation.]

County Express 8/3/1919

“Brierley Hill Adjourned Licensing Sessions....

Objection to the renewal of the license of the COTTAGE TAVERN, Brockmoor, had, Supt. Tucker said been served on the tenant *Henry Allen*. It was an ante-1869 license; the annual value for licensing purposes was £16, and the rent paid by the licensee £13 per year. The cottage tenant was Mrs. Mary Scriven, John Street, Brierley Hill, who paid £5 per year to the Earl of Dudley. The premises were tied to the Home Brewery Co. Mr Allen had been tenant since 1915, and Lord Dudley was registered owner in fee simple. Within 500 yards were 12 fully licensed houses and six beer houses on. This was one of the places where licensed houses were almost as thick as anywhere in the division.

The Clerk: Except the High Street, Brierley Hill.

Supt. Tucker: Yes.

Mr. E. H. Lindsey, on behalf of the Home Brewery Co., said subject to compensation the company had no objection to the house being placed on the redundancy list.

The Bench referred the house for compensation, renewing the license in the meantime to the tenants.”

License referred to Compensation Authority on grounds of redundancy on 3rd March 1919.

License expired on 27th December 1919.

COTTAGE IN THE BOWER

72, Maughan Street, (Bower Lane), QUARRY BANK

OWNERS

G. Nock [1886]
Nock and Co, Quarry Bank
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

LICENSEES

John Scriven [1854] - **1881**;
Charles Bird **(1881 - 1883)**;
George Nock **(1883 - 1891)**;
John Stevens **(1891 - 1893)**;
Mary Caroline Stevens (m. Bloomer) **(1893 - 1900)**;
William Henry Bangham **(1900 - 1910)**;
Matilda Nock (m. Batham) **(1910 - 1915)**;
Roland Batham **(1915 - 1919)**;
Thomas Benjamin Glaze **(1919 - [1940]**
Geoff Cook [1983]



Token

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

John Scriven, beer retailer, Quarry Bank. [1861]

George Nock was also a brewer.
He issued tokens from here.

1891 Census

Maughan Street

- [1] *John Stevens* (30), licensed victualler, born Quarry Bank;
- [2] *Mary Stevens* (30), wife, born Quarry Bank;
- [3] *Moses Stevens* (11), son, scholar, born Quarry Bank;
- [4] *Polly Stevens* (7), daughter, scholar, born Quarry Bank;
- [5] *Henry Stevens* (4), son, scholar, born Quarry Bank;
- [6] *Martha Parker* (19), general servant, born Quarry Bank:

A Loan and Investment Society was based here. [1897]

Mary Stevens married Mr. *Bloomer* c.1898.

County Express 12/1/1901

“Mr. T. A. Stokes, coroner, held an inquest at the COTTAGE IN THE BOWER INN, last week, relative to the death of Edward Francis Jones (22), Z Street, Quarry Bank.

He was employed at No.10 pit, Himley, by Messrs. Garratt and Sons, and sustained injuries while at work on December 13th. He died on December 25th.

A verdict of Accidental Death was returned.”

1901 Census

72, Maughan Street

[1] *William Bangham* (30), publican, born Kingswinford;

[2] *Lavinia Bangham* (32), wife, born Rowley Regis;

[3] *Maud Bangham* (12), daughter, born Halesowen;

[4] *Nelson Bangham* (9), son, born Halesowen;

[5] *Henry Bangham* (1), son, born Kingswinford:

County Express 1/6/1901

“On Monday the members of the lodge of Free Gardeners, held at the COTTAGE IN THE BOWER INN, assembled to their annual dinner and meeting. It was a very successful gathering. The host was thanked for his efforts for the members’ comforts.”

County Express 7/9/1901

“The local members of the National Federation dined together on Saturday evening, at the COTTAGE IN THE BOWER.

A Miner, who presided, said although the lodge had been formed a few years, that was their first supper, but hoped it would not be their last.

Mr. B. Winwood (miners agent) addressed the gathering upon federation and labour representation, and strongly advised the men to remain firm to the former. In the future they could help return more labour members to the House of Commons who would assist in carrying measures needed by the mining community.

Resolutions were passed thanking the host and hostess for their able catering, and to Mr. Winwood for his speech.”

County Express 4/1/1902

“James Vinson, Thorn’s Road, Quarry Bank was charged with assaulting Frederick Southall, miner, of the same place, on December 14th. Mr. R. H. Wiggins prosecuted. It appeared the parties were in the COTTAGE INN, when after some words, defendant, without provocation struck Southall in the eye. Vinson was then ejected by the landlord’s daughter, and some time later, when complainant left to go home, he was attacked by the defendant in the street, punched severely, knocked down, and kicked. He was away from work three or four days in consequence. Sarah Southall, complainant’s wife, deposed to witnessing the assault in the street.

The Stipendiary said complainant was seriously injured, and fined Vinson 20s and costs, in default a month.”

1911 Census

COTTAGE IN THE BOWER

[1] *Matilda Nock* (37), widow, publican, born New Street, Quarry Bank;

[2] *Laura Nock* (16), daughter, born New Street, Quarry Bank;

[3] *Elsie Nock* (13), daughter, tailoress’s apprentice, born East Street, Quarry Bank;

[4] *Mable Nock* (9), daughter, school, born East Street, Quarry Bank:

Matilda Nock married Mr. Batham on 1st January 1912.

Thomas Benjamin Glaze died c. 1965.

Geoff Cook was married to Ann.

See also SWAN, Amblecote, and SHRUBBERY COTTAGE, Stourbridge.

Closed pre 1987.

COTTAGE SPRING

172, (31), Mill Street, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Dudley Cartwright, Brockmoor
Isaac Pearson, Harts Hill
Joseph Woodcock, Queens Cross, Dudley
William Henry Simpkins (leased)
North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd. (acquired c.1896)
Atkinson's Brewery (acquired c.1901)
Julia Hanson and Son Ltd. (acquired c. 1928)
Anthony Whittaker Ltd. [pre 1989]
Star (Heineken UK) [2013]

LICENSEES

Miles Keen [] - **1870**);
George Davis (**1870 - 1873**);
Charles Fletcher (**1873 - 1875**);
William Evans (**1875 - 1877**);
Joseph Ashton (**1877 - 1890**);
William Ameson (**1890 - 1899**);
Francis John Bryce (**1899 - 1902**);
James Smith Powell (**1902**);
Alfred George (**1902**);
Samuel Dunn (**1902 - 1903**);
Arthur Evers (**1903 - 1905**);
John Harbach (**1905 - 1907**);
Thomas Felton (**1907 - 1909**);
Benjamin Birch (**1909**);
John Myers (**1909 - 1911**);
Fred Archer (**1911 - 1912**);
Ebenezer Grantham Shaw (**1912 - 1922**);
Edward Sidney Bragger (**1922 - 1926**);
William Henry Smith (**1926 - 1946**);
Mary Ann Smith (**1946 - 1954**);
Kenneth Ivan Lane (**1954 - 1972**);
John Frederick Richard Spencer (**1972 - 1976**);
Thomas Batham (**1976 - 1982**);
Stuart Michael Day (**1982**);
Allan Raymond Davis (**1982**);
Richard James Green (**1982 - 1983**);
Joseph Parry (**1983 - 1984**);
Graham Whitehouse (**1984 - 1985**);
William 'Bill' Turville (**1985 - 1986**);
Kenneth 'Ken' Baines (**1986 - 1987**);
Joy Elaine Sivell (**1987**);
Anthony Whittaker (**1987 - 1988**);
John Holloway (**1988 - 1989**);
John T Smith (**1989 - [1990]**)
John Smith [1990]



1994



2015

Alice Livie [2000]
Claire Whyte [2013]

NOTES

31, Mill Street [1881]
172, Mill Street

It was licensed before 15th July 1869.

It had a beerhouse license.

Stourbridge Observer 15/10/1870 - Advert

“COTTAGE SPRING INN / Mount Pleasant, Brierley Hill / To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. S. Insull, on Monday, October 17th, 1870, upon the premises as above, the whole of the Household Furniture, consisting of Square and Round Tables, Papier Machie ditto, Windsor Chairs, crown back; ditto cane-seated; Mahogany and Painted Chest of Drawers, Washing Stands and Tables, Birch and Tent Bedsteads, Feather and Flock Beds, and Paliasses; together with the Shop Fixtures, comprising Deal Counter, Tea, Provision, and Flour Scales and Weights; Tea and Coffee Cannisters, partitioned Flour Bins, Coffee and Pepper Mills, Malt Crusher, two-knife Chaff Thresher, Spring Trap, suitable for a pony; five-pull Ale Machine, quantity of useful Timber, set of Brass mounted Harness, Tubs, Buckets, and other miscellaneous useful Effects, belonging to Mr. *Miles Keen*, who is leaving the premises. / Sale to commence at Eleven o'clock.”

1881 Census

31, Mill Street COTTAGE SPRING INN

[1] *Joseph Ashton* (39), beerhouse keeper, born Brierley Hill;

[2] *Ann Ashton* (41), wife, born Brierley Hill;

[3] *Elizabeth Westwood* (19), servant, born Brierley Hill:

County Express 3/11/1900

“Richard Cartwright of Mill Street, Brierley Hill, was charged with being drunk in charge of a horse and cart, with assaulting Police-constable Lawson, and with damaging the cell window at the police station to the amount of 3s. Mr. Waldron defended.

Police-constable Lawson said on the afternoon of October 16th, he saw the defendant's horse and cart standing in the middle of the highway, opposite the COTTAGE SPRING INN, Mill Street. There were several carts there unable to go by. He ascertained Cartwright was in the public-house, and he went to the door and said, ‘Now, Cartwright, come and take charge of your horse and cart.’ On coming out, he saw that defendant was very drunk, and he told him he could not allow him to take charge of his horse in that state. Witness called a man to take care of the horse, but Cartwright refused to leave the horse's head. Eventually, after a lot of persuading, Cartwright let go and witness went with him towards his home. Defendant was very quiet until he got near his home, and then became very violent, striking witness a violent blow on the right eye, and making him bleed. He also kicked him several times about the leg and struck him in the chest three or four times. The assistance of two men had to be obtained to get defendant to the police station. He was more like a madman than anything else. In answer to Mr. Waldron, witness denied striking the defendant.

Mr. Superintendent Spendlove said he saw defendant in the cell, and he never saw a man in a worse condition of drunkenness. He broke three panes of glass in the cell window, of the value 3s. Cartwright did not complain of having been assaulted by the officer.

William Blewitt and Arthur Tomlinson, both of Commonsides, deposed to seeing the assault.

Mr. Waldron, for the defence, said that defendant was not so drunk from liquor as from excitement.

For being drunk in charge defendant was fined 10s, and 19s 6d costs, for assaulting the police 20s, and 5s 6d costs, and for wilful damage he was fined 5s, and the damage 3s; in default nine weeks' imprisonment in all.”

Demolished

The architect of the new pub was Henry Jennings.

Rebuilt

Full license transferred from WOODMAN, Amblecote on 4th March 1907.

Tipton Herald 11/9/1909

“On Monday morning, Mr. T. Allan Stokes (coroner for South Staffordshire) held an inquiry at the COTTAGE SPRING INN, Mill Street, Brierley Hill, on the body of Thomas Andrews, formerly a brewer, and who lived at 65, the Delph.

Mary Ketley, with whom the deceased lodged, said the deceased was 82 years of age, and just before the August Bank Holiday he went in the Union Workhouse at Wordsley, and entered the infirm ward. Witness went to the workhouse on Saturday to fetch him out. When he saw witness, he said that he was glad that she had come to fetch him out. His son was anxious to fetch him out, as he did not wish to die there. Witness said that she was to go hop-picking.

The Coroner: Was that the reason you wanted to fetch him out? – No, sir.

Why did you not leave him in the infirmary? – Because he wanted to come out.

Witness said she found the deceased dressed at the time she went to the workhouse, and put him on a tramcar, and then witness walked home. She afterwards saw the deceased in a public house at Brierley Hill, where he had half a pint of beer, but he did not drink it all. She (witness) had some difficulty in getting deceased down the road, and near Messrs. Roberts and Coopers timber yard he wished witness to leave him to himself, as he said he could walk. She declined to do so, and by the railings he nearly fell. He was carried home, and it was found that he was dead, as his pulse had ceased beating. Witness believed deceased was dead when he fell against the railings in Mill Street. He had suffered from bronchitis previously.

The Coroner: It is a pity you did not leave him in the infirmary.

The jury returned a verdict of Death from Senile Decay.”

1911 Census

Mill Street – COTTAGE SPRING INN

[1] *John Myers* (42), public house manager, born Smethwick;

[2] *Sarah Jane Myers* (39), wife, married 3 years, born Smethwick;

[3] *Clara Myers* (under 1 month), daughter, born Brierley Hill;

[4] *Minnie Dunn* (19), general servant, born Quarry Bank;

[5] *Adelaide Marie Cartwright* (47), nurse, born Brierley Hill:

William Henry Smith was married to Polly.

It sold at auction on 14th October 1929 for £3,922.

[Probably to Julia Hanson and Son Ltd.]

Ken Baines married *Denise Williams* in April 1987.

[2013]

CROSS

15, (8), Level Street, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1896)

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1909)

LICENSEES

Levi Russon [1864] – **1873**);
Alfred Shaw (**1873 – 1877**);
Isaac Beddard (**1877 – 1879**);
Abraham George (**1879 – 1880**);
Edward Walker (**1880 – 1881**);
Sarah Meese (**1881 – 1885**);
John Benton (**1885 – 1891**);
Thomas Lloyd (**1891 – 1892**);
William Garratt (**1892 – 1920**);
Mrs. Susannah Garratt (**1920 – 1922**);
Joseph George Bill (**1922 – 1926**);
Alice Maud Bill (**1926 – 1928**);
Ernest Albert Shorthouse (**1928 – 1929**);

NOTES

8, Level Street [1872], [1881], [1891], [1901], [1904], [1912]

15, Level Street [1916]

It had a beerhouse license.

It was licensed before 15th July 1869.

Levi Russon, beer retailer, Level Street. [1864], [1865], [1868], [1870]

1881 Census

8, Level Street

- [1] Sarah Meese (60), widow, born Kingswinford;
- [2] Joseph Meese (28), son, boiler maker, born Kingswinford;
- [3] David Meese (26), son, boiler maker, born Kingswinford;
- [4] William Meese (23), son, boiler maker, born Kingswinford;
- [5] Annie E. Meese (20), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [6] S. E. Bindley (28), visitor, born Kingswinford;
- [7] M. A. Lewiss (14), domestic servant, born Kingswinford:

1891 Census

8, Level Street – CROSS INN

- [1] *Thomas Lloyd* (47), innkeeper, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Mary Lloyd* (43), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *James Lloyd* (21), son, chain side welder, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Alice Lloyd* (18), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *Frederick W. Lloyd* (16), son, general labourer, born Brierley Hill;
- [6] *Frances Lloyd* (13), daughter, scholar, born Middlesbrough;
- [7] *Annie Lloyd* (11), daughter, scholar, born Darlington;
- [8] *Florence Lloyd* (9), daughter, scholar, born Brierley Hill;
- [9] *Sarah L. Lloyd* (6), daughter, scholar, born Brierley Hill;
- [10] *Thomas Lloyd* (3), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [11] *Violet Lloyd* (1), daughter, born Brierley Hill:

1901 Census

8, Level Street

- [1] *William Garratt* (56), chain maker, born Scotland;
- [2] *Eliza Garratt* (52), wife, born Quarry Bank;
- [3] *William Price* (9), grandson, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Laura Maiden* (18), domestic servant, born Brierley Hill:

Indenture dated 28/10/1909

“.....And Also all that messuage tenement or dwelling-house used as a public-house and known as The CROSS INN Together with the brewhouse piggeries stabling cellaring wells and pump outbuildings and appurtenances to the same belonging.....”

1911 Census

Level Street – CROSS INN

- [1] *William Garratt* (66), iron chain maker, born Glasgow;
- [2] *Susannah Garratt* (52), wife, married 4 years, public house keeper;
- [3] *Mary Lawley* (24), daughter in law, assisting in business, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Louisa Lawley* (22), daughter in law, assisting in business, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *William Richard Price* (19), grandson, motor apprentice, born Brierley Hill;
- [6] *John Thomas Lawley* (19), son in law, electrician, born Brierley Hill:

William Garratt, beer retailer, 8, Level Street. [1912]

The license was referred to Compensation Authority on 4th March 1929 on the grounds of redundancy.
License refused 30th July 1929.

Compensation of £1,557 was paid.

The license was extinguished on 28th December 1929.

CROSS

Bromley (8, Commonsides) / Brockmoor Bridge (Brockmoor Wharf), PENSNETT

OWNERS

North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd. (acquired c.1896)

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1909)

LICENSEES

Isaac Mullett [1829] – [1845]

Thomas Yardley [1849] – [1850]

Alfred William Lench [1854] – **1858**);

Handel Male (**1858 – 1872**);

Miss Martha Murrey Fieldhouse (**1872 – 1873**);

William Fieldhouse (**1873 – 1875**);

Joseph Cope (**1875 – 1876**);

John Garbett (**1876 – 1878**);

Samuel Nash (**1878 – 1879**);

Keziah Harris (**1879 – 1880**);

Samuel Sadler (**1880 – 1885**);

James Smart (**1885 – 1886**);

William Wright (**1886 – 1887**);

Job Eccleston (**1887**);

Martha Pearce (**1887 – 1888**);

William Evans (**1888 – 1890**);

Josiah Eden (**1890**);

Richard Loynes (**1890**);

Walter Albert Darby (**1890 – 1891**);

James Haden (**1891 – 1892**);

John Wall (**1892 – 1898**);

Isaiah Geary (**1898 – 1902**);

Arthur Josiah Bailey (**1902**);

Henry Harley (**1902 – 1903**);

Alfred Holloway (**1903 – 1905**);

John Harris (**1905**);

Mrs. Alice Holloway (**1905 – 1911**);

Jemima Willis (**1911 – 1915**);

Andrew Willis (**1915 – 1922**);

NOTES

Handel Male = Handel Mail

Brierley Hill Advertiser 20/3/1858

“William Jones was charged with stealing £9, the property of Richard Parkes, boatman, of Standish, near Gloucester. Prosecutor stated that he met the prisoner at the STAR SALOON, Brierley Hill, on Tuesday evening, the 9th inst, and being slightly known to each other, he lent him 2s 6d, prisoner stating that he had no money. They remained drinking till about midnight, and came out together. Prosecutor spent about 3s 6d there, and had £14 in his pocket when he went into the house. Prisoner knew he had this money with him. After proceeding a short distance towards the CROSS INN, Brockmoor, prosecutor fell down, when prisoner came up to him, and kept pulling him up, and

took the purse out of his trousers pocket, but prosecutor thought, as they were acquaintances, it would be all right, and expected to receive the money again. They then went together to the house of *Handel Male*, the CROSS INN, Brockmoor; prisoner in their introduction having given up the name to Alfred Male, who had been with them all evening.

Alfred Male was then examined, and corroborated the evidence given by the prosecutor. He also stated that prisoner, having kept the purse in his hand some minutes after he had taken it from the prosecutor, gave it to him. Witness took the purse home to his father's house, the CROSS INN. They all three went together, and when they arrived there, he gave the purse up to his father, who counted the money out upon the table, three sovereigns, three half sovereigns, and 6d in coppers, and called upon prisoner to witness how much it contained.

Handel Male stated that he was the father of the last witness. Prosecutor, prisoner, and his son came in his house, on the evening above named; and knocked him up, witness having retired to rest. When they came in witness's son said to him, 'Here father is Parkes's money.' This was said in the hearing of the prisoner. Witness then turned the money out upon the table, and found there was three sovereigns, three half sovereigns, and 6d in coppers. He then called upon the prisoner how much there was in the purse, and he replied that he saw what the amount was, after which witness put the money in his pocket and went to bed. When he went down about seven o'clock the following morning he took the purse out of his pocket, turned the money out upon the table, and called the attention of the prisoner to the fact that the amount was the same as he counted on the previous night. Witness then put the money in the purse again, and gave it to the prosecutor. Prisoner left the house soon after, and as nothing was then said about the prosecutor having been robbed, witness went out to his work. When prosecutor came to his house on the Tuesday night he was not drunk, but 'pert like.'

Mr. *Naylor*, landlord of the THREE CROWNS INN, Brierley Hill, next deposed to the prisoner having changed two sovereigns at his house on Wednesday morning, the 10th inst.

Daniel Guttery, clothier, of Brierley Hill, deposed that the prisoner came to his shop on the Thursday morning, and purchased three blue and white striped shirts, a silk handkerchief, and a pilot cloth waistcoat. In payment for these articles he tendered a sovereign. Witness gave him 3d change. Prisoner then left the shop, but returned about two o'clock in the afternoon, and purchased a pair of moleskin trousers, in payment for which he tendered another sovereign.

Joseph Dangerfield, of Westbury upon Severn, and captain of the boat on which the prisoner was employed, stated that he engaged Jones at 35s a voyage. He had been in the employment of the witness for about nine weeks previous to the 9th inst. On that day prisoner had no money, and drew 2s 6d in order, as he stated, to purchase some necessaries, preparatory to starting another voyage. This was between seven and eight o'clock in the evening, and witness then saw nothing more of the prisoner till half past three on the following Wednesday morning. He then said he had been in company with Richard Parkes, and that he had a great deal of money with him.

PC Singer deposed that from information he received he apprehended the prisoner at the THREE CROWNS, Brierley Hill, about half past three on Thursday afternoon last, and charged him with robbing Richard Parkes of £9. Witness then searched the prisoner, and found upon him one sovereign, and 19s 6d, in silver. He had three new shirts, an old one, and a new pair of moleskin trousers on. He denied having robbed the prosecutor, and stated that the money found upon him was his own.

Prisoner, when questioned by the Bench, pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to six months' imprisonment in the House of Correction, with hard labour."

Brierley Hill Advertiser 4/9/1858

"On Saturday last, an accident of a rather extraordinary character, by which a man named Benjamin Smith lost his life, occurred under the following circumstances.

Deceased was employed at W. O. Foster, Esq's Works, Brockmoor Hill, on the afternoon of the above named day, he was proceeding to work, and in order to get into the workshop sooner he attempted to scale the boundary wall, in doing so he lost his footing and fell forward on to his head, dislocating his neck, and thereby, of course, causing instantaneous death.

An inquest on the body was held on Monday last, at the CROSS INN, Bromley, before W. H. Phillips, Esq, (deputy coroner), when a verdict of Accidental Death was returned. Deceased has left a wife and a large family."

1871 Census

CROSS INN

- [1] *Handel Male* (51), boatman, born Pensnett;
- [2] *Elizabeth Male* (50), wife, born Pensnett;
- [3] *Lucy Male* (19), daughter, born Pensnett;
- [4] *Amy Male* (16), daughter, born Pensnett;
- [5] *Isaac Male* (9), son, born Pensnett;
- [6] *Joseph Cooper* (11), nephew;
- [7] *Sarah E. Male* (3), granddaughter:

Stourbridge Observer 15/3/1873

“On Monday morning, a woman named Martha Murry Fieldhouse, aged 50, who lived with her brother at the CROSS INN, Brockmoor Bridge, drowned herself in the canal basin, near The Grove, Fenn’s Pool. The woman who is said to be slightly demented, was seen at her brother’s house at half past twelve midnight, and her body was found shortly before seven on Monday morning.”

London Gazette 15/2/1878

“The Bankruptcy Act, 1869.

In the County Court of Worcestershire, holden at Stourbridge.

In the Matter of Proceedings for Liquidation instituted by *John Garbett*, formerly of the CROSS INN, Brockmoor

Notice is hereby given, that a First General Meeting of the creditors of the above named person has been summoned on the 24th February 1878.....”

Samuel Sadler = Samuel Saddler

1881 Census

Commonside – CROSS INN

- [1] *Samuel Saddler* (31), publican, born Newent, Gloucestershire;
- [2] *Maria Saddler* (40), wife, born Dudley;
- [3] *Thomas Longwell* (20), brother, apprentice, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Sarah J. Stephens* (17), daughter, born Dudley;
- [5] *James Stephens* (11), son, scholar, born Derby;
- [6] *John Stephens* (9), son, scholar, born Derby:

1891 Census

Commonside – CROSS INN

- [1] *Walter Darby* (29), coal miner and publican, born Pensnett;
- [2] *Annie Darby* (26), wife, born Wall Heath:

1911 Census

No 8 Commonside – CROSS INN

- [1] *Andrew Willis* (43), licensed victualler, miner fine clay, born Quarry Bank;
- [2] *Jemima Willis* (36), wife, married 20 years, assisting in the business, born Quarry Bank;
- [3] *Edith Willis* (18), daughter, private means, born Plants Hollow, Staffordshire;
- [4] *Elijah Willis* (16), son, grocer’s errand boy, born Plants Hollow, Staffordshire;
- [5] *Andrew Willis* (13), son, school, born Plants Hollow, Staffordshire;
- [6] *William Willis* (10), son, school, born Plants Hollow, Staffordshire;
- [7] *Florence Willis* (6), daughter, school, born Plants Hollow, Staffordshire;
- [8] *Samuel Willis* (4), son, school, born Silver Street, Brierley Hill;
- [9] *Maud Willis* (17), general servant, born Tenton Street, Brierley Hill:

County Express 12/3/1921

“Adjourned Licensing Sessions Brierley Hill.....

Redundancy was the ground upon which Superintendent Rowbotham objected to the licenses of the CROSS INN, Bromley, Pensnett, and the KINGS HEAD INN, Brettell Lane, being renewed. He stated that there were fully licensed houses and three beer houses ‘on’ in close proximity to the CROSS INN. The BULLS HEAD was only 40 yards away and the FISH 210 yards. The parish had a population of 5,576, and he maintained that the house was not wanted. *Andrew Willis* was the licensee, and to him the fixtures of the house belonged. He suggested the premises could be turned into two cottages.

The KINGS HEAD, [sic] Brettell Lane, Supt. Rowbotham submitted was not wanted. Within 500 yards of it were five fully licensed houses, and one beerhouse ‘on’. This house was not so good, commodious or convenient as the other houses. The place could be made into a dwelling house or shop. The licensee was *Emily Agnes Shirt*, who managed the house for Messrs. Smith and Williams. In this case evidence was given by Mr. R. Glanville Slater, valuer and surveyor.

Both houses were referred to the compensation authority.”

The license was referred to the Compensation Authority on 7th March 1921, on the grounds of redundancy.

License renewal refused on 21st July 1921.

The license was extinguished on 7th March 1922.

CROSS GUNS

57, Dudley Street, (57, Dudley Road), Round Oak, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

James Cartwright [1869]
Joseph Cartwright [1869]
W Tearle [pre 1870]
Josiah Green [1870] – **1871**;
William Pearce **(1871)**;
Thomas Pardoe **(1871 – 1872)**;
John Thomas **(1872 – 1876)**;
Emanuel Wasley **(1876 – 1882)**;
Benjamin Vaughan **(1882)**;
Maria Vaughan **(1882 – 1894)**;
Miss Mary Sophia Vaughan **(1894 – 1911)**;

NOTES

It had an ante'69 beerhouse license.

Stourbridge Observer 3/4/1869

“*James Cartwright*, CROSS GUNS, Round Oak, was summoned for allowing drunkenness in his public house, on the 14th ult.

Police-constable Brittain proved the case, and defendant was fined 5s and costs; in default 14 days.”

Stourbridge Observer 11/12/1869

“At the Petty Sessions, on Thursday, before I. Spooner, Esq, (Stipendiary), *Joseph Cartwright*, landlord of the CROSS GUNS, Round Oak, was charged by Superintendent Mills with keeping his house open for the sale of beer on the 28th ultimo, during prohibited hours.

Police-constable Maland said he visited the defendant’s house at half past eleven o’clock, on the above date, when he saw a man go into defendant’s house, and come out with a pint of ale.

Superintendent Mills proved that defendant was fined 5s in March last, at Wordsley, for keeping a disorderly house, and that the house was not well conducted.

Fined £5 and costs, and fined £5 for not producing the license; but if the license was produced he would remit the last £5. Before the rising of the Court the license was produced and endorsed.”

[Which of the two was the correct first name?]

1871 Census

57, Dudley Road

[1] *William Pearce* (35), publican and blacksmith, born Newport, Shropshire;

[2] *Mary Ann Pearce* (33), wife, born Sunderland;

[3] *William George Pearce* (7 months), son, born Staffordshire:

1881 Census

57, Dudley Road – CROSS GUNS

- [1] *Emmanuel Wasley* (44), puddler, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Sophia Wasley* (41), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Emma Wasley* (9), daughter, scholar, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Mary Dodd* (19), niece, unmarried, born Wollaston;
- [5] *Mary Wasley* (76), mother, widow, born Brierley Hill:

1891 Census

57, Dudley Street – CROSS GUNS

- [1] *Maria Vaughan* (75), widow, innkeeper, born Worcestershire;
- [2] *Thomas Vaughan* (42), son, brewer, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Mary Sophia Vaughan* (25), daughter, dressmaker, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *John Vaughan* (57), son, heater at iron work furnaces, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *Margaret E. Vaughan* (34), daughter, born Brierley Hill:

1901 Census

57, Dudley Street

- [1] *Mary S. Vaughan* (49), unmarried, dressmaker, born Round Oak;
- [2] *Thomas Vaughan* (52), widower, pumping engineer, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *John Vaughan* (47), plater, iron works, born Round Oak;
- [4] *Margaret Vaughan* (44), born Round Oak:

Miss Sophia Vaughan, beer retailer, 57, Dudley Road. [1904]
She was assisted in running the house by her sister *Margaret Ellen*.

The license renewal was refused on the grounds of redundancy on 6th March 1911.
The license was extinguished on 23rd December 1911.

CROSS KEYS

10, Cressett Lane, (Cressett Street), Brockmoor, (Brockmoor Green), BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

T. Hand and R. B. Perks, Stourbridge
Elwell, Williams and Co. (acquired in 1901)
Smith and Williams (acquired c.1916)
Julia Hanson and Son Ltd. (acquired on 2nd July 1934)

LICENSEES

William Gill [1834] – [1835]
William Hazeldine [1845] – [1855]
Mrs. Mary Hazeldine [1860] – [1865]
Joseph Munday [1870] – **1877**;
John Harries (**1877 – 1879**);
William Gardiner (**1879 – 1883**);
Eli Maycock (**1883**);
John Aston (**1883 – 1886**);
Michael John Cuneen (**1886 – 1900**);
Isaac Woodcock (**1900 – 1902**);
Thomas Bayliss (**1902 – 1904**);
Elizabeth Ellerton (**1904 – 1905**);
Thomas Henry Whitworth (**1905 – 1906**);
Maria Lewis (**1906 – 1908**);
Thomas Ellerton (**1908 – 1915**);
Mrs. Medline Ellerton (**1915 – 1922**);
Harry Ferguson (**1922 – [1940]**)

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

1851 Census

Cressett Road – HOLLY BUSH

- [1] *William Hazeldine* (37), licensed victualler, born Warwick;
- [2] *Mary Hazeldine* (34), wife, born Bridgnorth;
- [3] *Joseph Hazeldine* (13), son, born Erdington;
- [4] *Charles Hazeldine* (9), son, born Erdington;
- [5] *Emily Hazeldine* (1), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Hannah Yates* (22), general servant, born Wellington, Shropshire:

An inquest was held here in 1856.

Mary Hazeldine = *Mary Haseldine*

1861 Census

CROSS KEYS

- [1] *Mary Hazeldine* (44), widow, beerseller, born Bridgnorth;
- [2] *James Hazeldine* (12), son, born Brockmoor;
- [3] *Emily Hazeldine* (11), daughter, born Brockmoor;
- [4] *Roseannah Hazeldine* (3), daughter, born Brockmoor;
- [5] *Lucy Whaler* (25), domestic servant, born Lincolnshire;
- [6] *Kitty Cook* (25), visitor, born Erdington:

London Gazette 4/4/1865

“This is to give notice, that the Court acting in the prosecution of a Petition for adjudication of Bankruptcy, filed on the 17th day of December, 1864, against *Mary Hazeldine*, late of the CROSS KEYS INN, Brockmoor Licensed Victualler, but now out of business, did, On the 16th day of February, 1865, grant the Discharge of the said *Mary Hazeldine*; and that such Discharge will be delivered to the bankrupt.....”

1871 Census

Brockmoor

- [1] *Joseph Munday* (45), licensed victualler, born Trysull;
- [2] *Sarah Munday* (44), wife, born Trysull;
- [3] *Mary Ann Munday* (18), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Francis Munday* (16), son, engine fitter, born Kingswinford:

William Gardiner = William Gardner

1881 Census

Brockmoor – CROSS KEYS Public House

- [1] *William Gardner* (38), licensed victualler, born Warwick;
- [2] *Hannah M. J. Gardner* (28), wife, born Holly Hall;
- [3] *Sarah J. Gardner* (12), daughter, scholar, born Dudley:

Evening Express 17/3/1881

“*William Gardner*, landlord of the CROSS KEYS, Brockmoor, was fined 10s and costs for being drunk and disorderly, in Brierley Hill. Police-sergeant Salt proved the case. Mr. Homfray defended.”

Michael John Cuneen was born in Ireland.

He opened a workshop at Stevens and Williams works, stoppering decanters.

Michael Cunnen, beer retailer, Brockmoor. [1896]

1901 Census

Cressett Lane – CROSS KEYS INN

- [1] *Isaac Woodcock* (36), licensed victualler, born Brockmoor;
- [2] *Mary M. Woodcock* (32), wife, born Brockmoor;
- [3] *Jane Skidmore* (18), general servant, born Brockmoor:

County Express 15/6/1901 - Advert

“Preliminary Announcement. / Sale Of Freehold Building Land, Station Road, Brockmoor, Brierley Hill. / Messrs. Rollinson & Beckley are instructed to Offer By Auction on an Early Date, at the CROSS KEYS INN, Brockmoor, Ten Plots of well-situated Freehold Building land, as above. Particulars in future advertisements. / For particulars and to see Plan, apply Messrs. Corser, Walker and Son, Solicitors, Stoubridge, or the Auctioneers, Brierley Hill.”

County Express 29/6/1901 - Advert

“Messrs. Rollinson and Beckley, auctioneers, Brierley Hill, held a successful sale by auction of building land, situate in Station Road, Brockmoor, at the CROSS KEYS INN, on Wednesday evening. There was a good attendance of bidders, and after considerable competition, the whole of the ten lots were disposed of to various purchasers, ranging from 3s 6d to 3s 10d per yard, which was very satisfactory to the vendors. Messrs. Corser, Walker and Son, Stourbridge, were the vendor’s solicitors.”

Thomas Bayliss = Thomas Baylis

1911 Census

Cressett Lane – CROSS KEYS INN

- [1] *Thomas Ellerton* (61), licensed victualler, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Madeline Ellerton* (57), wife, married 38 years, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Joseph Ellerton* (22), son, tin plate worker, labourer, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Enoch Ellerton* (21), son, at home, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Florrie Ellerton* (19), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Harold Ellerton* (14), son, school, born Kingswinford:

Thomas Ellerton, beer retailer, Cressett Street. [1912]

Conveyance dated 2/7/1934

“All that plot of land containing six hundred and thirty-five square yards situate in Cresstt Lane Brockmoor aforesaid bounded in front by Cresstt Lane at he back by land now or late of _____ Beckley on the one side by land now or late of _____ Guest and on the other side by land now or late of David Plant and J. Rawlings And Also All That public house called the CROSS KEYS INN erected upon the land whereon formerly stood three cottages.....”

[1983]

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.

SALE OF FREEHOLD BUILDING LAND,
STATION ROAD, BROCKMOOR,
BRIERLEY HILL.

MESSRS. ROLLINSON & BECKLEY are instructed to OFFER BY AUCTION on an Early Date, at the CROSS KEYS INN, BROCKMOOR, Ten Plots of well-situated

FREEHOLD BUILDING LAND,

as above. Particulars in future advertisements.
For particulars and to see Plan, apply Messrs. Corser, Walker, and Son, Solicitors, Stourbridge, or the Auctioneers, Brierley Hill. 2033

Advert 1901

CROWN

Round Oak, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Benjamin Greenfield [1862]

NOTES

Check Harts Hill

CROWN +

BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

D B Plant [1976] – [1983]

NOTES

Check Harts Hill

CROWN

36, Commonsides, PENSNETT

OWNERS

Caroline Pearson, Brierley Hill
Mark Dando, Pensnett
Elwell, Williams and Co. (acquired c.1903)
Smith and Williams (acquired c.1916)
Julia Hanson and Son Ltd. (acquired on 2nd July 1934)

LICENSEES

John Geary [1862]
John Slater [1864] – [1865]
Benjamin Tibbetts [1865]
Joseph Snead [] – **1868**)
Emmanuel Gadd [1868]
Samuel Nash [1869]
Joseph Snead [1870]
Edmund Gadd [] **1870**);
John Waterfield (**1870 – 1872**);
John Sutton (**1872**);
Ann Cox (**1872**);
Clifford Gretton (**1872 – 1874**);
Edwin Sadler (**1874 – 1876**);
William Wright (**1876 – 1877**);
Samuel Porter (**1877 – 1885**);
William Hatton (**1885 – 1890**);
Miss Leonora Dando (**1890 – 1893**);
George Knight (**1893 – 1896**);
Thomas Guest (**1896 – 1897**);
Elizabeth Guest (**1897 – 1899**);
Christopher Wood (**1899 – 1909**);
Moses Martin Baggott (**1909 – 1910**);
George Edwin Wentworth (**1910 – 1911**);
Percival 'Percy' Billingham (**1911 – 1912**);
Eric Davies (**1912 – 1916**);
Reuben Jones (**1916 – 1924**);
William Barwell (**1924**);
John David Andrews (**1924 – 1926**);
Albert Benjamin Haddon (**1926**);
Henry Robbins (**1926 – 1928**);
Arthur Williams (**1928 – [1940]**)
Samuel Brookes [1950's]
Derek Bagley [1984]

NOTES

It was known locally as the "Crown in the 'ole" or "Sammy's".

Bromley Ironworks FC changed here.

Stourbridge Observer 29/4/1865

"Selling Beer During Prohibited Hours. *Benjamin Tibbetts*, landlord of the CROWN, Commonside, was charged before I. Spooner Esq., with this offence. Police-constable Storer stated that on Monday week his attention was drawn to the defendant's house, and on entering it, found about 50 persons therein, and some ale in a jug on a table. The officer stated that they were assembled here previous to going to the prize fight which was expected to come off near the Salt Wells. The defendant pleaded ignorance of the conditions of his license, but as ignorance nowadays is no justification for wrong doing, a fine of £5 with costs was inflicted upon him."

Stourbridge Observer 16/5/1868 - Advert

"The CROWN INN, Commonside, near Brierley Hill. To Publicans, Brokers, and Others. To be Sold by Auction, by S. Insull, on Monday Next, May 18th, 1868, on the Premises, as above, the whole of the Public House Fixtures, Fittings, Brewing Utensils, and Effects, consisting of capital strong cross-legged Drinking and other Tables, Deal Forms, Windsor and other Chairs, capital 4-pull Ale Machine, 16-bushel oval Mashing Tub, Oval and Round Coolers, capital Half-hogshead and other Casks, slate bottom Bagatelle Board, with Balls, Cue and Marker, new; Pegs, Frame, and Bowls, and other useful Effects, belonging to Mr. *Joseph Snead*, who is giving up the Public Business."

Stourbridge Observer 7/11/1868

"*Emmanuel Gadd*, landlord of the CROWN INN, Commonside, was charged by Superintendent Mills with keeping his house open for the sale of beer on the 1st inst, at half past eleven o'clock.

Police-constable Stretton proved visiting the defendant's house, and found two men coming out of the house. There was a pint of ale on the window, and two men inside the house related to defendant.

Two witnesses were called for the defence, and defendant was fined £2 and costs - £2 11s 6d. The learned Stipendiary cautioned him, and said if he came again he would fine him £10."

Samuel Nash was fined 10s and costs for being drunk on the premises in 1869.

1871 Census

Commonside – CROWN INN – Used as Private House only

[1] *John Waterfield* (59), forge labourer, born Kingswinford;

[2] *Susannah Waterfield* (53), wife, born Kingswinford;

[3] *John Waterfield* (19), son, forge labourer, born Kingswinford;

[4] *Samuel Waterfield* (17), son, forge labourer, born Dudley:

Edwin Sadler = Edward Saddler

Stourbridge Observer 11/4/1874

"*Edward Saddler* (sic), of the CROWN INN, Commonside, was charged with permitting drunkenness in his house, on the 28th ultimo. Police-constable Goodfellow said he visited defendant's house on the above date, and saw several persons in the house, drunk. There was also a number of girls and boys upstairs, dancing to a fiddle. Police-constable Giles gave corroborative evidence.

The defence was that there was no one drunk. Three witnesses were called for the defence, to prove that no one was drunk; but they were only merry. The Bench considered the case proved, and fined defendant 20s and costs."

1881 Census

Commonside – The CROWN

- [1] *Samuel Porter* (38), publican, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Martha Porter* (45), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Phoebe A. M. Porter* (12), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Agnes J. Porter* (9), daughter, scholar, born Northumberland, Australia;
- [5] *Sarah Porter* (8), daughter, scholar, born Northumberland, Australia;
- [6] *Beatrice M. Porter* (2), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Joseph Padbury* (22), son to wife, carpenter, born Kingswinford;
- [8] *Charles Padbury* (43), brother to wife, general labourer, born Kingswinford;
- [9] *Sarah A. Rhodes* (16), domestic servant, born Kingswinford;

1901 Census

36, Commonside

- [1] *Christopher Wood* (36), licensed victualler, born Brockmoor;
- [2] *Elizabeth Wood* (27), wife, born Pensnett;
- [3] *Mark Guest* (8) stepson, born Pensnett;
- [4] *Laura Guest* (5), stepdaughter, born Pensnett;
- [5] *Kate Dando* (18), sister in law, unmarried, general servant, born Pensnett;

County Express 27/4/1901

“*Theophilus Colwell*, New Street, Brierley Hill, was charged with being disorderly in the CROWN INN, Pensnett, and with refusing to quit, on the 13th ult.

Christopher Wood, the landlord, said defendant was very disorderly, and after being got out, returned and renewed the disturbance. Defendant had caused trouble in the house several times.

Fined 2s 6d and costs.”

Christopher Wood was a committee member of Brierley Hill and District Licensed Victuallers' Association. [1902]

Samuel Porter died on 1st February 1925, aged 82, at Park Cottage, Broad Street, Kingswinford. He was a licensed victualler for about 40 years, holding, in turn, licenses at Pensnett (CROWN), Smethwick and Sedgley.

He was a temperate man. He never drank more than two glasses of beer a day and he never used bad language.

A team from here took part in the Pensnett and Bromley Crib League. [1946]

It was the headquarters of the Bromley [pigeon] Flying Club. [1980]

Closed [1997]

It was converted into flats.



1997

DOCK AND IRON

104, (41), (45), Delph Road, (45, Delph), BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Thomas Higgs
Obadiah Gilbert Shaw [1879]
George Elwell (leased)
Worcestershire Brewing and Malting Co. (acquired c.1896)
Kidderminster Brewery Co. Ltd. [1905]
Elwell, Williams and Co. (acquired on 1st March 1911)
Smith, Williams and Co. (acquired c.1916)
Julia Hanson and Son Ltd. (acquired con 2nd July 1934)
Ikon Pub Co. [2005]
Amanda and Paul Skitt [2006], [2008]



LICENSEES

David Higgs [1822] – [1835]
Mrs. Ann Higgs [1841] – [1851]
Thomas Higgs [1854] – **1877**;
Robert James (**1877 – 1879**);
George Elwell (**1879 – 1893**);
Trevor Isaac Elwell (**1893 – 1897**); [1891]
William Holden (**1897 – 1900**);
Thomas Rooke (**1900 – 1902**);
Alfred Millward (**1902 – 1906**);
Harriet Taylor (**1906 – 1911**);
Joseph Radford (**1911 – 1912**);
Walter Male (**1912 – 1921**);
William Baker (**1921 – 1925**);
Henry Horan (**1925 – 1926**);
George William Smith (**1926 – 1928**);
Bertram Williams (**1928 – 1930**);
Thomas Frederick Gregory (**1930 – 1950**);
George Wilfred Owen Pain (**1950 – 1958**);
Alan McKechnie (**1958 – 1972**);
Lilian Iris McKechnie (**1972 – 1977**);
Christopher Terry (**1977 – 1979**);
James Gill (**1979 – 1984**);
Geoffrey Howard Wheeler (**1984 – 1986**);
Anthony Brian 'Tony' Whittaker (**1986**);
John Smith (**1986 – 1989**);
Nigel Walton (**1989**);
Jeffrey Amerson (**1989 – []**)
Grace Solly (**2008 – []** manager)



1994

NOTES

45, Delph [1881]
45, Delph [1891], [1901]
41, Delph Road [1940]
104, Delph Road [2005]

It stood next door to George Elwell's Delph Brewery.

It was originally the DUKE WILLIAM [1985]

1841 Census

Delph

- [1] *Ann Higgs* (40), victualler, born Staffordshire;
- [2] *Eliza Higgs* (20), born Staffordshire;
- [3] *Thomas Higgs* (14), born Staffordshire;
- [4] *James Higgs* (3), born Staffordshire;
- [5] *Caroline Higgs* (2), born Staffordshire;
- [6] *Lucy Wellings* (20), f(emale?) s(ervant?);
- [7] *John Pearsall* (35), born Staffordshire:

1851 Census

Delph

- [1] *Ann Higgs* (53), married, victualler, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *James Higgs* (13), son, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Caroline Higgs* (12), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Jane Ketly* (25), visitor, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Caroline Cartwright* (9), visitor, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Jane Blakway* (18), house servant, born Kingswinford:

Brierley Hill Advertiser 17/5/1856 - Advert

"DUKE WILLIAM INN Bowling Green / Delph / The above Green will be Opened for the season on Tuesday next; May 20th, 1856 / *Thomas Higgs*, Proprietor."

AND

"On the same day [Whit Monday], the miners' club held their anniversary at the DUKE WILLIAM INN, Delph. About 80 members were present; and on Tuesday the Tradesmen's Society held their 36th anniversary at the same house. The members went in procession to church, headed by an excellent brass band, and afterwards dined. Upwards of 100 sat down to an excellent spread, laid out in the host's and hostess's usual style. The evening was enlivened by song and music, and all went off highly satisfactorily."

Brierley Hill Advertiser 6/6/1857

"On Monday last, the Miners' Club held at the DUKE WILLIAM INN, Delph, had their anniversary, when a most substantial dinner was laid by the worthy host, Mr. *Thomas Higgs*, to which full justice was done. The club numbers about seventy members. After having enjoyed themselves, they broke up at an early hour."

AND

"On the following Tuesday, The Tradesman's Club, held at the same house, celebrated their thirty-seventh anniversary. The dinner gave general satisfaction....."

Brierley Hill Advertiser 8/5/1858

"Delph Bowling Green, DUKE WILLIAM INN. The above Green being now in first rate order, will be Opened For The Season, on Monday next, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon. When the attendance of his Friends will much oblige.

T. Higgs, Proprietor."

1861 Census

DUKE WILLIAM

[1] *Thomas Higgs* (33), victualler and maltster, born Delph;

[2] *Ann Higgs* (35), wife, born Lye;

[3] *Mary A. Higgs* (3), daughter, born Delph;

plus one servant:

Thomas Higgs was also a maltster and a dealer in hops. [1864], [1865]

He was described as also being a maltster. [1868], [1870], [1872], [1873]

Brierley Hill Advertiser – March 1871 - Advert

“DUKE WILLIAM INN / Bowling Green, Delph / *T. Higgs* begs to inform his friends and the public that the above green will be opened for the season on Tuesday, May 2nd, when their attendance is respectfully solicited.”

1871 Census

DUKE WILLIAM

[1] *Thomas Higgs* (43), maltster and publican, born Kingswinford;

[2] *Ann Higgs* (44), wife, born Kingswinford;

[3] *Eliza Higgs* (15), daughter, born Kingswinford;

[4] *Mary Ann Higgs* (13), daughter, born Kingswinford;

[5] *Eliza Rendall* (20), servant:

Stourbridge Observer 4/11/1871

“On Wednesday last an inquest was held at the house of Mr. *T. Higgs*, the DUKE WILLIAM INN, Delph, before Mr. W. H. Phillips, Deputy Coroner, touching the death of *Joseph Webb*, aged four years, who died from injuries received from burns.

From the evidence it appeared that the mother of the child went out, leaving the deceased and two other children in the house. On her return she found that deceased had been burning some paper, and his clothes caught fire, and he received severe injuries.

Mr. Ashmead, surgeon, was soon in attendance, but the child died the same day.

The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

Stourbridge Observer 6/7/1872

“Arthur Fairbanks was summoned for threatening Mr. William Pearson, of the Delph, Brierley Hill, on the 1st July. Mr. Holberton appeared for the complainant.

John Bennett said on the above date he saw the defendant at the DUKE WILLIAM INN, the Delph. He heard defendant say, ‘I will shoot Mr. Pearson. I will put a bullet through him if I have to swing for it.’

John Bate said he saw defendant at Radford’s public house [probably the HOPE TAVERN] on the 1st instant, and defendant said he would either have a living, or he would blow Mr. Pearson’s brains out. He wanted them to go and ask for a jug of water, and he would blow Mr. Pearson’s brains out before their face.

Police-constable Grady said he saw defendant on the morning of the above date. Defendant gave him a paper (produced) and showed him a bottle of gum and a brush (produced). He said he had worked hard lately, but he did not intend to do it any more. He would either have his money out of Mr. Pearson, or he would blow his brains out. Complainant said he lived at the Delph, and knew defendant. He was afraid defendant would do him some bodily harm. He had received threatening letters from defendant.

Defendant said he had been drinking with some friends and if he said anything, it must have been said in a joke.

Defendant was bound over in two sureties of £20 each, and himself in one of £40, to keep the peace for three months.”

George Elwell was the son of Benjamin.

He brewed at the Delph Brewery, next door. [1884], [1888]

1881 Census

45, Delph

- [1] *George Elwell* (43), brewer, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Hannah Elwell* (43), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *James Elwell* (22), son, carter, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Emily Hodgkin* (21), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *Trevor Elwell* (11), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [6] *Esther J. Shaw* (26), general servant, born Brierley Hill:

Evening Star 13/6/1882

“On Monday, an adjourned inquest was held at the DUKE WILLIAM INN, the Delph, Brierley Hill, before W. H. Phillips, Esq, the district coroner, respecting the death of *George Pearce* (39), miner.

The deceased was killed by a fall of coal which took place on the 2nd June, while he was at work in the No.24 pit of the Earl of Dudley’s Saltwells Colliery.

Mr. W. B. Scott, deputy inspector of mines, having made an official inspection of the mine, reported that all necessary precautions had been taken on the day of the accident, and no blame could be attached to anyone.

The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

1891 Census

45, Delph – DUKE WILLIAM INN

- [1] *Trevor Isaac Elwell* (21), unmarried, publican, born Newcastle, Northumberland;
- [2] *Georgina Hale* (30), housekeeper, born St. James, London;
- [3] *Minnie Shakespear* (18), barmaid, born Smethwick;
- [4] *Louisa Cook* (17), general servant, born Kingswinford:

The County Advertiser 4/5/1912

“One of the oldest parts of Brierley Hill is the Delph, which lies on the eastern side of the ridge, which gave the town its name, for there was a time when the only road to the north through the district avoided the hill and passed through the valley, east of the town.

It is also the most neglected part, for some of the roads still belong to private owners, and are ankle deep in mud in the winter, and in dust in the summer. This does not, of course, apply to the road which runs through from Brettell Lane to Quarry Bank on the line of the ancient road, and which has some of the characteristics of a main thoroughfare. This road, and the property adjoining, however, have suffered severely in recent years from mining operations, as a result of which whole rows of cottages which fronted the road – for the Delph, as is the case with most east wards, sheltered some of the poorest in the town’s area – have been demolished, and new ones have arisen. Involved in the wide destruction was the Delph Brewery, with the old DUKE WILLIAM INN, which the present owners, Messrs. Elwell, Williams and Co have commenced to rebuild. We give an illustration of the ruins of the old house. It will be seen that there is ample site accommodation, and we understand the company were intending to build on a rather ambitious scale, but were prevented from doing so by the fact that valuable mines still exist beneath that side of the Delph, and the price asked for these was prohibitive. They are proposing, however, to erect a substantial modern inn under the old name. Another inn, the VINE, not many hundreds of yards away, has also been pulled down by the subsidence, and we understand that the owners Messrs. Atkinson, have decided to abandon this. It is not as well situated as the DUKE WILLIAM, and apart from the site and licensed value, the latter had interesting associations for the owning company which would make them loth in any case to allow the license to lapse. Some 60 years ago it was carried on by Mr. and Mrs. *Thomas Higgs*, representatives of an old local family, and 35 years ago Mr. *George Elwell*, whose father for many years kept the WHIMSEY, took over the premises, and founded there the success of the Delph Brewery. He very quickly commenced to enlarge and improve the brewing plant, stables, etc, and subsequently erected a modern brewery on what was formerly waste ground adjoining the house. All this was demolished, however, by the subsequent mining subsidences, and the owners have so long delayed rebuilding, waiting for the ground to settle, that the patience of the licensing justices was nearly at an end. At last, however, they have some assurance that the surface has ceased to move, and the foundations of the new DUKE WILLIAM have been laid. Messrs. Batham and Beddall are the building contractors.

The VINE is situated between Turk Street and Delph Lane, and the vicinity of it is the centre of present disturbance and damage. Here the many houses which are dotted about in gardens or in irregular ‘folds’ are mainly cottage property, having been built on the land by permission of the lord of the manor, to whom the yearly site rent is paid.

The undermining of the sites is now working great havoc, and in many instances there are only stacks of bricks to show where the cottages once stood. The mine-owners are not liable to pay a penny of compensation, and as the dwellings have in most cases been occupied by the same family for generations, there is both material loss and the severing of old associations as the occupiers find their domiciles tumbling down about their ears. This is not too strong a way to put it, for in the cases in which damage is now being done to property in Delph Lane, no notice is given to the tenants that they are in imminent danger by the shaking of their foundations, and in one case a woman lived in her house until a fortnight before it collapsed. The Rayboulds, Greens, Guestfords, Keens, and Lambs, names known in the Delph for years, are leaving as their houses fall one by one. The case of the Lambs illustrates how hardly one family is sometimes hit. In Delph Lane are five houses belonging to this family. Just at this point, some 100 or more yards from the shaft of the Dock o' Nine Pit, from which coal and clay is being drawn, the road is buckled and broken as by an earthquake. There have been no crownings-in, but it is matter for wonder that the surface of the road, cracked as it is from sides to centre, does not give way altogether. In a cottage on the right hand side, as you go up the lane, lives one of the brothers, Enoch, who has patiently built up a business as a haulier, and has also turned his attention to poultry farming in a small way. He rents two fields, one on each side of the ruddy lane, and has a small garden adjoining his house. Now he finds the future very menacing, because the cottage is becoming a ruin, and if he had the means to rebuild, the site does not belong to him. The near gable end has gone in from the base, bending up the floor boards in the 'parlour' till they splinter in the middle; the outer walls have parted from the cross walls by some four to six inches, and that adjoining the lane has partly fallen out; while the washhouse has also been pulled down to prevent it falling. A sister who resided with him cannot longer sleep in the house, and goes at night across the road to the home of another brother, James.

This is in almost as sad a plight. The owner and occupier had to pay to have the corner of the second storey taken out for fear it should fall on the children. For weeks the door has refused to close, and recently the tiles in the brewhouse floor have come up on end. As one of the brothers said to a visitor, 'There is no need to go to the Siden House when you have seen these cottages'.

A house belonging to another sister, further up the lane, has been abandoned by the tenant, and the other property of the family is seriously damaged or threatened. Some people say of those who are still living in their houses, 'I should never risk it', but they do not understand the pleasure of possession and the value of old association, which led James to remark a day or two ago, 'I won't leave my place so long as there is a brick standing.'

Some day we may see a new Delph, with modern property set to a building line in properly made streets, but if the old Delph is to be destroyed by mining operations, one can readily see the new one will arise out of the fire of pain, deprivation and loss."

Thomas Rooke = Thomas Rook

A team from here took part in the Brierley Hill and District Bowling League. [1900]

1901 Census

45, Delph

- [1] *Thomas Rooke* (45), publican, born Kidderminster;
- [2] *Louisa Rooke* (41), wife, born Kidderminster;
- [3] *Ethel Rooke* (16), daughter, born Kidderminster;
- [4] *Percy Rooke* (12), son, born Kidderminster;
- [5] *Samuel Rooke* (11), son, born Kidderminster;
- [6] *Louisa Rooke* (8), daughter, born Kidderminster;
- [7] *Maud Rooke* (7), daughter, born Kidderminster;
- [8] *Bertram Rooke* (1), son, born Kidderminster;
- [9] *Lily Rooke* (11 months), daughter, born Kidderminster;
- [10] *Arthur Cartwright* (23), lodger, blacksmith, born Brierley Hill;
- [11] *Nelly Cartwright* (20), lodger, born Brierley Hill:

It collapsed due to mining subsidence.

Tipton Herald 11/9/1909

“A special report of the Roads Sub-Committee recommended the lowering of the roadway opposite the DUKE WILLIAM INN, Delph, by some eighteen inches to two feet to improve the thoroughfare, and Councillor B. Williams proposed the adoption of the scheme.

Councillor Male thought the road was quite sufficiently risen near the Gas Light Row property. He thought it was rather hard on the people who owned property there to expect them to keep on raising the road there.

In reply to Councillor Thomas Williams, the Surveyor said the road wanted raising three feet to bring it up to its original level. They were told by Mr. Hughes that the roads would not be affected by mining operations.

The report was adopted.”

AND

“The surveyor (Mr. Harpur) reported that the work of re-instating the Delph Road was proceeding, and that the road near Gas Light Row was still subsiding, and was being filled in with ashes by the Earl of Dudley’s workmen.

The surface of the road at the present time, was nearly five feet above the floor level of the property. With regard to the roadway opposite the DUKE WILLIAM INN, he suggested that a decided improvement could be effected by lowering the roadway some 18 inches to two feet. That portion of the roadway had not been affected by mining operations, and in his and Mr. Hughes’ opinion it never could be. The Sanitary Committee expressed themselves in favour of the proposal, and recommended that the Roads Sub-Committee be requested to visit the spot, and report thereon.”

Dudley Herald 11/2/1911

“Plans were presented for approval in respect of the rebuilding of the DUKE WILLIAM INN, Delph. Mr. C. S. Knight (Kidderminster Brewery Company Ltd), said that since the last application the ground had not settled down substantially after the mining subsidence to commence work. The plans were approved.”

It was rebuilt.

Trevor Isaac Elwell died on 3rd October 1932, aged 63.

Conveyance dated 2/7/1934

“All that messuage or dwelling-house used as a public-house and called or known by the name of The DUKE WILLIAM INN together with the appurtenances thereto belonging Except the mines and minerals thereunder All which said premises are situate at Delph Brierley Hill aforesaid and are more particularly delineated on the plan endorsed on an Indenture made the First day of March One thousand nine hundred and eleven between James Henry Stephens and Allan Richardson of the first part The Kidderminster Brewery Company Limited of the second part and the said Isaac Trevor Elwell, Harry French Williams, William Henry Smith, John Benton and Frederick Hipkiss of the third part.”

Its name was changed to DOCK AND IRON in 1986.

It reopened after refurbishment costing £75,000 in November 1996.

It reopened after a £100,000 refurbishment in July 2008.

[2014]

Closed [2015]



2014

DOG AND LAMPOST

62, (156), Dudley Road, (Dudley Street), BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

William Oliver and Sons, Cradley
Johnson and Phipps
J. P. Simpkins
Greenall Whitley
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. [1997]
Pyramid Pub Management Ltd. [2005]
Admiral Taverns (acquired in 2006) [2008]

LICENSEES

James Jackson [] - **1872**);
Laura Jackson (**1872** - []
Harry Price [1872]
Thomas Larkham [] - **1873**);
William Day (**1873** - []
Abner Smith [] - **1873**);
John Goodman (**1873** - **1885**);
Mrs. Martha Goodman (**1885** - **1911**);
William Frank Oliver (**1911** - **1912**);
Frederick James Salt (**1912** - **1913**);
Mrs. Fanny Sophia Ward (**1913** - **1938**);
Charles Jones (**1938** - [1955]
Ada Alice Jones [1959] - **1976**);
Joseph Ivan Skeldon (**1976** - **1977**);
Donald Owen 'Don' Vasey (**1977** - **1990**);
Clive Vasey (**1990** - [1991]
Philip Green [2001] - [2005]
Ms. L Elliott [2005]



c. 1980s

NOTES

156, Dudley Street [1881], [1891], [1901]
156, Dudley Road [1904], [1912]
62, Dudley Road

It was situated next to Cook's Pool.

It had a beerhouse license.

It was originally the NEW INN. [1873], [1904], [1980]

1881 Census

156, Dudley Street
[1] John Goodman (45), licensed victualler, born Bath;
[2] Martha Goodman, (43), wife, born Wiltshire;
[3] Rosannah Maskell (22), domestic servant, born Berkshire (?):

1891 Census

156, Dudley Street – NEW INNS

- [1] *Martha Goodman* (55), widow, innkeeper, born Devizes, Wiltshire;
- [2] *Jemima Cox* (25), domestic servant, born Brierley Hill:

1901 Census

156, Dudley Street – NEW INN

- [1] *Martha Goodman* (65), widow, publican, born Alnorth, Wiltshire;
- [2] *Elizabeth Ann Simmonds* (41), niece, born Calne, Wiltshire;
- [3] *Annie Randle* (23), domestic servant, born Gloucester:

Martha Goodman was a beer and wine retailer. [1904]

1911 Census

Dudley Road – NEW INNS

- [1] *Martha Goodman* (76), widow, innkeeper, born Devizes;
- [2] *Lily Simmonds* (51), niece, assistant innkeeper, born Calne, Wiltshire;
- [3] *May Clarke* (17), general servant, born Brierley Hill:

James F. Salt, beer retailer, 156, Dudley Road. [1912]

County Express 10/2/1917

“Brierley Hill Licensing Sessions.

NEW INN, Dudley Road. Mr. J. T. Higgs represented the applicant Mrs. *Ward* who was convicted for supplying over measure in June. The business had since been conducted satisfactorily.

Renewed.”

A full license was granted in 1961.

Donald Vasey was married to Iris.

The name was changed to DOG AND LAMPPOST. [1991]

A new sign, showing a policeman up a lamppost with a dog attacking him from below, was designed by Stourbridge artist John Edwards, was installed by *Clive Vasey* in 1991.

Express and Star 24/11/1997 - Advert

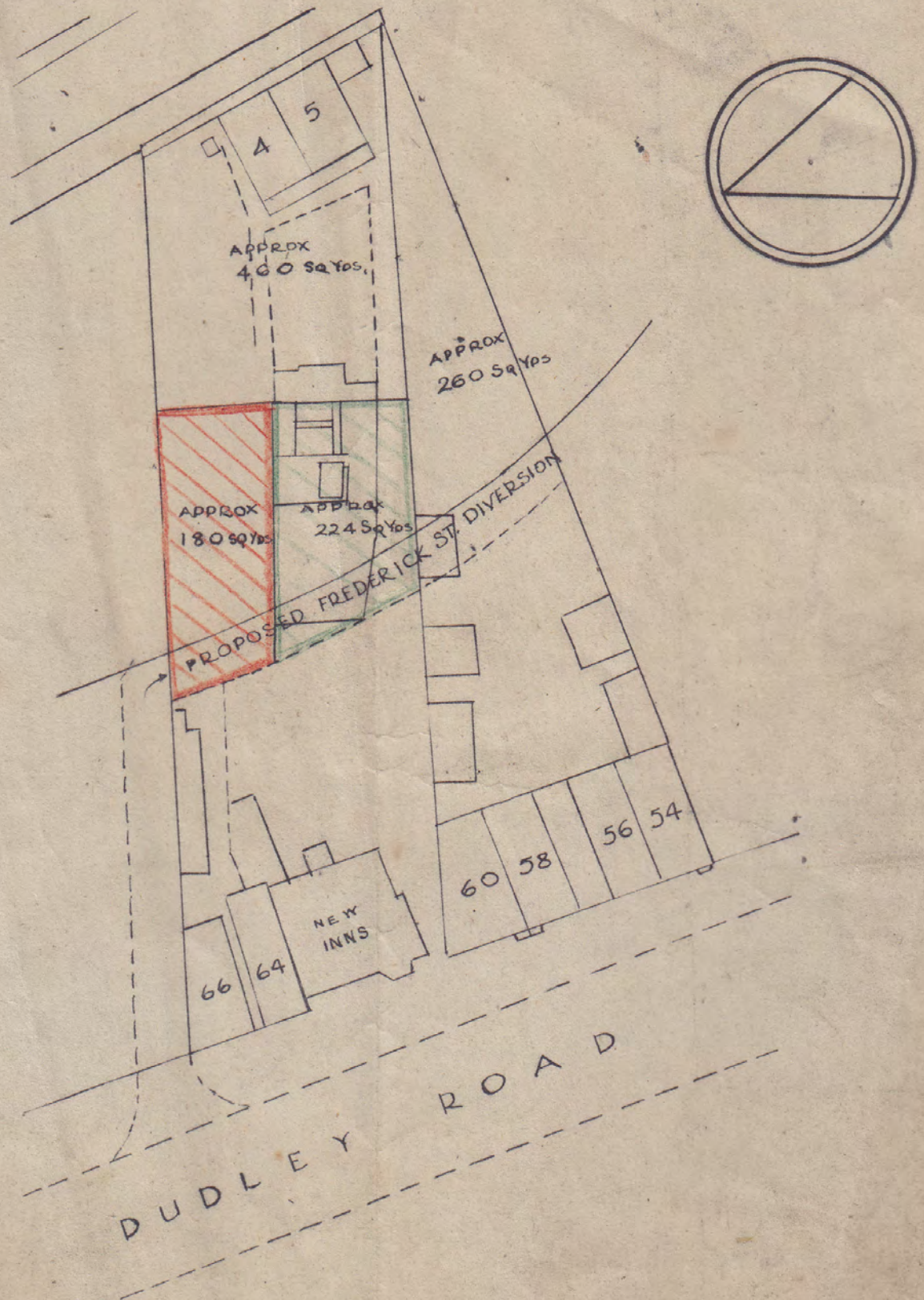
“One room community pub, good internal condition. External refurbishment in progress.”

[2015]



2015

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DOG AND PARTRIDGE

136, (89), (88), High Street, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1897)

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1909)

LICENSEES

Joseph Davies [1864] – [1865]
Samuel Richard Timmins [1864] – **1868**;
John Taylor (**1868** – [1869]
Samuel Richard Timmins [1871] – **1875**);
John Dangerfield (**1875** – **1877**);
David Plant (**1877** – **1878**);
Henry Bate Erwin (**1878** – **1880**);
William Edkins (**1880** – **1881**);
Clara Edkins (**1881** – **1884**);
Charles Mason (**1884** – **1888**);
George Henry Groome (**1888** – **1889**);
Thomas Newbold (**1889**);
Robert Samuel Jones (**1889** – **1890**);
William Henry Robins (**1890** – **1891**);
John Walker (**1891**);
William Abbott (**1891** – **1893**);
James Richard Yates (**1893** – **1895**);
William Edward Dawes (**1895** – **1897**);
George Benton (**1897** – **1905**)
[Another licensee took over briefly here]
George Benton (**1905**);
Thomas Larkham (**1905** – **1923**);
Walter Lancelot Larkham (**1923** – [1940]
Derek Beckett [1984]
Helen Smith [1994]
Patricia Murphy [2001]
Robert E Chance [2006]



1996



2015

NOTES

89, High Street [1872], [1873], [1881], [1896], [1904], [1911], [1912]

136, High Street [1921], [1940], [1988], [1994], [1997], [1998]

Joseph Davies and *Samuel Richard Timmins* are recorded as being here in the same directory.

Samuel Richard Timmins was also a car proprietor. [1864], [1865]

Stourbridge Observer 1/6/1867

“A large and influential meeting of colliery engineers was held on Monday evening, at Mr. *R. Timmins*’s DOG AND PARTRIDGE INN, Brierley Hill. The object of the meeting was to express sympathy with Mr. Joseph Bellinson, engineer, who has lately been imprisoned on account of his being involved in an accident that took place at the Court House Pit, Kingswinford, on January 4, this year. A substantial expression of good feeling towards Mr. Bellinson was provided in a purse of sovereigns, the result of a subscription that had been entered into, and which was presented at the meeting to him.

Mr. John Williams, of Saltwell Colliery, occupied the chair. He expressed his hearty sympathy with the friend they had met to honour. From a long acquaintance, he could testify to his upright, steady, and trustworthy character, and regretted that the view of the case had been taken which had resulted in the proceedings against one who was held in so high esteem.....”

Stourbridge Observer 7/3/1868

“Clearing Out Sale at the OLD BELL INN, Bell Street, Brierley Hill.

To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. H. Detheridge, on Monday next, March 9th, 1868, the whole of the Public House Fixtures and Brewing Plant, Screens, Ale Tables, Four-Pull Beer Machine, with Piping and Taps; Ale Cask, Oak 8-bushel oval Mash Tub, oval Working Tub, two strong Wood Vats, lined with Zinc; Pewter and other Measures, Gas Fitting, Lamp, Sign, Licenses, &c, with the Sitting Room and Chamber Furniture, Spanish Mahogany Centre and Oblong Tables, Sofa, Chairs, French Iron Bedsteads, Mattresses, Bed, Bed Clothes, with valuable and Powerful-toned Finger Organ, in handsome Mahogany Case; and other Effects, belonging to Mr. *Taylor*, who has taken to the DOG AND PARTRIDGE INN, High Street, Brierley Hill, and has no further use for them.....”

London Gazette 24/8/1869

“*John Taylor*, of the DOG AND PARTRIDGE INN, High Street Innkeeper and Engineer, adjudicated Bankrupt on the 25th day of May 1869.....”

1871 Census

88, High Street

- [1] *Samuel R. Timmins* (49), victualler, born Dorset;
- [2] *Mary Timmins* (49), wife, born Dudley;
- [3] *Emma Timmins* (13), daughter, scholar, born Dudley;
- [4] *Maria Timmins* (9), daughter, scholar, born Dudley;
- [5] *Polly Timmins* (6), daughter, scholar, born Dudley;
- [6] *Sarah Perny* (20), general servant, born Kingswinford:

Stourbridge Observer 7/10/1871

“*Richard Timmins*, landlord of the DOG AND PARTRIDGE INN, High Street, was summoned for permitting drunkenness in his house on the night of the 25th September.

Mr. J. W. Clulow defended.

Police-constable Mayland visited the house at about 11.30, and found a number of drunken people in different parts of the house. He saw lots of beer sold to persons intoxicated.

In cross-examination Matland said defendant did not express his regret at the time. The house had not been well kept, and frequent complaints had been made to the police.

Police-constable Grady gave confirmative evidence.

In defence, Mr. Clulow urged that it was Wake Monday when the offence was committed, and asked the Bench to bear in mind that on such occasions it was utterly impossible for a landlord to prevent persons coming from other public houses entering his house. It was a fact, too, that the defendant closed his house on the night in question three hours before any other landlord in the town. Defendant was very sorry, and hoped the magistrates would deal leniently with him.

Superintendent Mills said defendant’s house had been noisy for some time. Fined 10s and costs.”

Stourbridge Observer 5/10/1872

“The adjourned Licensing Sessions for the petty sessional division of Kingswinford was held on Monday last, at the Brierley Hill Police Court *Richard Timmins*, DOG AND PARTRIDGE INN, Brierley Hill. Applied for a renewal of his license.

Superintendent Mills stated that in October last the defendant was fined 10s for permitting drunkenness in his house, but since that time the house had been well conducted. License granted.”

1881 Census

89, High Street

[1] *William Edkins* (29), licensed victualler, born West Bromwich;

[2] *Clara Edkins* (28), wife, no birthplace given;

[3] *William E. Edkins* (4), son, scholar, no birthplace given;

[4] *Fanny E. Edkins* (3), daughter, born Smethwick;

[5] *Clara Edkins* (10 months), daughter, born Brierley Hill;

[6] *Jane Pratt* (22), general servant, birthplace unknown:

1901 Census

89, High Street – DOG AND PARTRIDGE

[1] *George Benton* (34), publican, born Brierley Hill;

[2] *Eliza Benton* (34), wife, born Brierley Hill;

[3] *Louisa E. Benton* (14), daughter, born Brierley Hill;

[4] *Alice E. Benton* (11), daughter, born Brierley Hill;

[5] *George H. Benton* (9), son, born Brierley Hill:

County Express 4/1/1902

“Sick and Draw Clubs.....

DOG AND PARTRIDGE (Brierley Hill).– On Boxing night the members of this club sat down to an excellent repast provided by the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. *G. Benton*. After the cloth was drawn a dividend of 15s 6d was declared, which was considered very satisfactory. Several new members were elected, and afterwards the evening was spent convivially.”

Tipton Herald 12/12/1903

“On Saturday night the members of Court ‘Little John’ No.4939, of the AOF, were entertained to dinner by Mr. *George Benton*, through the North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd, at the DOG AND PARTRIDGE INN, High Street. There were over 90 at dinner. Bro. Samuel Alcock DCR, and secretary of the Court, occupied the chair, and Bro. J. Phillips CR, the vice chair.....”

1910 Advert in Music Hall Programme

“Free and Easy, every Saturday, Sunday and Tuesday.”

1911 Census

89, High Street – DOG AND PARTRIDGE

[1] *Thomas Larkham* (62), widower, publican, born Tipton;

[2] *Walter Lancelot Larkham* (30), son, barman, born North Shields, Northumberland;

[3] *Ann Maria Javess* (30), general servant, born Brierley Hill:

Thomas Larkham was also a fishmonger of 113, High Street.

It was refurbished in 1988.

It closed in 2007. [2009]

It reopened [2010]

[2015]

DOG AND PARTRIDGE

17, Thorns Road, Caledonia, QUARRY BANK

OWNERS

Earl of Dudley
Atkinsons Ltd. (acquired c.1897)
Hereford and Tredegar Brewery (acquired c.1926)
Ansells Ltd. (acquired c.1937)

LICENSEES

Job Powell [1871]
Henry Bate [1872] - **1893**);
Hannah Bate (**1893 - 1897**);
Richard Bate (**1897 - 1899**);
Thomas Knott (**1899 - 1901**);
Arthur James Webster (**1901 - 1902**);
Emmanuel Dunn (**1902**);
Mrs. Sarah Grove (**1902 - 1904**);
Maria Mason (**1904 - 1907**);
Perrin Mason (**1907 - 1919**);
John Henry Jeremiah Taylor (**1919 - 1924**);
John Hornbuckle (**1924 - 1926**);
Joseph Chance (**1926 - 1930**);
George Chance (**1930 - 1932**);
Charles Fradgley (**1932 - [1938]**)

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

Stourbridge Observer 11/3/1871

“*Job Powell*, landlord of the DOG AND PARTRIDGE, The Thorns, was summoned by Superintendent Mills for keeping his house open for the sale of beer during prohibited hours, on the night of the 31st ultimo. Police-sergeant Breton proved that he visited the defendant’s house at half past eleven o’clock. He found six men in the house besides defendant’s family, drinking. There was a quart of ale and a pint cup on the table full. Fined 40s and costs.”

1871 Census

Caledonia – DOG AND PARTRIDGE

- [1] *Job Powell* (64), widower, innkeeper, born Bristol;
- [2] *Harriett Powell* (23), daughter, housekeeper, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Mary Anne Powell* (3), granddaughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *William Lackerby* (49), boarder, agent for brick trade, born Newcastle on Tyne:

Henry Bate, beer retailer, Thorns. [1872], [1884], [1888]

Stourbridge Observer 22/6/1872

“At the Petty Sessions at Brierley Hill, on Monday last, George Potter was charged by Henry Mills, a Parish constable, with assaulting him on the 20th May, while in the execution of his duty. Mr. Homer defended. Complainant said that on the above date he saw the defendant at the DOG AND PARTRIDGE public house. He was quite drunk. Defendant struck him on the face and kicked him on the leg. His face, eyes, and legs were injured. A witness gave corroborative evidence, and defendant was fined 50s and costs; in default 2 months.”

1881 Census

DOG AND PARTRIDGE

- [1] *Henry Bate* (51), publican, born Delph, Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Hannah Bate* (51), wife, born Thorns, Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Elizabeth Bate* (22), daughter, born Thorns, Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Richard Bate* (19), son, retort maker, born Cradley, Staffordshire;
- [5] *Clara Bate* (17), daughter, born Wilnecote, Staffordshire;
- [6] *Emily Bate* (15), daughter, born Quarry Bank;
- [7] *Milbro (?) Bate* (13), daughter, scholar, born Deepfields;
- [8] *Harriett Bate* (10), daughter, scholar, born Thorns, Staffordshire:

1891 Census

Caledonia – DOG AND PARTRIDGE INN

- [1] *Henry Bate* (61), publican, born Delph;
- [2] *Hannah Bate* (61), wife, born Quarry Bank:

1901 Census

17, Thorns Road – DOG AND PARTRIDGE INN

- [1] *Arthur J. Webster* (44), manager of inn, born Kidderminster;
- [2] *Mary A. Webster* (42), wife, born Birmingham;
- [3] *Arthur J. Webster* (12), son, born Birmingham;
- [4] *Edith Maud Webster* (7), daughter, born Birmingham;
- [5] *Gladys May Webster* (4), daughter, born Birmingham;
- [6] *Clifford James Webster* (under 1 year), son, born Birmingham:

Mrs. *Sarah Grove*, beer retailer, Thorns Road. [1904]

1911 Census

Thorns Road – DOG AND PARTRIDGE INN

- [1] *Perrin Mason* (58), licensed victualler, born Quarry Bank;
- [2] *Selina Mason* (54), wife, married 34 years, born Quarry Bank;
- [3] *Joseph Mason* (23), son, fire clay miner, loader underground, born Quarry Bank;
- [4] *Mary A. Mason* (26), daughter in law, bucket packer, born Lye;
- [5] *Sarah Mason* (22), daughter, born Quarry Bank;
- [6] *Tom Mason* (16), son, enamel dipper, born Quarry Bank;
- [7] *Alfred Willis Mason* (14), son, enamel, dentor, born Quarry Bank;
- [8] *Eleanor Mason* (12), daughter, school, born Quarry Bank:

DOLPHIN

133, (55), High Street, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Elwell, Williams and Co. (acquired in 1897)

Smith and Williams [c. 1916]

Julia Hanson and Son Ltd. (acquired on 2nd July 1934)

LICENSEES

John Thompson [1845]

David Evans [1867] – [1870]

Mrs. Rebecca Round [1872]

Alice Round [] – **1872**;

Robert Morgan (**1872 – 1877**);

Alfred Shaw (**1877**);

Benjamin 'Ben' Green (**1877 – 1895**);

David Evans (**1895**);

Thomas Griffiths (**1895 – 1897**);

John Benton (**1897 – 1901**);

Matthew Fletcher (**1901 – 1904**);

Joseph Woodhall (**1904**);

David Thomas Holt (**1904 – 1905**);

Robert Ward (**1905 – 1908**);

John Nisbett (**1908 – 1911**);

Zachariah Dawes (**1911 – 1918**);

James Henry Dawes (**1918 – 1920**);

William Grainger (**1920 – 1931**);

Frederick William Williams (**1931 – 1939**);

NOTES

55, High Street [1881], [1891], [1904], [1912]

133, High Street [1916]

Originally known as the OLD STAR (before 15th July 1869)

STAR [1870]

Name changed to DOLPHIN in 1875.

It had a beerhouse license.

Dudley Herald 7/9/1867

“*David Evans*, landlord of the OLD STAR INN fined £5 and costs allowing gambling.”

Mrs. Rebecca Round, beer retailer, 55, High Street. [1872]

1881 Census

55, High Street – DOLPHIN INN

- [1] *Benjamin Green* (29), innkeeper, born Cradley, Staffordshire;
- [2] *Martha J. Green* (27), wife, born Oldbury;
- [3] *Benjamin Green* (3), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Louisa Green* (1), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *William Green* (7 months), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [6] *Jane Hewkes* (19), general domestic servant, born Oldbury:

1891 Census

55, High Street

- [1] *Ben Green* (39), innkeeper, born Cradley, Staffordshire;
- [2] *Martha Jane Green* (37), wife, born Oldbury;
- [3] *Ben Green* (13), son, scholar, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Louisa Green* (11), daughter, scholar, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *William Green* (10), son, scholar, born Brierley Hill;
- [6] *Harry Green* (9), son, scholar, born Brierley Hill;
- [7] *Edward Green* (8), son, scholar, born Brierley Hill;
- [8] *Cissey May Green* (1), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [9] *Charlotte E. Pearson* (19), domestic servant, born Wollaston:

John Benton's daughter *Mary Ann* married *T. Guttery Jnr.* (of EXCHANGE VAULTS).

County Express 12/5/1900

“On Thursday evening a supper in connection with the yearly money club held at Mr. *John Benton's*, the DOLPHIN INN, was held, when about forty members and friends attended. The room had been excellently and appropriately decorated. National colours were used on table embellishments, whilst flags and banners were suspended all round the room. After the business of the club had been concluded, including the reading of the report by Mr. T. Brown (secretary), which was a satisfactory one, the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony, Mr. W. H. Smith being chairman, and Mr. T. R. Charlton vice chairman. At the close the host and hostess were heartily thanked for their excellent catering.”

County Express 2/6/1900

“Mr. Herbert Humphries, auctioneer, held a sale of properties at the DOLPHIN INN, High Street, on Wednesday last.....”

County Express 30/6/1900

“On Thursday evening the ‘third night’ supper in connection with the money club held at the house of Councillor *John Benton*, the DOLPHIN INN, took place. Over 40 members and friends sat down to a splendidly prepared repast, which was greatly appreciated. The tables, too, were most attractively decorated. After the conducting of the club’s business, when a large membership was reported, the meeting was presided over by Mr. J. Davies, with Mr. B. Whittingslow in the vice-chair. The remainder of the evening was spent convivially, a capital recitation ‘At Benning on the Rhine’ being given by Mr. Whittingslow, and songs contributed by Messrs. J. Davies, J. Jay, and by the accompanist. At the close a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. and Mrs. *Benton* for their excellent catering.....”

1901 Census

55, High Street – DOLPHIN INN

- [1] *John Benton* (47), brewer and beer retailer, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Lydia Benton* (44), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Mary Ann Guttery* (22), daughter, widow, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *John Benton* (20), son, cabinet maker, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *Lydia Benton* (18), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [6] *William Benton* (13), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [7] *Albert Benton* (7), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [8] *Alice Bate* (23), general servant, born Brierley Hill;
- [9] *Amy Cope* (12), niece, born Middlesbrough:

County Express 6/4/1901

“The restarting of the money club, held at the house of Mr. *John Benton*, the DOLPHIN INN, High Street, was celebrated by the holding of a supper on Tuesday evening, when some 30 members and friends partook of an admirable spread. The tables were attractively decorated. After the business of the club had been transacted, Mr. B. Whittingslow was elected to the chair, and Mr. T. S. Brown to the vice-chair. During the evening a pianoforte solo was given by Mr. F. Griffiths, songs by Messrs. H. Jones, McGill, Joseph Benton, B. Whittingslow, and also a recitation by the chairman. The Chairman moved a hearty vote of thanks to the host and hostess (Mr. and Mrs. *Benton*) for their excellent catering, and this was acknowledged by Mr. *Benton*. The evening closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.”

John Benton – see also GOLDEN EAGLE.

County Express 14/12/1901

“On Wednesday evening the first of a series of smoking concerts was held at Mr. *Mathew Fletcher*’s, the DOLPHIN INN, High Street, Brierley Hill, when Mr. H. F. Williams presided over a large attendance, and an excellent programme was contributed by the following: Messrs. V. Pargeter, S. Homer, W. May, McGill, L. Flavell, W. Woodall, Herbert A. Fletcher, and W. Bowkley. Next Wednesday’s concert is for a charitable purpose.”

County Express 4/1/1902

“Sick and Draw Clubs.....

DOLPHIN INN (Brierley Hill).– The annual supper was held on Saturday. After the cloth was drawn, Mr. A. Jesper took the chair, and the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony. Songs were given by Messrs. A. Roberts, W. Gray, J. Brooks, and others. A vote of thanks to the host and hostess (Mr. and Mrs. *M. Fletcher*) concluded a most enjoyable evening.”

County Express 11/1/1902

“The third in a series of smoking concerts was given at Mr. *M. Fletcher*’s, the DOLPHIN INN, High Street, on Tuesday night, when a crowded attendance was presided over by Mr. William Rollinson, High Street. An excellent programme of vocal music was rendered, and greatly enjoyed.”

County Express 1/2/1902

“On Tuesday, at the usual smoking concert held at the DOLPHIN INN, there was a large attendance. The following programme was excellently given:– Instrumental duet, Messrs. Isaac and Pargeter; comic song, ‘Take no notice of me,’ Mr. J. Cookson; pianoforte solo, Mr. V. Pargeter; ventriloquial sketch, Mr. J. Cookson; comic song, ‘There must be another one,’ Mr. A. Fletcher; song, ‘Just by the stroke of a pen,’ Mr. L. Flavell; violin solo, Mr. J. Isaac; comic song, ‘Here we go again,’ Mr. A. Fletcher; song, ‘The Bugler,’ Mr. S. Homer; ventriloquial sketch, Mr. J. Cookson; comic song, ‘Walking in my sleep,’ Mr. A. Fletcher; song, ‘Jack’s the boy,’ Mr. S. Homer; song, Mr. L. Flavell.”

County Express 14/6/1902

“On Tuesday night a smoking concert was given at Mr. *M. Fletcher*’s, the DOLPHIN INN, High Street, when Mr. W. Rollinson presided over a large attendance. The programme was as follows:– Humorous song, ‘Getting it by degrees,’ Mr. Garner; song ‘Hopeless cases,’ Mr. J. Hughes; song ‘Pattern to the world,’ Mr. S. Homer; comic song, Mr. W. Woodall; piccolo solo, Mr. T. Morris; recitation, Mr. Garner; song ‘Volunteer,’ Mr. Smith; song ‘The trumpet call,’ Mr. Homer; comic song, ‘I never interfere,’ Mr. Woodall; song ‘Josephine,’ Mr. Homer; humorous song ‘May I come in,’ Mr. Smith; song, Mr. Edwards. Mr. V. Pargeter was the accompanist.”

Matthew Fletcher, beer and wine retailer. [1904]

Tipton Herald 10/4/1909

“A most successful concert in aid of the widow and children of the late Caleb Roberts, took place on Monday evening at the DOLPHIN INN, High Street, Councillor Jno. Benton presiding. Several members of the District Council and other gentlemen gave their patronage and supported the movement.....”

[Was the Councillor also the ex-licensee?]

Zachariah Dawes, beer retailer, 55, High Street. [1912]

William Grainger died in 1935, aged 66.
He married Hannah Benton (she died in 1942, aged 72).

Conveyance dated 2/7/1934

“All that messuage or dwelling-house with the outbuildings and appurtenances thereto used as a public house and known by the sign of the DOLPHIN INN situate at Brierley Hill aforesaid bounded in front by High Street at the back by a messuage and premises hereinafter described and on one side by property now or late of Morrell and on the other side by a messuage late of Mark William Rollinson which said messuage was formerly in the occupation of *Zachariah Dawes*.....”

It was referred to the Compensation Authority on 6th March 1939.

DUDLEY ARMS

139, (68), Dudley Street / John Street, (68, Dudley Road), Round Oak, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1904)

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1909)

LICENSEES

Walter William Bright [1870] – **1873**);

John Fidoe (**1873 – 1878**);

George Hopkinson (**1878**);

Henry Sherwin (**1878 – 1879**);

Anthony Smith (**1879**);

William Giffard (**1879**);

Frederick William Course (**1879 – 1880**);

Emma Whitehouse (**1880 – 1881**);

Charlotte Boden (**1881 – 1882**);

Robert Aldridge (**1882 – 1883**);

Walter William Bright (**1883 – 1884**);

George Allen (**1884 – 1885**);

Thomas Downes (**1885 – 1887**);

William Whitehouse (**1887 – 1888**);

Charles Edward Brownhill (**1888 – 1889**);

Charles Miles (**1889 – 1891**);

Thomas Twigg (**1891 – 1892**);

Frank Lytton Harris (**1892 – 1893**);

Alfred Pargeter (**1893 – 1897**);

Thomas Banks (**1897 – 1901**);

Enoch Westwood (**1901 – []**)

Robert William Sheldon McGill [] – **1908**);

William Charles Bubb (**1908 – 1909**);

Walter Westwood (**1909 – 1910**);

Thomas Banks (**1910 – 1921**);

George Ridgway (**1921 – 1924**);

George John Payne (**1924 – 1930**);

Joseph Henry Newton (**1930 – 1931**);

Joseph Thomas Lawrence (**1931 – [1940]**)

NOTES

68, Dudley Road [1881], [1911]

68, Dudley Street [1891], [1901]

139, Dudley Street [1940]

It had a beerhouse license.

Walter William Bright, beer retailer, Dudley Street and High Street. [1870]

He was described as a beer retailer of Dudley Street. [1872]

See also ROYAL EXCHANGE.

Stourbridge Observer 18/1/1873

“Benjamin Barker and David Millership were charged with stealing two tumbler glasses on the 13th inst., the property of *Walter Bright*. Mr. Addison defended. Walter Fredoe said he lived at the DUDLEY ARMS, Round Oak and kept a public house for Mr. *Bright*. About twenty minutes past nine the two prisoners came into the house, and called for two glasses of cowslip wine. He supplied prisoners, who, when they had drunk it, left the house. He missed the glasses at once, and went after them, and asked them where the glasses were they had taken. They both said they had not then the glasses. Witness told them they had, and he could see them under Millership’s coat, and the latter gave the glasses up.

The police came up at the time, and took them into custody, the glasses were worth 4d each. Police sergeant Walter said he came up at the time. The prisoners and prosecutor were together. Prosecutor said they had stolen two glasses, and witness then took them into custody. Mr. Addison for the defence, said the prisoners had hitherto borne a good character. Both were the worse for liquor. Mr. Spooner remarked that he had enquired about their character and found it very good. It was a great pity to see men like them placed in the dock, which was, or ought to be, a punishment to them, and he should order them to find one bail in £10 to appear in two months.”

1881 Census

68, Dudley Road – Liquor Vaults

- [1] *Emma Whitehouse* (45), widow, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Abina Whitehouse* (22), daughter, born Walsall;
- [3] *Selina Whitehouse* (15), daughter, born Birmingham;
- [4] *Madelina Whitehouse* (13), daughter, born Warwickshire;
- [5] *Shirley Frank Whitehouse* (7), son, born Birmingham;
- [6] *Ernest Whitehouse* (6), son:

Evening Star 12/1/1882

“Thomas Breeze (24), iron worker, of Round Oak, was fined 10s and costs, or fourteen days hard labour, for being drunk and disorderly in the DUDLEY ARMS INN, Round Oak, on Saturday night last. Defendant became quarrelsome, and refused to leave when asked to do so, had to be turned out by a constable.”

1891 Census

68, Dudley Street – DUDLEY ARMS

- [1] *Thomas Twigg* (54), innkeeper, born Dudley;
- [2] *Martha Twigg* (53), wife, born Dudley;
- [3] *Thomas Twigg* (13), son, scholar, born Brierley Hill:

1901 Census

68, Dudley Street

- [1] *Thomas Banks* (47), publican, born Commonside;
- [2] *Sabra Banks* (43), wife, born Tacheroo, Brockmoor;
- [3] *Richard Banks* (19), son, railway ticket collector, born Moor Lane, Brierley Hill;
- [4] *William Banks* (16), son, iron worker, born Moor Lane, Brierley Hill;
- [5] *Margarett Banks* (13), daughter, born Moor Lane, Brierley Hill;
- [6] *Sabra Banks* (9), daughter, born Moor Street, Brierley Hill;
- [7] *Edith Banks* (4), daughter, born Moor Street, Brierley Hill:

County Express 17/8/1901

“A meeting of the committee of the Brierley Hill and District Licensed Victuallers’ Association has been held at Mr. Thomas Banks, DUDLEY ARMS, Round Oak. Mr. H. F. Williams presided.....”

Thomas Banks was a committee member of the Brierley Hill and District Licensed Victuallers’ Association.
[1902]

A full license was granted on 2nd April 1904.

1911 Census

68, Dudley Road – DUDLEY ARNS

[1] *Thomas Banks* (57), publican, born Brierley Hill;

[2] *Sabra Banks* (52), wife, married 37 years, landlady, born Brierley Hill;

[3] *Ada Banks* (14), daughter, assistant in business, born Brierley Hill;

[4] *Sabra Banks* (19), daughter, assistant in business, born Brierley Hill;

[5] *Nancy Banks* (6), grandchild, school child, born Brierley Hill:

Thomas Banks, beer retailer, 68, Dudley Road. [1912]

He was also a brewer. [1921]

Plans were approved, for improvements to the sanitary arrangements, at the adjourned Licensing Meeting, on 4th March 1930.

It closed on 31st December 1956.

EAGLE

7, Turners Lane, Delph, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

William Bate
Earl of Dudley
George Elwell (Delph) (leased)
Kidderminster Brewery Co. Ltd. (annual tenancy) [1905]

LICENSEES

Ann Kendall [c. 1871]
William Skelding [1871] - **1874**);
David Skelding (**1874 - 1876**);
William Bate (**1876 - 1889**);
Mrs. Hannah Bate (**1889 - 1890**);
Thomas Bullock (**1890 - 1897**);
Henry Davies (**1897 - 1898**);
William Henry Davies (**1898 - 1902**);
John Chance (**1902 - 1906**);
William Fowler (**1906 - 1911**);
Thomas Henry Dulson (**1911 - 1912**);
Thomas Alfred Holt (**1912 - 1913**);
Aaron Evers (**1913 - 1914**);
James Albert Hill (**1914 - 1916**);
Wilfred Davies (**1916 - 1921**);

NOTES

It was originally called the SPREAD EAGLE.
The name was changed to EAGLE in 1874.

Ann Kendall was fined 10s for permitting drunkenness, during the year 1871/2.

The Stourbridge Observer reported the transfer on 7th December 1874 from David (?) Skelding to *David Skelding Jnr.*

1871 Census

7, Turners Lane
[1] *William Skelding* (67), licensed victualler, born Amblecote;
[2] *Mary Skelding* (60), wife, born Montgomeryshire;
[3] *Thomas Pearson* (24), lodger, miner, born Amblecote;
[4] *Esther Pearson* (23), lodger, born Kingswinford;
[5] *Sarah Pearson* (4), lodger, born Kingswinford;
[6] *Mary Pearson* (2), lodger, born Kingswinford;
[7] *John Pearson* (1), lodger, born Kingswinford:

Blackcountryman (Spring 1969)

'Black Country Crime And Punishment 90 Years Ago'

"On January 2nd [1879] there appeared before the Stipendiary Magistrates at Brierley Hill, *William Bate*, the landlord of the EAGLE INN, Delph his son William and Jeremiah Jones, summoned for assaulting John Aston, brewer, of the Delph The evidence on both sides was most conflicting, all the litigants, together with some other persons not charged, appearing to have taken part in a disorderly melee at the EAGLE Magistrates declared that the Bates were justified in using violence to eject the others, and he fined Aston 6d and costs and ordered him to pay 13s 6d damages on account of the broken windows."

1881 Census

7, Turners Lane – EAGLE INN

[1] *William Bate* (55), licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;

[2] *Hannah Bate* (56), wife, born Brierley Hill;

[3] *William Bate* (21), son, iron worker, born Brierley Hill;

[4] *Esther Bate* (16), daughter, born Brierley Hill:

1891 Census

7, Turners Lane – EAGLE INN

[1] *Thomas Bullock* (42), pig weigher, born Moor Lane;

[2] *Esther Bullock* (40), wife, born Saltwells;

[3] *William Bullock* (19), son, coal miner, born Quarry Bank;

[4] *Thomas Bullock* (17), son, clay miner, born Quarry Bank;

[5] *Daniel Hall* (16), stepson, coal miner, born Saltwells;

[6] *Susannah Hall* (14), stepdaughter, born Saltwells;

[7] *James Bullock* (8), son, born Brierley Hill;

[8] *Samuel Bullock* (6), son, born Brierley Hill;

[9] *Clara Webb* (17), servant, born Brierley Hill:

County Express 1/3/1902

"In Memorial. Bate.– In loving memory of my dear father, *William Bate*, of the EAGLE INN, Turner's Lane, Brierley Hill, who died February 27th, 1889. 'O rest in the Lord'."

1911 Census

Turners Lane

[1] *William Fowler* (38), licensed victualler, born Stockton, Yorkshire;

[2] *Annie Fowler* (25), wife, married 10 years, housewife, born Brierley Hill;

[3] *William Francis Fowler* (7), son, born Brierley Hill;

[4] *Gertrude May Fowler* (5), daughter, born Brierley Hill;

[5] *Alice Pearson* (15), servant, born Brierley Hill:

County Express 19/2/1916

"Brierley Hill Licensing Sessions...

EAGLE INN, Turners Lane, Delph.

Mr. W. Waldron appearing on behalf of Mr. Hill, tenant of the above inn, said he understood the real objection was as to the condition of the property. He was told that the conditions were being rectified.

The Bench adjourned the matter for a month to enable repairs to be executed."

The license renewal was refused on the grounds of redundancy on 15th July 1920.

The license was extinguished on 3rd December 1921.

ELEPHANT AND CASTLE

64, Bromley, (Bromley Lane), (Commonside), PENSNETT

OWNERS

William Growcutt (acquired in August 1838)
John Reading Caswell and John Hartshorne Caswell
John Reading Caswell, draper, Oldham, Lancashire
Mary Morris, Gornalwood
Truman, Hanbury and Co. (acquired in December 1902 for £870)
John Smith Co. Ltd., Tadcaster (leased from 1970)
Courage Ltd. (transferred in 1973)
Holdens Brewery (acquired on 26th May 1983 for £7,566)

LICENSEES

William Growcutt [1835] – [1838]
John Reading Caswell [1845]
John Griffiths [1849] – [1851]
Joseph Huxley [1854]
James Huxley [1858] – [1862]
John Caswell [1864] – **1868**;
Joseph Pitt **(1868 – 1875)**;
Phoebe Pitt **(1875 – 1876)**;
Job Barker **(1876 – 1877)**;
Edward Woodhall **(1877 – [c. 1879]**
Isaac Bradburn [1881] – **1888**;
Nehemiah Holds **(1888 – 1891)**;
Humphrey Wellings **(1891 – 1892)**;
Susan Wellings **(1892 – 1893)**;
Thomas Twigg **(1893 – 1895)**;
Edward Westwood **(1895 – 1904)**;
William James Robertson **(1904 – 1905)**;
William Bullock **(1905)**;
Benjamin Beckley **(1905 – 1917)**;
Edward Thomas Cope **(1917 – 1922)**;
John Henry Hill **(1922 – 1947)**;
John Harold Hill **(1947 – 1950)**;
Thomas Harold Tether **(1950 – 1952)**;
Frank Ernest Robert Bagshaw **(1952 – 1953)**;
Reginald Herbert 'Reg' Green **(1953 – 1960)**;
Edward Whitehead **(1960 – 1961)**;
Alfred George Davies **(1961 – 1965)**;
Gerald Dudley **(1965 – 1970)**;
Thomas Benjamin Bird **(1970 – 1971)**;
William Cartwright Edwards **(1971 – 1975)**;
Desmond Mulclwyn Evans **(1975 – 1979)**;
Michael Christopher O'Halloran **(1979 – 1981)**;
Christine Mary Kilcoyne **(1981 – 1982)**;
Anthony John Warne **(1982 – 1983)**;
Colin Mitchinson **(1983 – 1984)**;
Christopher 'Chris' Morris **(1984 – 1986)**;



c. 1980s



Ex Pub 2009

Janet Naylor (1986 - []
Lynne Beale (1993 - [1994]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

It was a home brew house.

William Growcutt was married to Rosanna.
He died on 25th February 1847.

1851 Census

Bromley Lane

[1] *John Griffiths* (50), licensed victualler, born Allensmore, Herefordshire;

[2] *Ann Griffiths* (51), wife, born Bromyard;

[3] *John G. Griffiths* (13), son, born Bromyard;

[4] *Mary A. Griffiths* (11), daughter, born Bromyard;

[5] *James J. Griffiths* (9), son, born Bromyard;

[6] *Matilda Jones* (16), house work, born Kingswinford;

[7] *James Gardener* (43), lodger, land proprietor, born Froom, Herefordshire:

Brierley Hill Advertiser 3/1/1857

“On Tuesday morning last, an accident happened to a young man named Michael Mallen, aged about twenty, who was at work at the pits of Messrs. Brown and Freer, at Bromley. The deceased, who was a very fine young man, had accidentally fallen into one of the pits, and had thereby sustained so much injury that he died shortly afterwards. Mr. W. L. Norris, surgeon, of Brierley Hill, was soon in attendance on the suffering man, and discovered that he had by the fall received a fracture of the arm and leg to such a nature as placed him beyond all hope of recovery and rendered medical aid of no material value. An inquest was held on the body at the ELEPHANT AND CASTLE INN, Bromley, and a verdict in accordance with the facts of the case was returned.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 6/2/1858

“Staffordshire, Valuable Freehold Dwelling House and Premises, Situate at Bromley, in the Parish of Kingswinford, belonging to the late James Powers, To be Sold by Auction, by Enoch Lovatt, on Wednesday next, February 19th 1858, at Six o'clock in the Evening, at the house of Mr. *James Huxley*, ELEPHANT AND CASTLE INN, Bromley.....”

1861 Census

Bromley Lane

[1] *James Huxley* (44), servant victualler, born Himley;

[2] *Helen Huxley* (39), wife, born Kingswinford, Staffordshire;

[3] *John K. Huxley* (12), son, scholar, born Kingswinford, Staffordshire;

[4] *Thomas Huxley* (10), son, scholar, born Kingswinford, Staffordshire;

[5] *Helen Huxley* (5), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford, Staffordshire;

[6] *Prissilla Griffiths* (19), servant, born Kingswinford, Staffordshire:

Joseph Pitt, beer retailer, Bromley. [1870]

1871 Census

Bromley Lane – ELEPHANT AND CASTLE

- [1] *Joseph Pitt* (64), licensed victualler, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Phoebe Pitt* (53), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *William Pitt* (18), son, assistant to father, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Joseph Pitt* (14), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *John Pitt* (12), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Phoebe A. Pitt* (10), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Daniel Beddard* (57), uncle, born Kingswinford;
- [8] *Dorah Penn* (16), general servant, born Kingswinford:

1881 Census

Bromley Lane – ELEPHANT AND CASTLE INN

- [1] *Isaac Bradburn* (40), publican, born Shropshire;
- [2] *Maria Bradburn* (39), wife, born Shropshire;
- [3] *John Bradburn* (13), son, scholar, born Dudley;
- [4] *William Bradburn* (11), son, scholar, born Sheffield;
- [5] *Sarah A. Bradburn* (9), daughter, scholar, born Glasgow;
- [6] *George Bradburn* (5), son, scholar, born Chirk:

It was put up for auction on 30th April 1892.

Humphrey Wellings brewed his own beer. [1892]

London Gazette 19/12/1893

To be Sold, pursuant to a Judgement of the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division, made in an action *Caswell v Sheen*, 1891 A freehold full-licensed, home brewing, public house, called the ELEPHANT AND CASTLE, situate in Bromley Lane, Bromley, let at a net rental of £18 per annum.....”

1901 Census

64, Bromley – ELEPHANT AND CASTLE INN

- [1] *Edward Westwood* (39), licensed victualler, born Gornal;
- [2] *Annie Westwood* (32), wife, born Gornal;
- [3] *Edith Westwood* (12), daughter, born Gornal;
- [4] *Bertie Westwood* (5), son, born Pensnett;
- [5] *Samuel Westwood* (1), son, born Pensnett;
- [6] *William Blakeway* (40), visitor, gardner (not domestic), born Gornal:

1911 Census

64, Bromley – ELEPHANT AND CASTLE INN

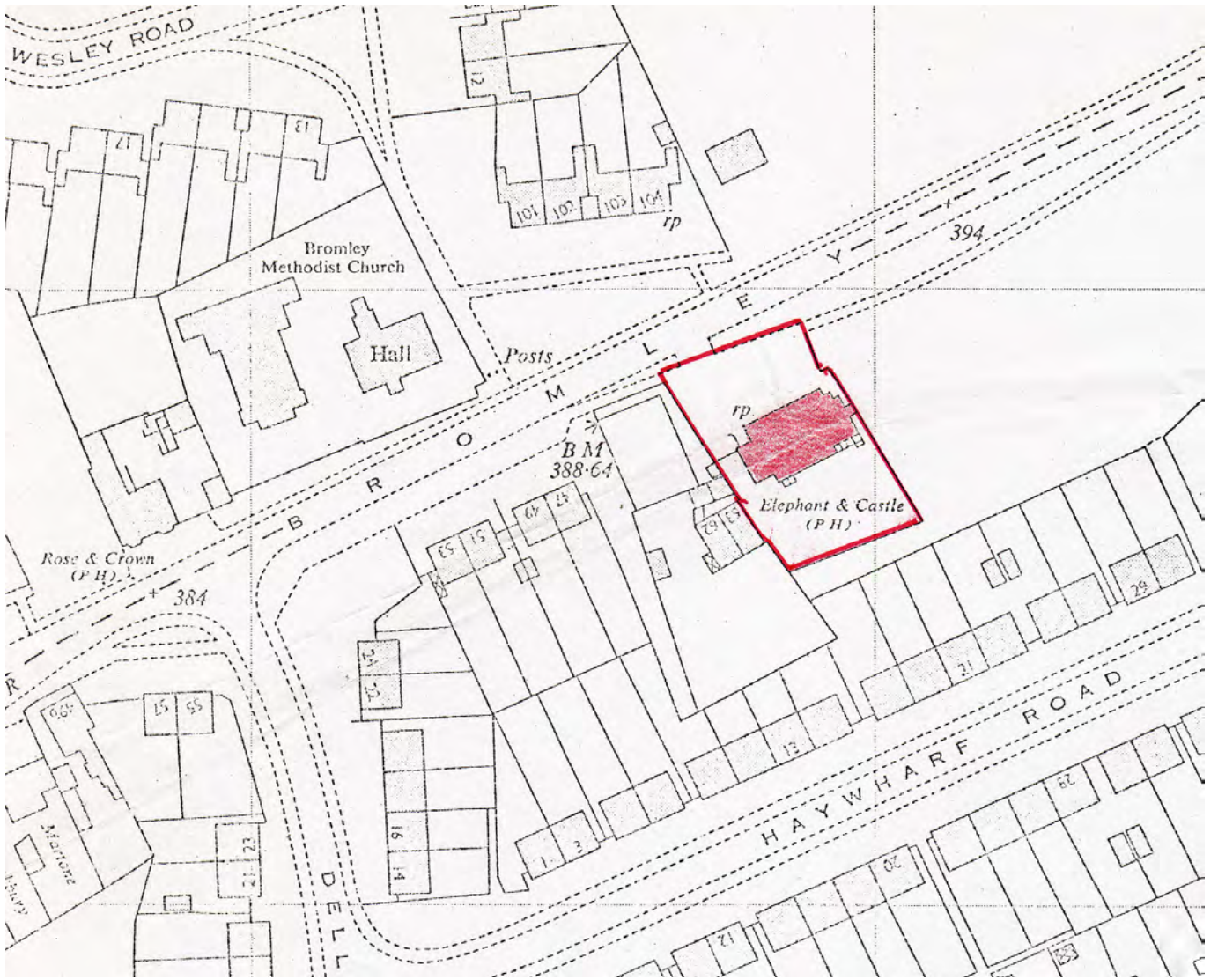
- [1] *Benjamin Beckley* (60), manager of public house, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Mary Ann Beckley* (56), wife, married 36 years, assisting in the business, born Commonsidge;
- [3] *May Beckley* (25), daughter, dressmaker, born Bromley Lane:

It was rebuilt in 1920.

Janet Naylor was married to Brian.

Lynne Beale was born in Walsall.

It closed in July 2002.



Plan Date Unknown

ELEPHANT AND CASTLE

91, High Street / Rose Hill, QUARRY BANK

OWNERS

Kidderminster Brewery Co. Ltd. (leased)
United Counties Bank, West Bromwich
Home Brewery, Quarry Bank (acquired in February 1919)
Roland Batham (acquired in February 1920)
Bathams Brewery (acquired in 1940)
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

James Verrender [1856]
John Newton [1860] – [1862]
Benjamin Grice [1864] – [1865]
Helena Ann Grice [] – **1866**);
Amos Barnsley Nock (**1866 – 1868**);
William Butcher [1867] (**1868 – 1870**);
Charles Parker (**1870 – []**)
Amos Dunn [1871] – **1883**);
Mrs. Selina Dunn (**1883 – 1890**);
John Mason (**1890 – 1892**);
Joseph William Hubbold (**1892 – 1896**);
Frank Bangham (**1896 – 1897**);
James Pegg (**1897 – 1898**);
Francis Harley (**1898 – 1900**);
William Hayes (**1900 – 1904**);
Edmund Webb (**1904 – 1905**);
Joseph Richard Barnes (**1905 – 1907**);
James Pegg (**1907 – 1914**);
Mrs. Mary Ann Pegg (**1914 – 1915**);
Arthur Parsons (**1915**);
Samuel Salt (**1915 – 1919**);
Roland Batham (**1919 – 1945**);
Harold Leslie Cartwright (**1945 – 1953**);
John Reginald Lavender (**1953 – 1954**);
Florence Lavender (**1954 – 1955**);
William Frederick Gilliam (**1955 – 1957**);
Arthur Roberts (**1957 – 1966**);
Mary Ann Mullett (**1966 – []**)
Marjorie Cartwright [c. 1960] ?

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

It was originally the ELEPHANT AND CASTLE.

Brierley Hill Advertiser 15/3/1856

“To be sold by Private Contract, that excellent, substantial and well-built, Old Licensed Public House, known by the sign of the ELEPHANT AND CASTLE, situate at Quarry Bank, in the occupation of Mr. *Verrender*, producing a rental of £23 per year. The premises consist of Front Parlour and Shop, Bar and Tap Room, Four Cellars, Four Chambers and Attic, Two Brewhouses, Pump of Hard Water, Soft Water Cistern, Piggeries and Stabling; also a Plot of Land adjoining the same, having a frontage of 10 yards and 2 feet to the highway, containing in the whole 323 square yards, or thereabouts; together with the Piggeries and Brewhouse erected thereon, and a Well of excellent water.....”

John Newton was also a commission agent. [1860]

An inquest held here in August 1860 on Timothy Lawley (11) – weighed only 15 lbs at death – verdict of manslaughter against both parents – Thomas and Mary Lawley – Thomas was sentenced to 15 years penal servitude in December 1860, his wife found not guilty.

1861 Census

ELEPHANT AND CASTLE

- [1] *John Newton* (51), glass victualler and grocer, born Claverley, Shropshire;
- [2] *Elizabeth Newton* (49), wife, born Nailstone, Leicestershire;
- [3] *Charles Newton* (14), son, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *John Newton* (12), son, born Donnington, Shropshire;
- [5] *Elizabeth Foxall* (22), servant, born Kingswinford:

Benjamin Grice was also a grocer. [1864]

Stourbridge Observer 14/9/1867

“At the Petty Sessions, on Monday last, before J. Holcroft and B. St. John Matthews, Esqrs, *William Butcher*, beer-house keeper, Quarry Bank, was charged by Superintendent Mills with allowing gambling in his house on the 14th ult.

Police-constable Hammond proved that he visited the defendant’s house, and saw a number of persons on the bowling alley. They were betting.

Defendant admitted they were betting he threw the money away. He was very sorry it had occurred, and would be more careful in future. Ordered to pay the costs 10s 6d.”

1871 Census

High Road

- [1] *Amos Dunn* (28), licensed victualler, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Selina Dunn* (30), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Montgomery Dunn* (6), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Polly Dunn* (3), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Charlotte Dunn* (1), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Matilda Dunn* (13), niece, domestic servant, born Kingswinford:

Stourbridge Observer 31/8/1872

“On Saturday evening last an inquest was opened at the ELEPHANT AND CASTLE INN, Quarry Bank, by Mr. W. H. Phillips, Deputy Coroner, on the bodies of Benjamin Homer (20), and William Clayton (21), who met with their deaths on the previous Thursday, by a fall of coal in No 2 pit, Saltwells Colliery.

William Smith was the first witness called. He said he was at work near the deceased, when suddenly a fall of coal took place, burying Homer and Clayton, and a man named Wheelwright. The place had been examined the same day, and he had no fear of the roof coming down. Wheelwright had since died from the injuries he received. He (witness) escaped because he had gone some distance away for the purpose fetching a wedge. The place was from 9 feet to 10 feet wide, and about 7 feet high. The coal that came down would have filled several ships. There was a parting in the coal which was different in different parts of the workings, and there could be no blame whatever attached to the manager or any other person belonging to the pit, for the accident.

Matthew Fletcher, ground bailliff, said he examined the place on Tuesday prior to the accident. The workings were perfectly sound, and were being conducted in the way he wished.

William Bunn, the doggy, was managing the work the day that the accident happened, and he could not find any need for altering the mode of working the pit.

The Coroner said that if the Jury did not think there was sufficient evidence on which to return a verdict he would adjourn the case, in order to have the mine inspected by the mine inspector.

The Jury coincided, and the case was adjourned until September 9th."

Stourbridge Observer 14/9/1872

"On Monday afternoon an adjourned inquest was held at the ELEPHANT AND CASTLE INN, Quarry Bank, on the bodies of Benjamin Homer (20), and William Clayton (21), who met their deaths by a fall of coal in No.2 Pit, Saltwells Colliery.

Mr. Clulow watched the proceedings on behalf of the Miners' Union; and Mr. Homfray on behalf of the butties of the pit.

The evidence taken at the previous hearing was read over, which was in effect that in the opinion of the witnesses the fall of coal was purely an accident. The following additional evidence was taken on Monday:-

William Cox, pikeman, deposed that he went to the pit as usual on the day in question; and he learnt that some vein coal had fallen, and had killed two men. He attributed the fall to its being out on one side, and the other side being left without any support, because the air head was there. The doggy and manager, William Bunn, was present when witness was in the pit. He considered that the men were working under 'hanging coal'. He never saw it done before that day. He did not consider that it was right for men to be set on loading there; the coal should have been down first.

By Mr. Baker: There was no timber under the roof at the time of the accident. There were no sperns left in the cuttings. There was timber up to the runs the night before, and it was removed, so as to get the coals down. The ground bailliff, Mr. M. Fletcher, ordered the timber to be placed up to the ruins the day before the accident. He never before saw men work under the 'hangings.'

By Mr. Homfray: He saw the dangerous position of the men before the coal fell, but he did not call any one's attention to it, as he did not think it was his place to do so. The doggy called him to put a shot in the air head over the coal to get it down. The custom was that after the fall of the coal and the door was cleared, to proceed to timber. If the place was dangerous, timber was used before cutting coal, and even when the coal was on the floor.

By Mr. Clulow: The coal fell without the shot.

John Hall deposed: I live at Saltwells. I was working in the pit the day the two men were killed. They were engaged in loading tubs when the coal fell. I did not see the doggy (Bunn) set them on; but he was standing near them when they commenced to work, and could see what was being done. They were at work in a dangerous place; the coal was cut on one side, and broken down on the other. I did not consider that it was a right thing for men to be loading in such a place; it was illegal. I made no remark about the danger; it was not my place to do so. I had never before seen men in that pit working under cut coal. If the coal would not come by 'pulling' it ought to have been timbered. The doggy, William Bunn, said it was not safe, and he ordered a shot to be put in. Of course the men would be brought back before the shot was fired. Bunn had been manager of the pit for years. Never on any previous occasion has any complaint been made against Bunn.

Mr. Homfray remarked that Bunn was deputy for David Skelding, the real doggy.

Mr. Fletcher stated that Bunn's name was not identified with the colliery management.

Hall, cross examined by Mr. Baker: Had not read the colliery rules. Was not aware that it was the duty of all miners to report to the person in charge of any insecurity noticed by him in the pit.

Mr. Baker here read the 29th rule, which was as follows:-

Every workman employed in any pit shall inform the person in charge of the workings of the existence of any fire-damp, or of any insecurity of the roof, shaft, or other parts of the workings, or of any air door being left open, immediately on its being observed by him.

In reply to Mr. Clulow, Hall stated that the doggy was down the pit when he got there. He was in a safe place. There was no timber about that he saw when he assisted to get the two men out.

Daniel Cox, miner, Saltwells, said he saw the pit before the accident. He was engaged there as a pikeman. He noticed that there was no timber to support the hanging wall. He was of opinion that it was highly improper to set men on to load the coal under the circumstances. It was no business of his to warn the men. Had he done so, the chances were that he would have been a marked man, and he would have suffered for interfering, as many a poor man had before now. The doggy ought not to have allowed the men to go under the cut coal. He had never seen

anything of the kind done before in the pit.

The Coroner: It is strange that when you saw such an unusual thing done, you made no remark about it.

Witness: It was no business of mine.

The Coroner: I think, Mr. Baker, the colliery rules ought to be more extensively circulated, as miners did not appear to understand them.

Mr. Baker was sorry that men did not understand the rules in force at the colliery, especially as they were liable to all pains and penalties attached to those rules.

Mr. John Hughes, one of the Earl of Dudley's mining surveyors, stated that it was customary at all his lordship's pits to read over the rules to the men when they were engaged.

At this stage it was stated by Mr. Homfray that he had four or five witnesses to call who would rebut the evidence of the witnesses heard that day, and the inquiry was adjourned until Monday next."

Stourbridge Observer 21/9/1872

"On Monday last, after two adjournments, Mr. W. H. Phillips, Deputy Coroner, concluded, at the ELEPHANT AND CASTLE INN, Quarry Bank, the enquiry as to the deaths of Benjamin Homer (20), William Clayton (20), and Joseph Wheelwright (22), who died from injuries received some time ago in a pit belonging to the Earl of Dudley at the Saltwells. It will be remembered that some extraordinary evidence was given in this case last week. Mr. J. P. Baker, the Government Inspector, again attended, as did also Mr. J. W. Clulow, for the Miners' Union, and Mr. Homfray for Messrs. Bunn, the butties.

The first witness examined was Mr. Matthew Fletcher, an underground agent belonging to the estate, who said it was the practice to 'timber' when required. When coal was partly got on the previous night it was the duty of those who arrived first the next morning to get down the coal and timber the place. The regular rule was, clear the floor and then timber, but occasionally it was necessary to timber first. Had heard at the previous enquiries that the coal had been pulled at and was firm. If that was so it was right to clear the floor first.

By Mr. Clulow: Did not know personally that the coal had been pulled. Did not consider the case an exceptional one according to his previous remarks.

In answer to the Foreman, witness said the deceased men were not proper persons to pull down the coal.

By Mr. Baker: It was not proper to put the men to work under hanging coal.

James Shuck, a horse fettler, stated that he saw the doggy, William Bunn, 'pull' the hanging coal before the men were under.

Samuel Turley, assistant doggy, gave similar evidence, and added that that some of the coal was got down with a crowbar.

The Coroner here asked the witness whether it was a proper thing for the men to be set to work under the hanging coal, and after fencing with the question for some time the witness said it was safe for the men to work under the coal without timbering. The coal fell from a break from the hollows on the other side.

The Coroner said this was a very different story to that of the other witnesses.

By Mr. Baker: The cut coal did not fall on the men.

By Mr. Homfray: Told that story to Mr. Baker when he was in the pit.

By the Foreman: There was no support in the air way.

In answer to Mr. Clulow, witness said he heard the banksman tell Bunn, the doggy, that the coal was ugly, and the men ought not be put under it. The men who had the cutting of the coal gave the information to the banksman.

By Mr. Homfray: Went with Bunn, and with a crowbar obviated the danger.

William Smith was re-called, and swore that the three men – Hall, John Cox, and Daniel Cox – who deposed to the coal being cut, were not present before the accident. The coal that fell was at the bottom of the veins, and not the cut coal. He had no fear to work in the place, and heard nothing of dangerous coal. The ordered shot spoken of was to break a large piece of fallen coal.

By Mr. Clulow: The men Cox and Hall might have been there.

Mr. James P. Baker, one of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Mines, stated that he examined the pit, in company with Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Hughes, and others, a few days after the occurrence. The statements of the men were conflicting. The coal at the spot appeared to be cut in the usual way, and he would not complain of the state of the pit; but it was impossible for him to know how the pit was when the occurrence took place. It was most improper to put the men to work under the hanging coal after it had been pulled. Under no circumstances ought the doggy to put the men under the place without timbering. There was no special rule on the subject; but he (witness) thought the doggy would be liable under Rule 20, even if no injury had resulted. In his opinion the men were to work opposite to where

the coal was cut; but he was much embarrassed during his visit to the pit, for the evidence he had called before him was very conflicting and not reconcilable at all.

By Mr. Clulow: Had examined seven men down the pit, but they had not been called that day.

Mr. Clulow pointed out to the Coroner that only two witnesses had stated that the deceased men were not under the coal which had been cut. He requested that James Webster should be called.

This witness, a miner, swore that he saw the two in the band preparing to load the tubs under the cut coal. They were five or seven feet under, and there was coal on the floor. Had often seen the doggy put men under the cut coal, and had once remonstrated with him; but was told to mind his own business. Witness denied any ill-feeling towards Bunn, the doggy.

A Juryman said the three witnesses last week said they had not seen any such proceeding.

In answer to Mr. Homfray, witness said William and Daniel Cox had also complained; but Mr. Homfray showed by the evidence that these two had sworn differently, and said nothing about the dangerous state of the coal on the morning of the fall.

The Coroner then summed up, and left the Jury to decide upon the evidence.

After deliberating for more than an hour the public were called into the room, and the Coroner addressed the doggy, Bunn. He said the Jury had carefully considered the case, and at one time they had considerable doubt as to whether they should return a verdict criminating him or not. The Jury had found that the men met with their death by a fall of coal, and that Bunn was very much to blame in not exercising sufficient care in the management of the pit. The Jury also wished to add that they should like to see a rule added to the special rules prohibiting the men from working under cut coal; and hoped that if the doggy could be prosecuted for any infraction of the law, Mr. Baker would proceed against him, for he deserved fining. A verdict to the effect that the men's death was accidental having been entered, the Coroner, again addressing Bunn, said he hoped the result of that inquest would be a warning to him. Had a verdict of manslaughter been returned, it would have been his duty to have sent him to Stafford, where he might have lain until Christmas.

The enquiry then terminated."

1881 Census

High Street – ELEPHANT AND CASTLE

- [1] *Amos Dunn* (39), innkeeper, born Quarry Bank;
- [2] *Sarah Ann Dunn* (40), wife, born Quarry Bank;
- [3] *Mongomery (sic) Dunn* (17), son, born Quarry Bank;
- [4] *Sharlotte (sic) Dunn* (11), daughter, born Quarry Bank;
- [5] *Alice Blewer* (20), domestic servant, born Quarry Bank;
- [6] *Emma Kinnersley* (17), domestic servant, born Quarry Bank;

1891 Census

High Street – ELEPHANT AND CASTLE INN

- [1] *John Mason* (37);
- [2] *Frances Masson* (34), wife, brewer, born Quarry Bank;
- [3] *Gertrude Alice Mason* (9), daughter, born Quarry Bank;
- [4] *Hubert James Mason* (7), son, born Quarry Bank;
- [5] *Flora M. Mason* (4), daughter, born Quarry Bank;
- [6] *Ethel L. Mason* (1), daughter, born Quarry Bank;
- [7] *Dorothy Frances Mason* (4 months), daughter, born Quarry Bank;
- [8] *Annie Weston* (35), first cousin, barmaid, born Quarry Bank;
- [9] *Eliza Shaw* (20), domestic servant, born Quarry Bank;
- [10] *Elizabeth Weston* (25), visitor, born Quarry Bank;

The name was changed to SWAN c. 1892.

SWAN HOTEL [1892]

The name was changed back to ELEPHANT AND CASTLE c. 1901.

County Express 19/1/1901

“On Tuesday Mr. Stokes (coroner) held an inquest at the ELEPHANT AND CASTLE, on Thomas Roberts (75), of No.1, Rose Hill, Quarry Bank, who died before Dr. L. A. Taylor, who was sent for, could reach the house. The jury returned a verdict of Death by Natural Causes.”

1901 Census

High Street – CASTLE INN

- [1] *William Hayes* (40), publican, born Lye;
- [2] *Clara Hayes* (39), wife, born Quarry Bank;
- [3] *Annmarie Hayes* (16), daughter, born Quarry Bank;
- [4] *William Hayes* (14), son, tin factory, born Quarry Bank;
- [5] *Albert Hayes* (11), son, born Quarry Bank;
- [6] *Earnest Hayes* (7), son, born Quarry Bank;
- [7] *Alfred Hayes* (5), son, born Quarry Bank;
- [8] *Dora Hayes* (2), daughter, born Lye;
- [9] *Elsie Hayes* (9), born Quarry Bank:

1911 Census

91, High Street

- [1] *James Pegg* (30), bricklayer, born Quarry Bank;
- [2] *Mary Ann Pegg* (27), wife, married 8 years, born Lye;
- [3] *Emily Pegg* (8), daughter, school, born Lye;
- [4] *James Pegg* (6), son, school, born Quarry Bank;
- [5] *Frances Pegg* (1), daughter, born Quarry Bank:

James Pegg died on 31st October 1914 in an armchair in the smoke room.

Roland Batham, was the uncle of Arthur Joseph Batham.
He was married to *Mary*.
He retired in October 1945.

Les Cartwright was married to *Ivy*.

Closed

It became a motorcycle shop.



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EXCHANGE VAULTS

51, (20), (19), High Street, (Dudley Street and High Street), BRIERLEY HILL

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J. Rolinson and Son Ltd. (acquired c.1901 for £3,125)

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired on 15th March 1932)

LICENSEES

William Boyd [1851] – [1858]

John Pagett [1860]

Robert Squire [1862]

Edward Andrews [1864] – [1865]

Walter William Bright [1867] – **1876**;

William Lease Ketley (**1876 – 1878**);

Edwin Thomas Bott (**1878 – 1887**);

George Barker (**1887 – 1889**);

David Thomas Holt (**1889 – 1890**);

Joseph Henry Muggleton (**1890 – 1892**);

William Bennett (**1892 – 1893**);

Joseph Holloway (**1893 – 1894**);

Frederick Clarke (**1894 – 1895**);

William Yarnall (**1895 – 1896**);

William Hill (**1896**);

Mary Jevon (**1896 – 1899**);

Thomas Guttery Jnr. (**1899 – 1900**);

Mrs. Mary Ann Guttery (**1900**);

Joseph Smith Parker (**1900 – 1903**);

Joseph Sephton (**1903 – 1932**);

Abraham Thomas Luke Stephens (**1932 – [1938]**)

Luke T Stephens [1940]

NOTES

Dudley Street and High Street [1868]

20, High Street [1871], [1872], [1873], [1881], [1891], [1892], [1896], [1904], [1911], [1912]

51, High Street [1916], [1940]

It had a beerhouse license.

It was originally the WHITE HORSE. [1857], [1858], [1860], [1862], [1864], [1865]

EXCHANGE SPIRIT VAULTS [1867]

EXCHANGE VAULTS [1900], [1902], [1911]

EXCHANGE INN [1901]

ROYAL EXCHANGE VAULTS [1902]

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Advert 1881

1851 Census

High Street

- [1] *William Boyd* (37), publican, born Dumfries, Scotland;
- [2] *Ann Boyd* (39), wife, born Stanley, Shropshire;
- [3] *William Wood* (12), nephew, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Ann Wood* (9), visitor, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Eliza Westwood* (17), general servant, born Kingswinford:

William Boyd – see also LAMP.

It had a concert room. [1857]

Brierley Hill Advertiser 30/1/1858

“The men [puddlers] out on strike from the various works in and around this neighbourhood held another meeting on Monday just, at the house of Mr. *Boyd*, the WHITE HORSE, High Street, Brierley Hill, for the same purpose as that for which the previous meeting was held – to consider what steps it would be most advisable to take under the circumstances of which they are at present placed. A statement having gone forth that Mr. *Fellows* occupied the chair at the meeting held last week

Brierley Hill Advertiser 6/2/1858

“On Saturday last, according to previous announcement, there was to have been another meeting of men connected with the manufacture of iron at the WHITE HORSE INN; but at the time stated for holding the meeting, eleven o’clock, not a single man was present. In the course of an hour or more some few strolled in, but not more than thirty were present at any time. Under these circumstances, the few assembled agreed to adjourn the meeting until Tuesday last, the 2nd inst. On that day, however, in consequence of many of the puddlers having returned to work at the drop, the attendance was more meager still – not twenty being present. Two delegates from the Parkgates Works, Yorkshire, were in attendance, to ascertain the state of feeling among the men in South Staffordshire, as the hands of the above works had determined to be guided by the decision the men came to in this district. There were some men present from Wolverhampton; but in consequence of the scanty attendance no chairman was elected, and no formal business transacted. After some time spent in conversation, those present expressed their intention of visiting the works in the neighbourhood, to ascertain whether the men had gone in; but no arrangements were made for any future meeting. The delegates from Yorkshire said that in consequence of this state of affairs they should advise the men in Yorkshire to going to work also. A large number of the hands engaged at Lord Ward’s works have returned to their employment; and also at many other works in the district. The puddlers’ strike may thus be considered virtually at an end.”

Stourbridge Observer 23/11/1867

“At the Petty Sessions, on Thursday last, *Walter William Bright* and Francis Miller were charged by *Daniel John Lavett* (sic) with assaulting him on the 13th inst; Mr. Maltby appeared for the complainant, and Mr. Stokes, of Dudley, for the defendants. Mr. Maltby briefly opened the case, the details of which will be found below. Complainant deposed: I am a publican residing at Stourbridge, and keep the OLD PIPE INN. On Wednesday, the 13th last, I called at the defendant’s house (the EXCHANGE SPIRIT VAULTS, High Street, Brierley Hill), about six o’clock. There is a liquor vault in front, and a smoke room behind. I heard a party in the smoke room, and went in. I saw the two defendants playing at cards, at ‘All Fours’. I sell ales for a man named Deakin, and Miller travels for a rival firm named Collins and Co., and *Bright* sells their ales. I played for five glasses of ale. I charged Miller with having dealt seven cards instead of six. Miller then put the cards together, and said if he could not best me in cards he could in ale. I told him he knew better, he could not best me in ales. I told *Bright* he could not. He said that it was through him that I was in the trade. I told *Bright* that he tried to keep me out of it. He called me a b—— liar, and I called him a d—— scamp, and had been a bankrupt several times. I told him that he was one of the biggest rascals in Brierley Hill, and that he knew it. With that defendant (*Bright*) put his fist into my face, and said that he would smash my big head. I told him that if he did he would make a mistake. *Bright* then struck me on the shoulder, and Miller on the breast, both at the same time. *Bright* then rushed at the grate, and seized the poker. A friend named Hall, asked me to leave the house, and I put my hat on my head to go. I begged *Bright* not to strike me with the poker, and said, ‘For heaven’s sake put up the poker.’ He rushed at me with the poker, and struck me with it over the eye. I have the mark now. My eye at once closed, and I almost fainted. I then left the house with Hall. I felt

very unwell, being covered with blood. I went to the LION to wash the blood off me. I asked for water to wash myself with it, and was in the act of taking my overcoat off, when I heard the voice of Mr. *Bright*. I left the room I was in, and went into another where Hall was remonstrating with him. I then met *Bright* in the passage, and he again struck me another blow with the poker on the side of my neck. Miller stood by the side of *Bright* at the time, and was striking me with his fists. *Bright* struck at me several times with a piece of iron. I warded off the blows, closed with him, and got hold of the poker, and struck him several times with my fist in the face, and wrenched the poker off him. I called out for some one to fetch the police, or else I should be murdered. *Bright* then crawled along the floor, and got out. I then went to the Police-station and instructed Mr. Mills to take out a summons, and then went to a surgeon. I was very unwell from the effect of the blows, and was not able to follow my business for three days, and had to employ a person.

Cross-examined: I was not tipsy when at *Bright's* house. Have not quarrelled before. I believe defendant has sent ales to Stourbridge. I called at *Bright's* to have a glass of ale. I heard gambling going on. I went into the smoke room, and found some persons playing at cards. There were four persons in the room. Did not say to a man I wanted to have a row with *Bright*. Did not offer to play for 5s, but for five glasses. The game was played out, and I lost. I did not put my fist first into *Bright's* face. Did not say I would fight the two defendants. They both struck at me across the table, and I struck at them again. I have no injuries but the cut on the eye, and a blow on the face. I do not know that *Bright's* head is cut in two places. Did not knock him down insensible, he ran away.

Ellis Hall said: I was at the defendant's house, on the above date. I saw the two defendants and Mr. *Lovatt* playing at cards.....

The learned Stipendiary carefully reviewed the evidence. He said *Bright* was charged by *Lovatt* with assaulting him, and *Lovatt* was charged by *Bright* with assaulting him. He had no doubt they were both rival ale sellers, and that no love was lost between them, but both disliked each other. Here were two against one. Not being satisfied with that *Bright* picked up a poker, which was an unlawful weapon, and struck *Lovatt* with it. This he must believe from the evidence of Hall, who had given it fairly. It was quite clear the *Bright* followed *Lovatt* to another public-house, with three other, to give him some more, but he got the worst of it there. *Lovatt* appeared to have gone harmlessly enough to *Bright's* house to have a glass of ale. Hearing card-playing, he went into the smoke-room, and he had no doubt the row began over the cards. If it had ended here, he should have dismissed the case; but *Bright* took a poker and followed *Lovatt* with three others. *Bright*, however, when he got there, found that he got the worst of it; and in consideration of that he (Mr. Spooner) should not fine him so heavily. But no law would justify him in using the poker. For the assault in the smoke room he should dismiss him; and for the assault in the Lion passage he should dismiss him; but for the assault with the poker he should impose a fine of £2 and costs. Miller was ordered to pay the costs.

Bright was then charged by Superintendent Mills with allowing card-playing in his house on the 18th inst. A case was with drawn upon payment of costs. The learned Stipendiary said if he came before him again for such an affair, he should fine him heavily. Mr. *Bright*: I give you my word it shall not occur again.

During the hearing of the above case the Court was crowded.”

Walter William Bright, beer retailer, Dudley Street and High Street. [1868]

1871 Census

20, High Street

- [1] *Walter W. Bright* (42), spirit merchant, born Tipton;
- [2] *Catharine Bright* (38), wife, born Dudley;
- [3] *Mary A. D. Bright* (15), daughter, born Wednesbury;
- [4] *George T. Bright* (14), son, scholar, born Wednesbury;
- [5] *John Slater* (20), domestic servant, born London;
- [6] *Mary A. McKenney* (17), domestic servant, born Dudley:

Walter William Bright was also a beer retailer, Dudley Street. [1872]

Walter William Bright – see also DUDLEY ARMS.

Ford's Household Almanack for 1881 - Advert

“WHITE HORSE Concert Hall, Brierley Hill / A Splendid Array of Talent! / Appears every Evening at this Hall / Ales, Wines & Spirits, of the Choicest Qualities / Cigars of the Best Brands / *E. T. Bott*, Proprietor.”
[The concert hall was probably attached to the original WHITE HORSE.]

1881 Census

20, High Street

[1] *Edward Thomas Bott* (26), licensed victualler, born Warwick;

[2] *Alexander Shipton* (36), visitor, manager, born Brierley Hill:

1891 Census

20, High Street

[1] *Joseph H. Muggleton* (50), licensed victualler, born Birmingham;

[2] *Mary A. Muggleton* (50), wife, born Birmingham;

[3] *Annie Mears* (22), barmaid, born Worcester:

Thomas Guttery Jnr. married *Mary Ann* the daughter of John Benton of the DOLPHIN.

He was born c. 1871, in Brierley Hill, the son of Thomas (Snr) and Ellen Guttery. – See TURKS HEAD.

He died in January 1900 aged 29.

County Express 10/2/1900

“High Street, Brierley Hill. The Particular Attention of Innkeepers, Brewers, Wine and Spirit Merchants, and Speculators is respectfully drawn to the under-mentioned Particulars of Sale on one of the most Important And Valuable Freehold Fully-Licensed Inns In The Town.

Herbert Humphries, F.A.I., has been favoured with instructions from Mr. *Thomas Guttery* to Sell By Public Auction, upon the premises, the EXCHANGE VAULTS, High Street, Brierley Hill, on Tuesday, February 20th, 1900, at 7 for 7.30 prompt, subject to Condition of Sale to be then read:–

All that Particularly Valuable Freehold Fully-Licensed Wine And Spirit Vaults, The EXCHANGE VAULTS.

There can be no question but that this Lot, besides being absolutely Free, occupies the première position in the Town, and the Premises have recently been brought up to date, at a large outlay, to cope with the increased trade.

The accommodation had been carefully planned so that complete supervision can always be had, and comprises Two Bed Chambers, Upper Sitting Room, with bay window; large Club and Assembly Room, 42ft 4in by 12ft, with bay window and a large landing, the approach leading direct from passage, and practically private; handsome Wine and Spirits Vaults, with decorated and named plate-glass window; and excellent Public Smoke Room, 23ft 6in by 9ft 8in; capital Cellaring, with rolling way from yard; Coalhouse, Cooking Kitchen, fitted with range, Two w.c.'s, Paved and Private Yard, with entrance from Hall Street; the Property extending from the front doorstep in High Street right through to Hall Street.

The unsurpassed Trade Positions of this Lot must be borne in mind; situated as it is in the best part of High Street, opposite the Post Office and Police Court (where Two Courts are held weekly), and the Stopping Place for Electric Trams, which gives it an advantage that no other Licensed Property in the Town possesses, and brings a profitable business to its very door.

Further particulars may be obtained from Mr. *J. Walter Clulow*, Solicitor, or the Auctioneer both of Brierley Hill.”

Mary Ann Guttery was granted a temporary license in succession to her husband in February 1900.

County Express 24/3/1900

“On Next Tuesday at the EXCHANGE VAULTS, High Street, Brierley Hill. Sale Without the Slightest Reserve of a Small Portion Of Household Furniture. By the direction of Mrs. *Guttery*, who is leaving the premises.....”

County Express 16/6/1900

“*Joseph Smith Parker*, landlord of the EXCHANGE VAULTS, High Street, Brierley Hill, was charged with permitting drunkenness on his premises on May 21st. Mr. Clulow prosecuted for the police, and Mr. Waldron defended and pleaded guilty for his client.

Mr. Clulow said under this plea he would not ask for a heavy penalty. The facts were that at seven o'clock two men, named Brown and Winwood, miners, were seen to leave the defendant's house, almost directly opposite the Police Station, drunk. Brown supported himself by holding on to the lamppost, and Winwood held on to Brown. Police-sergeant Bentley and Police-constable Smedley assisted them, into a passing tram, so that they might get to their homes in Dudley. After this had been done, the policemen went into the VAULTS, and there saw Samuel Russon drunk, and when *Parker's* attention was called to the fact, he excused himself on the ground that that he had previously ordered Russon to go, and that he refused till he had finished his beer.

Mr. Waldron said his decision had, no doubt, saved the Court a very lengthy sitting, for there would have been a number of witnesses on either side, between which the Bench would have to judge. Defendant was new to the business, having only been in the trade two months, during which time some of the colliers at High Ercall and Malthouse Pits had made the EXCHANGE VAULTS a place to stop at prior to going to Dudley by tram. Defendant would be frank in admitting that the five men had twelve pints of ale between them, and it was an extraordinary thing that, in the case of colliers, this should have had such an effect on them. He hoped the Bench would inflict a very small penalty.”

A fine of 10s and £3 11s costs was imposed.

AND

“Samuel Russon, Brockmoor, Samuel Winwood and Charles Brown, both of Dudley, were each fined 5s and 6s 6d costs for being drunk on the licensed premises of *J. S. Parker.*”

County Express 25/8/1900

“On Tuesday the annual licensing sessions were held for the Kingswinford and Wordsley division were held at the FOLEY ARMS HOTEL, when the licensing justices were: Mr. Henry Smith (chairman), Colonel J. B. Cochrane, Messrs. G. K. Harrison, J. S. Evers-Swindell, W. H. Stuart, T. Clulee, and W. Corbett....

In the case of *Joseph Smith Parker*, of the EXCHANGE VAULTS, Brierley Hill, who had been fined for an offence against the licensing laws, a similar decision was given [the license was renewed on the promise of the licensee to be more careful].....”

1901 Census

19, High Street – EXCHANGE INN

[1] *Joseph S. Parker* (26), unmarried, licensed victualler, born Crewe;

[2] Emma Parker (52), mother, born Crewe;

[3] Charlotte E. Parker (26), sister, barmaid, born Crewe;

[4] Clara Brennan (21), barmaid, born Crewe:

County Express 4/1/1902

“Sick and Draw Clubs....

ROYAL EXCHANGE VAULTS (Brierley Hill).– The first annual dinner, draw, and concert in connection with this club was held on Monday. The dividend was reported to be £1 6s 10d per member. About 30 members sat down, and a capital programme was submitted, among those contributing being Messrs. Fletcher, W. J. Woodhall, J. Box, Latham, Bowkley, S. Homer, and J. Woodhall. The chair was taken by Mr. W. Higgs, and the vice-chair by Mr. Bland. A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. *J. Parker* for the able manner he had catered. A vote of thanks was also passed to the artists, chairman, vice-chairman, secretary, and auditors. Mr. Bowkley and Mr. Thompson officiated at the piano. Next club night January 11th, 1902, at 7.30.”

County Express 1/2/1902

“On Thursday in last week a smoking concert was held at the EXCHANGE VAULTS, when the following gentlemen contributed a capital programme:— Messrs. Pargeter, Latham, S, Homer, Bridgens, H. Stevens, Woodall, Fletcher, Bagott, Morgan, McGill, and Pritchard.”

1911 Census

20, High Street – EXCHANGE VAULTS

[1] Joseph Sephton (43), licensed victualler, born Walsgrave, Warwickshire;

[2] Rose Sephton (41), wife, married 20 years, born Stoke, Worcestershire:

EXTRAORDINARY ATTRACTION.



**WHITE HORSE INN CONCERT ROOM,
HIGH STREET, BRIERLEY-HILL.**

**PROPRIETOR, WILLIAM BOYD.
OPEN EVERY EVENING.**

Great success of
M R. T E M P L E M A N,
Sentimental Singer, from the Birmingham, and Wol-
verhampton Concerts.

Engagement of
M R. B A Y L E Y,
Descriptive Tenor Singer,
Late proprietor of the Concert Hall, Oldbury, who will
make his first appearance on Monday next.

TWO ETHIOPIAN SERENADERS
And Clog and Hornpipe Dancers, who will likewise
appear on Monday next.

**PIANIST,—MR. J. H. LEWIS.
ADMISSION FREE.**

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M R. G E O R G E M O L L O Y,
Celebrated Comic Vocalist.
Engagement Extraordinary of the world-renowned
T A M B O R I N O V O Y,
The great African Minstrel Vocalist, and Indian War
Dancer, also

M A D A M E V O Y,
The pleasing Negro Vocalist. Also, the world's wonder,
N A P O L E O N, T H E
S P E A K I N G A N D P E R F O R M I N G D O G,
Whose performances must be seen to be believed.
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A N D
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Will appear in their celebrated Negro entertainment.

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Characteristic and Sentimental Vocalist.
M R. J. A. H A W K I N S,
Descriptive Tenor Vocalist, from the London and Provincial
Concerts.

Last Week of the successful Engagement of
M R. T. C A R E Y,
The Celebrated Irish Comic Singer, Clog and Boot Dancer,
From the Liverpool and Dublin Concerts.
M R. J. C A S W E L L,
From the Birmingham Concerts, will preside at the
Pianoforte.

FALCON

112, (35), Mill Street, (Mill Lane), (Locks Lane), BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Elwell, Williams

Smith and Williams (acquired c.1916)

Julia Hanson and Son Ltd. (acquired on 2nd July 1934)

LICENSEES

Thomas Walters [1860] - **1867**);

William Gould (**1867** - [1868]

Thomas Walters [1871] - **1883**);

Walter Chatten (**1883** - **1897**);

Ellen Chatten (**1897**);

John Shepherd (**1897** - **1900**);

William Cartwright (**1900** - **1902**);

Mrs. Ann Maria Cartwright (**1902** - **1911**);

Benjamin Andrews (**1911** - **1912**);

John Edward Andrews (**1912**);

Walter Male (**1912**);

Frederick Thomas Bird (**1912** - **1915**);

John Henry Walker (**1915** - **1921**);

Edwin Beddall (**1921** - **1922**);

Horace Herbert Oliver (**1922** - **1924**);

William Smith (**1924** - **1926**);

Edwin Beddall (**1926** - **1930**);

John Corbett (**1930** - **1933**);

William Wright (**1933** - **1935**);

Edwin Beddall (**1935** - **1937**);

NOTES

35, Mill Street [1872], [1881], [1891], [1901], [1911]

112, Mill Street

FALCON ARMS [1904], [1912]

It had a beerhouse license.

[1853]

William Gould, beer retailer, Mill Street. [1868]

Stourbridge Observer 1/5/1869

“On Saturday last, Mr. Phillips, Deputy Coroner, held an inquest at the FALCON INN, upon the body of a publican named *John Smith*, who resided at Stamber Mill. The evidence given showed that the deceased was about 35 years of age. On the previous Wednesday evening the deceased visited Brierley Hill upon business connected with an Order of Foresters, of which he was a member. The lodge was held at the ROUND OAK INN, and from this house *Smith* started about ten o'clock. He was seen alive for the last time near the Nine Locks pit, and on the following morning his body was discovered in the canal. It had the appearance of having been there for some hours. The Jury returned a verdict of Found Drowned.”

1871 Census

Mill Street

- [1] *Thomas Walters* (66), publican, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Sylvia Walters* (60), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Alice Meese* (8), granddaughter, born Wednesbury:

Thomas Walters, beer retailer, 35, Mill Street. [1872]

1881 Census

35, Mill Street

- [1] *Thomas Walters* (76), innkeeper, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Sylvia Walters* (70), wife, born Dudley;
- [3] *Matilda Cooper* (74), widow, boarder, dressmaker, born A___borough, Warwickshire:

1891 Census

35, Mill Street – FALCON INN

- [1] *Walter Chatten* (37), widower, publican, born Stratford on Avon;
- [2] *Jane Chatten* (12), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Annie Chatten* (10), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *William Chatten* (5), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *Sarah Chatten* (14 months), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [6] *Alice Wickson* (10), visitor, born Brierley Hill;
- [7] *Sarah Ann Darby* (26), household duties, born Brierley Hill;
- [8] *Sarah Chatten* (60), mother, widow, household duties, born Warwick;
- [9] *Charles Sheppard* (20), lodger, boatman, born Stourport:

1901 Census

35, Mill Street

- [1] *William Cartwright* (40), publican, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Mary Ann Cartwright* (40), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Frances Cartwright* (16), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *William Cartwright* (15), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *Ann M. Cartwright* (13), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [6] *Samuel Cartwright* (11), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [7] *Benjamin Cartwright* (5), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [8] *Phoebe Cartwright* (3), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [9] *Elizabeth Cartwright* (1), daughter, born Brierley Hill:

1911 Census

35, Mill Street – FALCON INN

- [1] *Benjamin Andrews* (26), licensed victualler, born Brockmoor;
- [2] *Samuel Cartwright* (23), brother in law, unmarried, horse driver underground, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *George Richards* (50), boarder, puddler, iron works, born Cookley, Worcestershire:

Conveyance dated 2/7/1934

“All that messuage or public-house known as the FALCON INN situate in Mill Street Brierley Hill aforesaid with the outbuildings thereto and the right of passage along the entry situate on the North side of the said public house Together with the Vendor interest in the ungoten mines and minerals and substances thereunder.”

The license was referred to the Compensation Authority on 1st March 1937.
The house was to be closed on 31st December 1937.

FISH

190, (28), Commonsides, (Brockmoor common-side), PENSNETT

OWNERS

J. Hughes, The Kennels, Langley
John Green, Arden Grove Brewery, Langley
North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd.
John Aston
Alfred Roberts, Kinver and Thomas Plant, Brierley Hill
Julia Hanson and Son Ltd. (acquired on 27th October 1947)

LICENSEES

John Rowley [1845] – [1857]
Mrs. Deborah Rowley [1861] – [1862]
Arthur Rowley [1864] – **1865**);
David Bourne **(1865)**;
William Baker **(1865 – [])**
William Bannister [] – **1865**);
Thomas Bannister **(1865 – [])**
John Porter [1870]
Joseph Hughes [1872] – **1874**);
Daniel Jones **(1874 – 1893)**;
William Philip Hickin Jones **(1893 – 1900)**;
Thomas Adams **(1900 – 1901)**;
Isaac Harris **(1901 – 1902)**;
Cornelius Parfitt **(1902 – 1904)**;
William Bullock **(1904 – 1905)**;
James Pope **(1905 – 1906)**;
Ruth Caroline Aston **(1906 – 1907)**;
John Aston **(1907 – 1920)**;
Edward Bagnall **(1920 – 1921)**;
Arthur Gennard **(1921 – 1937)**;
Hubert Whittaker **(1937 – 1947)**;
John Henry Evans **(1947)**;
Walter Henry 'Dick' Jakeman **(1947 – 1964)**;
Alice Mayswain **(1964 – 1965)**;
Ralph Jasper **(1965 – 1967)**;
Terence Smith **(1967 – 1968)**;
William Ford **(1968 – 1969)**;
Esther Ford **(1969 – 1975)**;
Harry Thomas Parkes **(1975)**;
Terence Gould **(1975)**;
A E Tolley [1976] ?
Alan Samuel Howells **(1975 – 1983)**;
Ethel May Carnell **(1983 – 1985)**;
Philip Andrew Law **(1985 – [1993]**
Brian Preston []

FISH INN, COMMONSIDE.
No. 2, LOAN SOCIETY.
A £25, £50, and £100 LOAN SOCIETY commenced at the above house, on Thursday, February 5th, 1857. Any person becoming a member will oblige their obedient servant,
JOHN ROWLEY.

Advert 1857

NOTES

Brockmoor commonside [1862]
28, Commonsides [1901], [1911]

John Rowley was also a builder. [1845], [1849], [1850], [1854]

1851 Census

Common Side

- [1] *John Rowley* (39), builder and carpenter, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Deborah Rowley* (39), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Arthur Rowley* (13), son, carpenter, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Issacher Rowley* (10), son, school, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Laban Rowley* (5), son, school, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Sarah Rowley* (1), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Fanny Prosser* (12), house servant, born Birmingham:

Brierley Hill Advertiser 21/2/1857 - Advert

“FISH INN, Commonsides / No.2 Loan Society / A £25, £50, and £100 Loan Society commences at the above House, on Thursday, February 5th 1857. Any person becoming a member will oblige their obedient Servant / *John Rowley*.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 6/6/1857

“A boy named *Issacher Rowley*, son of Mr. *John Rowley*, FISH INN, Commonsides, was charged with poisoning a dog, the property of *James Collins*, a wheelwright, of Brockmoor. Complainant’s wife stated that on the 25th ult the dog was lying at the front door of the house, and she saw the defendant, who was passing by with a butcher’s basket on his arm, throw something which resembled and she supposed at the time to be a piece of suet. She did not think anything of the circumstance till about an hour afterwards when she discovered the dog gasping for breath, and in a dying state. The dog shortly afterwards died, and she had it dissected by Mr. *Chapman*, chemist, who extracted from its stomach a quantity of hair which she produced, and which had undoubtedly been closely wrapped in grease, thrown to the animal, and instantly swallowed.

Mr. *Burbury*, for the defence, said his client denied any knowledge of the charge. The case was not fully gone into, Mr. *Leigh* thinking it necessary to adjourn the case for a week, so that further evidence might be produced. Mr. *Leigh* observed that the mode adopted to poison the dog was by no means an uncommon one, and if the charge was proved against defendant he would be punished.”

1861 Census

Commonsides

- [1] *Deborah Rowley* (49), widow, innkeeper, born Kingswinford;
 - [2] *Arthur Rowley* (23), son, carpenter, born Kingswinford;
 - [3] *Selena Rowley* (15), daughter, house work, born Kingswinford;
 - [4] *Sarah Rowley* (11), daughter, born Kingswinford;
 - [5] *Ester Rowley* (9), daughter, born Kingswinford;
 - [6] *John Rowley* (8), son, born Kingswinford;
- and a servant:

Arthur Rowley was also a joiner and builder. [1864], [1865]

1881 Census

Commonsides – The FISH INN

- [1] *Daniel Jones* (46), publican, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Elizabeth Jones* (44), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Pollie Jones* (20), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [4] *William Jones* (14), son, labourer in iron works, born Sedgley;
- [5] *Florence Jones* (6), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Martha Timmins* (14), domestic servant, born Sedgley:

William Jones was also a brewer. [1898]

County Express 31/3/1900

“To Brewers, Maltsters, Licensed Victuallers, and Others.

Important Sale of a Very Valuable Lease, FISH INN, Commonside.

Herbert Humphries will Sell By Auction, at the BELL HOTEL, Brierley Hill, on Monday, April 9th, 1900, at Seven o'clock, subject to the conditions then to be read:—

All the Valuable Free Lease, having an unexpired term of Six Years, from 25th March, 1900, on the Fully-licensed and Splendidly Situated Double-fronted Inn and Premises, known as the FISH INN, Commonside, on the main road from Brierley Hill to Pensnett, in the occupation of Mr. *W. P. H. Jones*, with Outbuildings, large Productive Garden and piece of Land at the rear, about 1½ acres, which could be turned into a football field and bowling green. Together with the Dwelling House adjoining, in the occupation of Mr. Shagler, producing £13 per annum.

The rent payable for above is £45 per annum.

The above famous Inn has been in the occupation of the Jones' for many years, and the Lease is now being sold owing to ill-health. The large lucrative trade which has been done at the above House is so well known as to require no comment.

The following clubs are connected with the House: Forester's Lodge, with 135 members; Women's Death Club, 50 members; and the Headquarters of the Pensnett and District Homing Society.

Early possession may be had.

For further particulars and to inspect the lease apply to the Auctioneers.

Auction offices: Brierley Hill and Stourbridge.”

1901 Census

28, Commonside

[1] *Thomas Adams* (47), licensed victualler, born Pilton, Somerset;

[2] *Ada Adams* (33), wife, born Norley, Cheshire;

[3] *Reginald Adams* (8), son, born Knowle, Warwickshire;

[4] *Cuthbert Adams* (6), son, born Knowle, Warwickshire;

[5] *Leonard Adams* (4), son, born Knowle, Warwickshire;

[6] *Ella Adams* (1), daughter, born Dudley;

[7] *Jane Singleton* (36), visitor, widow, living on her own means, born Crewe;

[8] *Mary Singleton* (3), visitor, born Birmingham:

County Express 6/4/1901

“The Pensnett Conservative and Liberal Unionist Association held a smoking concert at the FISH INN, Commonside, yesterday evening week, about 150 members attending.

The President (Mr. C. F. E. Griffiths) referred to the recent elections and congratulated the association on the efforts it has put forth, and the amount of work many of the members did in order to secure the excellent results attained.

Mr. David Bryce thanked the members for the work they had done for him in the elections, and expressed the hope that his services would be such as to merit the continuance of their support.

Mr. Edge also addressed the meeting. Although defeated, he said, he did not consider himself disgraced, and he would promise, it was the wish and feeling of the association at any future time for him again to come forward, he would certainly leave no stone unturned to secure his return to the Council. If they agreed to accept him, he had made up his mind to become a member of the Council; and when he once put his hand to the plough he did not intend to turn away.

A vote of thanks was passed to the officers, proposed by Mr. Edge, and seconded by one of the working members, Mr. Edward Oliver, who, in the course of an excellent speech, urged the association not to allow itself to be carried away by its enthusiasm, but to work quietly and steadily, with definite aims in view. He would also urge the members not, by their exultation, to injure the feelings of the opposite party, for he thought there would be a great deal lost by one side endeavoring to taunt the other. Mr. Parrish, the newly-elected councillor, was absent through business. A number of the company contributed to the programme of the smoking concert, and an enjoyable evening was spent.

The association now numbers upwards of 200 members.”

1911 Census

28, Commonsides – FISH INN

[1] *John Aston* (57), publican, born Netherton;

[2] *Ruth Caroline Aston* (59), wife, assisting in business, born Netherton;

[3] *Edith May Streete* (17), servant, born Pensnett:

John Aston brewed his own beer.

Dick Jakeman was married to *Mabel*.

Ralph Jasper – see also TURKS HEAD, Brierley Hill.

It had a pigeon flying club in the 1960's.

Brian Preston was married to *Sylvia*.

It was the headquarters of Brockmoor Flying (pigeons) Club and the Bromley Flying Club and Bromley FC. [2000]

It closed in 2007.

It was demolished in 2010.



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TRUMAN HANBURY BUXTON & CO LTD

(LONDON AND BURTON-ON-TRENT)

BLACK EAGLE BREWERY,
P. O. BOX 10.
BURTON-ON-TRENT.

OUR REFERENCE. HGS/AD.

YOUR REFERENCE.



Wednesday,
21st March 1962.

The Clerk to the Licensing Justices,
36 High Street,
BRIERLEY HILL.

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your formal notification of the conviction of the licensee of the Fish Inn, Amblecote on the 19th March 1962.

Yours faithfully,
for TRUMAN HANBURY BUXTON & CO. LTD.,

J. Spian
Manager.

FIVE WAYS

88, (114), High Street, (Mill Street), BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Thomas Plant and Co., Netherton (acquired c.1898)
Ansell's Ltd. (acquired c.1937)

LICENSEES

Henry Hill [1867] – [1868]
Cox [] – **1869**);
Abraham Crew (**1869 – 1880**);
Sarah Ann Crew (**1880**);
Thomas Blakemore (**1880 – []**)
William Carpenter (**1888 – 1896**);
James Newton (**1896 – 1899**);
Thomas Larkham (**1899 – 1905**);
William Cowling (**1905 – 1906**);
Henry Mundon (**1906 – 1910**);
Samuel Homer (**1910 – 1926**);
Leonard Stanway Salter (**1926 – 1933**);
John Bastock (**1933 – 1935**);
William Edward Parker (**1935 – 1937**);
Burnaby Thomas Steward (**1937 – 1938**);
William Power (**1938 – 1939**);
E E Moore (**1939 – []**)
Samuel Bostock [1940]

NOTES

It was situated opposite to the Palace Theatre.

Mill Street [1900]
114, High Street [1891], [1904], [1911], [1912]
117, High Street [1901]
88, High Street [1916], [1940]

It had a beerhouse license.

Stourbridge Observer 29/6/1867

“*Henry Hill*, landlord of the FIVE WAYS public house, was charged by Superintendent Mills with keeping his house open for the sale of beer on Sunday night last.

Police-sergeant Carroll said he visited the defendant’s house at twenty minutes to two o’clock. He found three men in the house drinking. One he knew to be a traveller; the other two persons were named Beckley and Jones, and they resided in Brierley Hill.

Fined 1s and costs, 11s 6d.”

Henry Hill, beer retailer, High Street. [1868]

Abraham Crew = Abraham Crewe

Stourbridge Observer 20/8/1870

“A warrant was issued for the apprehension of Samuel Morgan, for refusing to leave the FIVE WAYS INN, Brierley Hill, when requested to do so by the landlord, *Abraham Crewe*.”

Stourbridge Observer 26/11/1870

“At the Police Court, on Thursday last, before I. Spooner, Esq, Stipendiary, Samuel Morgan was charged with being drunk and refusing to leave the FIVE WAYS INN, when requested by the landlord to do so, on the 8th of August. *Abraham Crew*, landlord of the FIVE WAYS INN, said defendant came to his house on the above date, about three o'clock. Witness ordered him out immediately, because he was a very disagreeable man. Did not serve him with any drink. He would not go out for about two hours. He kicked up a row, and witness and his wife turned him out. Defendant said he did not make any disturbance, and when he was ordered to leave, he went out. Fined 10s and costs; in default 14 days.”

1871 Census

High Street

- [1] *Abraham Crew* (40), beerhouse keeper, born Dudley;
- [2] *Zeborah Crew* (35), wife, born Dudley;
- [3] *Sarah Ann Crew* (14), daughter, scholar, born Dudley;
- [4] *Selina Crew* (11), daughter, scholar, born Dudley;
- [5] *Albert Crew* (9), son, scholar, born Dudley;
- [6] *Joseph Crew* (7), son, scholar, born Dudley;

Stourbridge Observer 9/12/1871

“*Abraham Crew*, landlord of the FIVE WAYS INN, High Street, Brierley Hill, was summoned by Superintendent Mills for permitting drunkenness in his house on the night of the 2nd inst. Mr. Stokes defended.

Police-constable Breeton said that about ten o'clock he saw a man who was drunk go into defendant's house. At a quarter past ten he went into defendant's house. Saw the man with a pint cup of ale in his hand. Saw several other men drunk, and one was asleep. Pointed them out to the landlord.

Police-constable Doobar corroborated.

Mr. Stokes, for the defence, called four witnesses to prove there was no one in the house drunk when the officers came in.

The Bench retired for a short time. On returning they said they quite believed what the officers had stated; there was a great amount of crime going on, and should fine the defendant 20s and costs.”

Abraham Crew, beer retailer, 114, High Street. [1872]

He was fined £1 and costs for permitting drunkenness during the year 1871/2.

Abraham Crew, beerseller, High Street. [1879]

Advert

“FIVE WAYS INN, Brierley Hill / *Thomas Blakemore*, proprietor / Allsopp's Ales and Dublin Stout, of the finest qualities.”

1891 Census

114, High Street

- [1] *William Carpenter* (29), public house manager, born Hazleton, Gloucestershire;
- [2] *Rosetta Carpenter* (30), wife, born Ballycastle, Ireland;
- [3] *Rufus W. Carpenter* (8 months), son, born Brierley Hill;

County Express 25/8/1900

“On Tuesday the annual licensing sessions were held for the Kingswinford and Wordsley division were held at the FOLEY ARMS HOTEL, when the licensing justices were: Mr. Henry Smith (chairman), Colonel J. B. Cochrane, Messrs. G. K. Harrison, J. S. Evers-Swindell, W. H. Stuart, T. Clulee, and W. Corbett.....

Mr. *Thomas Larkham*, of the FIVE WAYS INN, High Street, Brierley Hill, applied for a wine license to his house, which only possessed a beer license. Mr. J. T. Higgs (Messrs. Higgs and Son), pointed out the position which the premises occupied to High Street and Mill Street, Brierley Hill, and stated that the applicant had recently spent £200 upon making it fit for a better class of business than it formerly had. It was the only beerhouse in the High Street, all the others having wine or full licenses.

Mr. Superintendent Spendlove said that applicant was one of the most respected publicans he had, and had kept the house for many years very satisfactorily. Witness thought it was only a reasonable application taking into consideration all the circumstances. The application was thereupon granted.....”

County Express 5/1/1901

“Annual Meetings Of Sick And Draw Clubs.....

FIVE WAYS INN (Brierley Hill).- The members of the ‘Cock o’ the North’ sick and draw club held their annual meeting on Christmas Eve. A good dinner was provided by the host. Each member received 17s 5d dividend. A very enjoyable evening was spent, songs being rendered by some of the members in good style.”

1901 Census

117, High Street

- [1] *Thomas Larkham* (52), publican, born Tipton;
- [2] *Gertrude E. Larkham* (47), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Walter L. Larkham* (20), son, fishmonger, born North Shields, Northumberland;
- [4] *Mary A. Raybould* (21), barmaid, born Netherton;
- [5] *Annie Garbett* (18), domestic servant, born Pensnett:

1911 Census

114, High Street

- [1] *Samuel Homer* (39), licensed victualler, born Quarry Bank;
- [2] *Mary Homer* (40), wife, married 20 years, assisting in business, born Holloway End;
- [3] *Charles Frederick Homer* (20), son, iron work’s labourer, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Alice Maud Homer* (13), daughter, school, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *Nellie Homer* (10), daughter, school, born Brierley Hill;
- [6] *Samuel Homer* (9), son, school, born Brierley Hill;
- [7] *William Homer* (4), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [8] *Sarah Frances Homer* (8 months), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [9] *Sarah Jelly* (21), domestic servant, born Walsall:

Samuel Homer, beer retailer, 114, High Street. [1912]

Samuel Homer was also a cycle agent of 25, Mill Street.

It closed on 7th October 1957.

FORESTERS ARMS

30, Cressett Lane, (Cressett Street), Brockmoor, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Mark Watson
Luke Allchurch
Truman, Hanbury Brewery Co. (acquired c.1904)
Courage Ltd.
Inntrepeneur [1993]
Grand Metropolitan Estates Ltd.

LICENSEES

Mark Watson [1864] - 1888);
James Jackson (1888 - 1890);
Luke Allchurch (1890 - 1902);
Joseph Woodhall (1902 - 1904);
Albert Edward Oliver (1904 - 1905);
Henry Allen (1905 - 1907);
William Hall (1907 - 1908);
Mark Owen Baugh (1908 - 1909);
James Bird (1909 - 1910);
Albert Henry Norton (1910 - 1912);
Edward David Percy Harley (1912);
Alice Maud Ecclestone (1912 - 1915);
James William Taylor (1915 - 1941);
Frank Fletcher (1941 - 1949);
Dorothy Edith Maud (Fletcher) Lamb (1949 - 1967);
David Joseph Tranter (1967 - 1969);
Richard Joseph Perkins (1969 - 1971);
James Cooper (1971 - 1987);
Brian Pugh (1987 - 1988);
David Leonard Bloomfield (1988 - 1990);
Jean Mountford (1990 - 1991);
Roger John Mountford (1991 - 1992);
Kevin Noel Healy (1992 - 1994);
Philip Edward Bellingham (1994 - 1996);
Marguerita Mary Finnegan (1996 - 1997);
Glen Homer (1997 - []



NOTES

Cressett Street [1904], [1912], [1940]

It had a beerhouse license.

Mark Watson, beer retailer, Brockmoor. [1864], [1865], [1868], [1870], [1872]

1871 Census

Brockmoor

[1] *Mark Watson* (32), beerhouse keeper, born Martham. Norfolk;

[2] *Sarah Watson* (36), wife, born Brettell Lane:

Stourbridge Observer 13/5/1871

“*Mary Lamb* (17), was charged with stealing two sovereigns, the property of her master, *Mark Watson*.

Prosecutor said he kept a beerhouse at Brockmoor, and the prisoner was servant to him. He had missed money on several occasions – one sovereign on the 26th of April – and in consequence marked twelve sovereigns, put them into a chest of drawers upstairs, and locked them up, on the 10th inst. That was at ten o’clock in the morning. Went up stairs in the afternoon to see if the money was all right. The drawer was locked. He unlocked it, counted the money, and missed one sovereign. He then charged her with stealing two sovereigns.

Prisoner denied that she had taken any. He then sent for the police, and gave her in charge.

Police-constable Cotterill proved that he was sent for, and charged her with the offence. She denied it, but shortly afterwards produced a sovereign marked, which was identified by the prosecutor as his property. He took her into custody.

Prosecutor said he did not wish to press the case, because her parents were respectable.

In answer to the Bench, Superintendent Mills said prisoner had once been convicted for stealing.

Mr. Spooner, in giving judgement, said had it not been for the prosecutor, he should have sentenced her to a long term of imprisonment, but this time he should only pass a light sentence in the hope that it would be a warning to her in future.

Prisoner was then committed for two months’ hard labour.”

1881 Census

Brockmoor – FORESTERS ARMS Public House

[1] *Mark Watson* (42), beer house victualler, born Yarmouth, Norfolk;

[2] *Sarah Watson* (47), wife, born Brierley Hill:

1891 Census

Cressett Lane

[1] *Luke Allchurch* (49), publican, born Brockmoor;

[2] *Sarah Allchurch* (46), wife, born Barrow in Furness;

[3] *Louisa Allchurch* (18), daughter, born Brockmoor;

[4] *Phoebe Mullett* (17), servant;

[5] *Fanny Male* (48), visitor:

Luke Allchurch, beer retailer, Brockmoor. [1896]

County Express 2/6/1900

“On Thursday afternoon Mr. Stokes (coroner) held an inquest at the FORESTERS ARMS, Brockmoor, on *Annie Eliza Bladen* (39), of Cressett Lane, Brockmoor.

William Henry Bladen, the husband of deceased, who was greatly affected when giving his evidence, said he was a miner. On Tuesday, at about 11.30, witness was in bed, having been working all night, and heard shrieking. Running downstairs, he saw his wife at the bottom, crying, ‘Will.’ He picked her up, and went up to dress himself, and returned immediately. She had got into the brewhouse, and had her back against the door. He had to push her away before he could get in, and then fetched a neighbour, Mrs. Powell, and together they carried her to the sofa. Mrs. Powell asked for some mustard, and they gave his wife some mustard and water. When witness saw her in the brewhouse she was twitching and apparently convulsed. The mustard and water did not make her vomit, and then Dr. Taylor, who was attending an inquest at the CROSS KEYS, was fetched and administered salt and water, but this was ineffective, and the doctor went for his stomach pump.

Mr. Superintendent Spendlove came in and saw his wife. In spite of all they could do she died at about one o’clock. He believed she told him she had taken some poison, but she did not state what.

The Coroner: Do you know any reason why she should do this?

Witness: Only with regard to some property we had some two years back, which we sold, and which she has repented over. She wanted to get back there, and there was no possible chance of doing so. It preyed upon her mind.

Mr. Superintendent Spendlove (Brierley Hill) said he went to the house of the deceased on Thursday at about 11.40, and found Mrs. Bladen lying on the sofa in the kitchen. It was said by a person in the house that it was thought the woman had taken something. He asked her to sit up, so that he might administer an emetic, and she told him he could not do so, as her legs were stiff. He found her legs rigid, and could see that she had taken strychnine. He said to her, 'Why, you have been taking rat poison,' and she replied, 'Are you a policeman?' He told her he was, and then she said, 'If I tell you shall you lock me up?' Witness answered 'Oh, no,' and said she must tell them what she had taken. He again told her that she had taken rat poison, and she nodded her head in assent. They gave her a very strong emetic of salt and water, but it was useless. No poison was found in the house. In his opinion, the husband and wife lived happily together.

The Coroner said there did not seem to be any possibility that she took the poison accidentally, or she would have told the police superintendent.

The jury returned a verdict of Suicide whilst Temporarily Insane."

1901 Census

Cressett Lane – FORESTERS ARMS INN

- [1] Luke Allchurch (59), beer retailer, born Round Oak;
- [2] Sarah Allchurch (55), wife, born Wordsley;
- [3] Elizabeth Fullwood (23), niece, born Barrow, Lancashire;
- [4] Henry Fullwood (24), boarder, mining engineer, born Sedgley;
- [5] May Fullwood (1 month), daughter, born Brockmoor;
- [6] Sarah Goodyear, (74), boarder, monthly nurse, born Stourbridge:

Joseph Woodhall, beer retailer, Cressett Street, Brockmoor. [1904]

County Express 5/1/1915

"On Thursday, at the Police Court, Brierley Hill, before Stipendary (Mr. Neville), Edward William Eccleston, formerly residing at the FORESTERS' ARMS INN, Brockmoor was summoned for selling on December 24th spirits for which he did not hold the requisite license. Defendant did not appear.

Mr. C. E. Fitz Roy, of the Customs House, London, who prosecuted on behalf of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise, said the proceedings were taken under Section 50 of the Finance Act 1910, which enacted that a penalty of £50 might be imposed on any person selling any intoxicating liquor without a license. Eccleston was the husband of *Alice Maud Eccleston*, who recently held the license of the FORESTERS ARMS INN to sell beer by retail, for consumption on or off the premises. She was a manageress under the Home Brewery Co., Ltd. The prosecution alleged that defendant sold spirits without a license on December 24th, at this public house. In consequence of certain information enquiries were made, and it was found that 5½ gallons of spirits were delivered at this beerhouse on December 23rd, and that on December 24th at least two bottles were sold to a private person. To sell spirits at a beerhouse was an exceedingly grave offence, and he asked for a substantial penalty.

Sidney W. Ordish, secretary to Messrs. Lesters Ltd., Dudley, spirit dealers, produced books of the firm, showing the receipt of an order on December 23rd from 'G. Eccleston, FORESTERS' ARMS, Brockmoor', for six bottles of rum, six bottles of Scotch whiskey, six bottles of Irish whiskey, and six bottles of pale British brandy, amounting in all to 5½ gallons; and the delivery note appertaining to the case.

Wm. Hy. Jones, now at Loughborough, said on December 23rd he was secretary and manager to Messrs. Lesters Ltd., and received a telephonic message from the Home Brewery instrument from 'G.' or 'E.' Eccleston - he could not tell for certain which, because the line was rather indistinct. He was certain that it was for 'Eccleston of the FORESTERS ARMS, Brockmoor', and the order was for 5½ gallons of spirits, which were dispatched the same day. David Wood, 17, Bond Street, Dudley, carter to Messrs. Lesters deposed to delivering the spirits at the FORESTERS' ARMS on December 23rd to Eccleston himself; and the delivery note was signed by him.

John Bradley, ironworker, Cressett Lane, Brockmoor, said on Christmas Eve he bought from Edward Eccleston, at the FORESTERS' ARMS, a bottle of whiskey and one of rum for 3s. each.

Mr. James E. Dawson, officer of Customs and Excise, Brierley Hill, said on January 29th he with PC Ledward, visited Eccleston at the FORESTERS' ARMS, and told defendant he was reporting him for selling spirits without a license, and any statement he cared to make he would submit to the Commissioners. Eccleston said, 'I have never received any spirits here, and I have never sold a bottle.' Defendant's wife made a similar statement. She held the

license, which was to retail beer only. Defendant also said, 'Just before Christmas I ordered a supply of spirits from Lesters, of Dudley, by telephone. Lesters asked who was speaking, and I said 'I am Eccleston, of the FORESTERS ARMS; I am giving you an order for C. Eccleston, of Station Road.' I ordered the usual quantities for Christmas festivities. They were delivered at Station Road and part of them are still there.' Witness made enquiries at Station Road, where defendant's mother lived, and satisfied himself that no spirits had been received there.

PC Ledward corroborated, and said defendant had gone away, travelling on Monday from Brierley Hill on the 2.9 train.

Mr. Fitz Roy stated that defendant was formerly in business as a grocer. Latterly he had been acting as barman to his wife, who was the manageress of the house. He asked that there should be expenses allowed for the witness who had attended at somewhat considerable expense.

The Stipendary said he thought the expenses should be payed out of the fine. It seemed to be a barefaced case of ordering liquors to be sent to a house which only had a beer license, and selling them there. Defendant would be fined £40. He would leave Mr. Fitz Roy to take what steps he liked to enforce the fine. If necessary he could apply to the Court again."

A wine license was granted on 6th February 1950.

Dorothy Fletcher married a *Mr. Lamb* in 1957.

A full license was granted on 3rd March 1958.

[2001]

Closed [2006], [2015]



1997



2015

FORTUNE OF WAR

86, (144), (149), Dudley Street, Round Oak, (Harts Hill), BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Samuel Walker and Sons, Leeds [c. 1891]
North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd. (acquired c.1896)
Smith and Williams
Julia Hanson and Son Ltd. (acquired in 1934)
William Henry Simpkins (leased)
Elwell and Co. (leased)

LICENSEES

George Pearson [1822] – [1829]
William James [1834] – [1835]
George Pearson [1845] – [1850]
Thomas Edwards [1851] – [1862]
Elizabeth Edwards [1864] – [1865]
Edward Paskin [] – **1868**;
William Henry Simpkins **(1868)**;
William Meese **(1868 – 1872)**;
William Masefield **(1872 – 1875)**;
Charlotte Scott **(1875 – 1876)**;
Jane Bastock **(1876 – 1879)**;
John Lloyd **(1879 – 1885)**;
Reuben Plant **(1885 – 1886)**;
Mary Ann Plant **(1886)**;
John Spender **(1886 – 1891)**;
Ernest Wall **(1891)**;
Emma Southall **(1891 – 1892)**;
George Cartwright **(1892 – 1893)**;
Jeremiah Bailey **(1893 – 1895)**;
Joseph Ameson **(1895 – 1899)**;
James Beasley **(1899 – 1901)**;
John Henry Price **(1901 – 1902)**;
Joseph William Edwards **(1902 – 1903)**;
Richard Wootton **(1903 – 1904)**;
Job Bache **(1904)**;
Cecil Gardner **(1904 – 1905)**;
George Bawn **(1905)**;
David Thomas Holt **(1905 – 1907)**;
Joseph Ameson **(1907 – 1911)**;
Charles Henry Roberts **(1911 – 1916)**;
Joseph Richard Barnes **(1916)**;
Arthur Bayliss **(1916 – 1917)**;
Edith Rebecca Bayliss **(1917 – 1918)**;
John Wood **(1918 – 1935)**;
Frederick James Wheelwright **(1935)**;
William Wright **(1935 – [1938])**

INDIAN MUTINY—RELIEF OF THE SUFFERERS. *Under Distinguished Patronage.* FORTUNE OF WAR INN.

THE Members of the Brierley-Hill Histrionic Society, grateful for the past kind favors of their patrons, beg respectfully to state that they intend to devote the proceeds of their first DRAMATIC ENTERTAINMENT this season to the relief of the Sufferers in India, and trust that, with the assistance of their friends and the public generally, they will be enabled to hand over a handsome sum to the above charitable purpose.

On **TUESDAY EVENING, Nov. 3, 1857**, will be attempted (for the first time) the favourite Drama (founded on Victor Hugo's novel) of **ESMERALDA**.

Quasimodo..Mr. W. Lilley. Esmeralda..Mrs. Foster.
Gudule (on this occasion).....Mrs. Geddings.

Other characters by the members.

Singing by the Members of the Association. To conclude with the favourite Farce of **THE PHENOMENON IN A SMOCK PROCK**.

John Buttercup....Mr. Giddings (His first appearance.)

The Brierley Hill Sax-horn and String Band have kindly volunteered their services on this occasion.

Doors open at half-past Seven, to commence precisely at Eight o'clock.—Front seats (reserved) 1s. 6d. Second ditto 1s. Back seats, 6d.—For full particulars, see day bills.

Advert 1857

NOTES

144, Dudley Street [1872], [1881], [1891], [1892], [1896], [1904], [1912]
149, Dudley Street [1873]
86, Dudley Street [1916], [1921]

George Pearson's son was the parish constable.

1851 Census

Round Oak Road

- [1] *Thomas Edwards* (32), fitter and victualler, born Cradley, Worcestershire;
- [2] *Elizabeth Edwards* (38), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *John Edwards* (8), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *William Edwards* (7), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Ann Cogsell* (20), house servant, born Walsall:

Brierley Hill Advertiser 5/1/1856

"On Tuesday evening last, a respectable party met at the house of Mr. *Edwards*, FORTUNE OF WAR INN, Mill Street, to establish a society to be denominated 'The Brierley Hill Histrionic Society of Amateurs.' Officers and a committee of management were appointed, and a subscription entered into to carry out the objects of the Society."

Brierley Hill Advertiser 26/4/1856

"The Brierley Hill Histrionic Society gave their first public entertainment on Tuesday last, at Mr. *Edwards*'s large room, FORTUNE OF WAR INN, to a numerous and respectable audience....."

Brierley Hill Advertiser 14/2/1857

"On Wednesday evening last, the members of the Brierley Hill Histrionic Society and a number of their friends, sat down to a most ample and excellent repast provided and given by Mr. *Thomas Edwards*, of the FORTUNE OF WAR INN, High Street. This was the first annual gathering of the members of the above Society....."

1861 Census

Dudley Street

- [1] *Thomas Edwards* (42), publican, born Cradley, Worcestershire;
- [2] *Elizabeth Edwards* (47), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *William Edwards* (17), son, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Eliza Edwards* (15), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Ann Maria Grainger* (18), general servant, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Sarah Pearson* (72), mother in law, widow, born Amblecote:

Stourbridge Observer 29/10/1870

"*William Meese*, landlord of the FORTUNE OF WAR, Dudley Street, was summoned by Superintendent Mills for allowing gaming in his house, on the 17th inst.

Police-constable Grady proved that he visited the defendant's house just after eight o'clock. Was in plain clothes. Saw two young men playing a game at bagatelle for two cheques. The one who won the cheques had them, and offered them for sale for 5d. No one bought them, and the young man had a pint of ale; and paid a cheque for it. Eli Wise was called for the defence, and proved the above.

Mr. Spooner remarked that for once a witness who had been called for the defence had spoken the truth, and proved the case; and remarked there was no harm in playing a game at bagatelle; but as soon as the played for money, or money's worth it was gambling. He fined defendant £2 and costs, and told him if he came again he would fine him £10, and very likely he would lose his license."

William Meese was also a boilermaker of Park Street. [1872]

Stourbridge Observer 26/9/1874

“*William Masefield*, landlord of the FORTUNE OF WAR INN, Dudley Road, was charged by Superintendent Mills with having his house open during prohibited hours, on the 16th inst. Mr. Waldron defended. Police-sergeant Walters said that at 5 minutes to 12 he was passing the defendant’s house. Saw a light in the house, and persons moving about. As he went to the door he saw a man named Benjamin Hill come out, reeling drunk. Mr. Waldron objected to Hill’s name being imported, as his client was not charged with permitting drunkenness. Witness then said that he went into the bar, and there saw a young gentleman named Pice. On the table were two glasses of ale and a cup. He told the landlord he had no business to have the man in his house, nor to have his house open at that time of night. The defendant said that Hill left his house at 11 o’clock, but he (witness) saw Hill and spoke to him at five minutes past twelve. Cross examined: Saw Hill at the bottom of the steps by the back door. I do not know there is a public road by *Masefield*’s. I did not rap the door. The door was open. He went into the bar and saw Pice there, with *Macefield*, and a young lady named Mease. He did not know that she was related to Mrs. Macefield. Had seen her there many times. Defendant did say that Pice was paying his addresses to the young lady. Police-constable Godly said that he was with the last witness. On going to the back door he found Benjamin Hill, who was very drunk.

Mr. Waldron: We are not charged with being drunk, and the officer has no right to say so.

Mr. Holcroft [magistrate]: We only want to get at the truth. - The officers then gave corroborative evidence. Mr. Waldron, for the defence denied that Hill was there after 11 o’clock, and that the young man found there was courting the young lady. The Bench considered the case proved and fined defendant £3 and costs.

Mr. Waldron gave notice of appeal.”

Stourbridge Observer 5/12/1874

“*William Masefield*, landlord of the FORTUNE OF WAR INN, Dudley Street, Brierley Hill, was charged with permitting drunkenness in his house, and further charged with keeping his house open during prohibited hours on the 17th ult Mr. Waldron defended. Police-sergeant Walton stated that on the night in question he visited defendant’s house at 11 minutes past 11. When he got close to the house he saw defendant standing at the door, defendant turned round and said, ‘Look up, here is the sergeant.’ On going inside the house he saw 4 or 5 men in the first room on the left. There were 4 jugs and a glass on the table, a person named Charles Mann was in the house and he was drunk. Witness asked Mann to stand up, and he staggered across to the door. He went outside and fell down. As witness came out of the house defendant ran after him and asked him not to report the case. Cross examination it was 11 minutes past 11 by Brierley Hill Church Clock. It is spoken of in the neighbourhood that the Church clock is very seldom right. Defendant said it was Hardly so late. Defendant said Mann had not had any drink in the house. Mr. Waldron, in defence, contended that the time the sergeant went by was wrong, it was a notorious fact in the district that the Church clock was very seldom right and that morning there was a difference of 10 minutes between the church time and the railway station and the Post Office. With respect to Mann he came into the house and asked the servant to fill him ale but she refused to do so. Defendant did not see the man in the house until he went in with the sergeant. He (Mr. Waldron) would ask the Bench, on behalf of the Brierley Hill Licensed Victuallers, whether they should close their houses by the Church Clock or by the Railway and Post Office clocks. He then called defendant who said he recollected the sergeant coming to the house on the night in question. He was at the door but did not make use of any words to the effect that the sergeant was come. He went to the tap room and said, ‘Drink up boys, the time has expired.’ There were five men in the kitchen [sic], George Saunders, John Dutton, Benjamin Cartwright, George Collins, and Charles Mann, he did not know that Mann was in the house until he went into the kitchen with the sergeant. The sergeant said it was 11 minutes past 11, and defendant said, ‘No sergeant, it is only 2 minutes past.’ Defendant told the officers he had the railway time and the sergeant said it was 11 minutes past 11 by the Church clock. On the following morning defendant went to the Round Oak Station and compared his time with the railway time and there was one minute difference. He went to the church and found there was 10 minutes difference. Mrs. Masefield corroborated her husband. Susan Jones, domestic servant in the employ of the defendant said Mann came into the house about five minutes to 11 o’clock and called for a pint of ale. She refused to fill the ale, she did not tell her master or mistress about it. John Dutton, George Saunders, and Charles Mann also gave evidence.

The Bench retired for a short time to consider their decision, and on returning, said they had carefully considered the cases. With regard to the first charge, that of opening after 11 o'clock, it had not been proved to their satisfaction that that was the correct time and they should give defendant the benefit of the doubt and dismiss the case. With reference to the case of allowing drunkenness they thought the girl acted quite discreetly in refusing to supply the ale, and as the time of closing was so near she allowed him to go out, and they should also, in that case, dismiss it, but they thought Sergeant Walters was quite justified in bringing the cases before them, and they hoped Mr. *Masefield* would be very careful in future."

1881 Census

144, Dudley Street

- [1] *John Lloyd* (40), licensed victualler, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Caroline Lloyd* (37), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Thomas Lloyd* (14), son, scholar, born America;
- [4] *Edgar H. Lloyd* (8), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Ernest W. Lloyd* (4), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Annie P. Lloyd* (8 months), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Phoebe Griffiths* (19), domestic servant, born Kingswinford:

1891 Census

144, Dudley Street – FORTUNE OF WAR

- [1] *John Spender* (49), innkeeper, born Birmingham;
- [2] *Sarah Spender* (43), wife, born Birmingham;
- [3] *Mary A. Spender* (19), daughter, born Dublin;
- [4] *Ellen Spender* (15), daughter, born Manchester;
- [5] *John Spender* (13), son, scholar, born Manchester;
- [6] *Harry Spender* (11), son, scholar, born Wordsley;
- [7] *George Spender* (9), son, scholar, born Wordsley;
- [8] *Florence Spender* (7), daughter, scholar, born Wordsley;
- [9] *Beatrice Spender* (5), daughter, scholar, born Wordsley;
- [10] *Bella Vere* (23), domestic servant, birthplace not known:

County Express 3/11/1900

"On Monday, Mr. T. Allen Stokes (coroner), held an inquest at the FORTUNE OF WAR INN, Dudley Street, Brierley Hill, on the body of *Alice Powell* (30), married woman, Bent Street, Brierley Hill, who was found drowned in a cistern at the rear of her home on the previous Friday night.

Frederick Powell, a steelworker, the husband of the deceased, said she had for some three or four weeks complained of severe pains in the side. On Friday he was to work on the night turn, and his wife called him at four o'clock. He enquired whether she was better and she replied she was not. He advised her to go to bed for a time. She went to lie down and he proceeded to work. During the evening he was fetched home, and found his wife then dead. There were three children and she was *enciente* [pregnant]. For some cause, which he could not explain, his wife had of late been very listless, having little care as to what was passing around her, and her home affairs were let go to the bad. It was only of late that she had been peculiar in this way. He had never heard her suggest ending her life.

Lily Clark, aged 15, said she went into Mrs. Powell's house at a quarter past six on Friday evening. Mrs. Powell had the youngest child, which she asked witness to mind whilst she pulled down the blind and went into the yard. Half-an-hour, an hour, and two hours passed, and still witness waited for the deceased's return, but in vain, and soon after eight witness told deceased's mother-in-law of the length of deceased's absence. Enquiries were made, though without effect. Shortly before ten she heard the dead body being found in a water cistern.

William Henry Newton, a blast furnace attendant, Bent Street, said he lived in the same yard as the Powells. On Friday night, when he returned home from Brierley Hill, his wife told him that Mrs. Powell could not be found, and that she had been away from home some long time. He had noticed that during the past few weeks the deceased had appeared at times very peculiar in her ways, and the thought occurred to him that she might have got into his soft water cistern. This was situated at the gable end of his house. It had a trap door 16 inches by 14 inches, was five or six feet deep, and about 9 feet square. He went to the cistern and opened the door, which would not keep open, and peering into the cistern, he saw something like a woman's dress. He used a walking stick, and found he touched a large substance. Then his wife took him some matches, and with a drag from his own house he got out the body

of Mrs. Powell. There was only about nine inches of water in the cistern, and the deceased was lying face downwards in it. Round her eyes and face was tied a handkerchief. He found the body at a quarter to ten.

The Coroner: No-one could have put her there without people knowing? – Witness: No, sir, they could not.

Sarah Powell, mother-in-law of the deceased, stated that she went to her son's house on Friday night at 8 o'clock, and was told deceased had gone out some time. Witness knew she had not been well, and in the early part of the night she sent to ask witness to get her husband's supper. Deceased had been very much put about owing to her two children being seriously ill, one with pneumonia, and the other with measles. On the morning of her death she looked peculiar.

The Coroner, in summing up, said it seemed to be a very determined case of suicide. It was quite impossible for the woman to have been put in the cistern by anyone; the hole to the cistern was too small for this to be done without causing a considerable amount of disturbance. The poor woman seemed to have been strange in her manner for some considerable time. It must have been a determined case, because she got through a very small hole into a cistern. The only question was as to the state of her mind.

The jury returned a verdict of 'Suicide during Temporary Insanity'."

1901 Census

144, Dudley Street

[1] *John Henry Price* (36), moulder, born Brierley Hill;

[2] *Roseanna Price* (34), wife, born Brierley Hill;

[3] *Frederick Price* (8), son, born Brierley Hill;

[4] *Alice Ireland* (23), general servant, born Wolverhampton:

1911 Census

Dudley Street – FORTUNE OF WAR INN

[1] *Joseph Ameson* (55), publican, born Brierley Hill;

[2] *Caroline Ameson* (53), wife, married 34 years, assisting in business, born Brierley Hill;

[3] *George Ameson* (25), son, blacksmith's striker, born Brierley Hill;

[4] *Edith Hingley* (19), general servant, born Brierley Hill:

Conveyance dated 2/7/1934

"All that fully licensed public house and premises known as The FORTUNE OF WAR situate and being in Dudley Road in Parish of Brierley Hill in the County of Stafford And Also All That messuage or dwelling-house and premises adjoining thereto known as Number 84 Dudley Road aforesaid and now or late in the occupation of George Wragg....."

The license was referred to the Compensation Authority on 6th March 1939.

It closed on 30th December 1939.

FOSTERS ARMS

Tansey Green Road, Shutt End, (Tansey Green), PENSNETT

OWNERS

Joseph Cochrane

LICENSEES

Thomas Swift [1850] - **1865**);
William Butler (**1865** - [1867]
Edwin Ralphs [] - **1868**);
Stephen William Bullas (**1868** - []
Jacob Carter [1871] - **1874**);
Thomas Bradshaw (**1874** - **1875**);
William Greenway (**1875** - **1878**);
John Hall (**1878** - **1879**);
George Albert Turley (**1879** - **1880**);
John Knowles (**1880** - **1881**);
John Rubery (**1881** - **1883**);
Joseph Rubery (**1883** - []

NOTES

Tansey Green [1865]

It was originally the NEW INN.

Thomas Swift, beer retailer, Tansey Green. [1850]

1851 Census

Tansey Green

- [1] *Thomas Swift* (44), retail brewer, born Shropshire;
- [2] *Hannah Swift* (40), wife, born Dudley;
- [3] *Mary Ann Swift* (18), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Abraham Swift* (13), son, born Kingswinford:

Brierley Hill Advertiser 11/17/1857

“Unreserved Sale, at Mr. *Thomas Swift's* Tansey Green, near Kingswinford. To be Sold by Auction, by Enoch Lovatt, on Wednesday next, July 15th, 1857, the whole of the Regalia, belonging to the Odd Fellows Lodge, known by the name of Lord Durham, No. 944, held at the House of Mr. *Thomas Swift*, FOSTERS ARMS, Tansey Green....”

Dudley Herald 21/9/1867

“To be sold by auction public house fixtures, brewery utensils and effects belonging to Mr. *William Butler*, FOSTERS ARMS, Shut End, who is declining the business, comprising four-pull beer machine and bar fittings, strong rail back and other benches, lodge room fittings, trestle and other tables, hogshead, half hogshead and other casks, copper boiler, brewing vats, malt crusher etc.....”

Dudley Herald 7/3/1868

“To be sold by auction the freehold messuage, or public house known by the sign of the FOSTERS ARMS, with the stable, brewhouse, yard and garden at Tansey Green, at present void. The late tenant Mr. *Butler* paid a yearly rent of £35.”

1871 Census

Tansey Green –FOSTER ARMS INN

- [1] *Jacob Carter* (57), publican, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Mary Carter* (52), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Ann B. Carter* (26), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Thomas Carter* (21), son, colliery labourer, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Philip Carter* (18), son, collier, born Sedgley;
- [6] *John Carter* (17), son, colliery labourer, born Sedgley;
- [7] *Mary J. Carter* (14), daughter, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [8] *Enoch Carter* (3), son, born Sedgley:

Stourbridge Observer 19/8/1871

“At the Police Court, on Monday, before H. O. Firmstone and L. Freer, Esqrs, Herbert Bent, an exciseman at Kingswinford, was charged with stealing £10 on the 9th inst, the monies of *Jacob Carter*, at Tansey Green.

Mr. Holberton appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. Stokes defended.

Mary Carter, wife of *Jacob Carter*, said she lived at Tansey Green. On the above date about ten minutes past eleven, she put nine sovereigns and two half sovereigns into a little measure inside a till. She put it inside a cash drawer in the bar of a public house. She locked the drawer, and put the key on top of the shelf against some jugs. The shelf was not very high. She left the bar to go and fetch a pint of ale for a man in the kitchen, and when she came back again defendant was in the bar. It was his duty to come for a brewing paper to make an entry on it. He was standing in the bar. She went into the tap room with the ale, leaving Mr. Bent in the bar, and she went out of the front door into her daughter’s house, which is next door, and then came in again at the back door. She went to fetch the brewing paper. Mr. Bent was there about ten minutes, and after he had completed the entry on the brewing paper he left. At ten minutes to twelve she missed the money. She got the key from the top of the shelf where she left it. When she opened the drawer the measure was on one side and the money was gone, and she had not seen it since.

Cross-examined: I charge Mr. Bent with stealing the money. My husband is not here this morning. He was in the tap room on the above date. My husband did not direct this prosecution to be taken. He desired me to fetch a summons against Mr. Bent. He was in the house the whole of the morning the money was taken. Mr. Bent stayed in the house about ten minutes. Did not have occasion to look for the money until ten minutes to twelve. I have a daughter, Mrs. Hale. She resides next door to me. She was not in the house before the defendant came in. She was not in when I put the money into the drawer. She came in whilst I was out. She comes in several times a day. She is married, and her husband is a labourer for Mr. Cochrane. They are in humble circumstances. I never left the bar after the defendant went out. My husband was still in the tap room, and he was shelling beans for dinner. He likes a drop of ale. I did not in the presence of the police ask my husband if he had got the money. Did not ask him if he had had the money, nor anything to that effect. My daughter did not suggest to me that the exciseman had taken the money. I did not then send for a policeman. I did not ask my daughter if she had got it. No one had entered the bar. There was only one man in the tap room, and he had left. Mrs. Hale was not in the bar when Mr. Bent came in. I did not hear my daughter say, ‘Mr. Bent, I saw you standing against the drawer with the key of the black bag.’ There was a washerwoman in the brewhouse. I told the policeman that the right key of the drawer was lost, and I had to get another one. The right key has been lost six months. I lost it at Dudley. We afterwards went for Mr. Bent, and he came up immediately. The two policemen were there when he came in. I said, ‘Mr. Bent, will you please give me my money?’ and he said, ‘What money?’ I said, ‘My money out of the drawer; nine sovereigns and two half ones,’ and he said, ‘I have not got your money.’ Prisoner pulled out his key, and the key of the black bag. The policemen tried them all in the lock, and not one of them would open it. The policemen then handed them to me and I tried them, but could not find one to fit. Mr. Bent requested the policeman to accompany him to his lodgings. I went with them and so did my daughter. My husband was present when we started away. I did not want Mr. Bent to be given into custody. I asked the officers to keep him there. The policemen searched defendant’s black bag and his apartments, and did not find any money.

Elizabeth Hale, wife of Thomas Hale, labourer, said she lived at Tansey Green. On the morning of the 9th inst she went to her mother’s house. Her mother was not there when she went in. She saw Mr. Bent there. He was close

against the money drawer in the bar where her mother kept her money. He had his arm on the drawer. She did not speak to him, but went straight through into the brewhouse, and she remained there until her mother made the outcry about the money. That was about ten minutes to twelve. She went to Mr. Bent's lodgings at the Cross, Kingswinford, and told him he was wanted, and he said if it was anything bad he was not coming.

Cross-examined: I did not tell him it was something bad. I did not tell him it was about the money. I suppose he knew what it was. He came with me in about a quarter of an hour. Mrs. Hillman, his landlady, was there and she saw me. Mother was not in the brewhouse when I went in. She came round the back of the house with the brewing paper. I did not go into the house at all after I went straight through. The kitchen door is opposite the bar. Anyone can see into the bar from the kitchen door. The front door is opposite to the bar door. Mr. Bent was waiting for the brewing paper to come in. My father and another man were in the kitchen. I saw them as I passed. My mother has not told me she was down the cellar when Mr. Bent came in. My sister was in the house when I went in. She was washing the back kitchen. She would be in the house when Mr. Bent came in. She is not married. I did not know where mother kept the key, I have never seen her put it on the shelf. I had not been into the bar that morning. My mother does not allow me to go into the bar. I have seen her lock the bar door. I have not tried to get in. She keeps my sister out of the bar. She keeps it locked when my father is after the beer. She has not charged him with getting the money out of the drawer. The house is not open to me since as it is to the other members of the family. I know where the money is kept. There is a table in the room. I do not know that there is an ink bottle in the bar. I did not see anything of my mother before she sent me for Mr. Bent. Mr. Bent produced the keys, but they would not unlock the drawer. I did not suggest that the key of the black bag would open the drawer. I did hear mother ask the defendant for the key of his black bag.

Police-constable Storer said he was stationed at Pensnett. Was called to prosecutor's house about some money on Wednesday. Saw Mr. Bent. He came into the house along with Mrs. Hale. Mrs. *Carter* charged the defendant with sneaking £10 from the drawer. He said he had not seen any £10; he had not been near the drawer. She asked him where the key of the black bag was. He put his hand into his pocket, and pulled out a bunch of keys, and handed them to witness. The keys were all on one ring. He pointed out the key of the black bag, and witness tried them all, but they would not fit. Prisoner said they could see his black bag, and asked the officers to go with him, and witness and another officer went to his lodgings and searched the black bag. Mrs. *Carter* and Mrs. Hale went along with them. Prisoner stopped down stairs. In the satchel upstairs they found some exercise books, but not the £10. When they went downstairs witness asked prisoner how much change he had, and prisoner allowed witness to search him, and he found £6 10s in gold, £13 10s in silver, and 2½d in copper.

Cross-examined: Mrs. *Carter* requested me to take him into custody. I refused to do so, and told her to go to Stourbridge and get a warrant. I did not feel justified in taking Mr. Bent into custody, as the evidence was not sufficient. Mrs. *Carter* told him she locked the drawer, and found it locked. She said she had lost the right key of the drawer. There was no appearance of the lock having been tampered with. There were two men in the tap room with the landlord. One daughter came for me, and one of them was away. When prisoner came both daughters were there. There was not the slightest hesitation in his producing his keys. I searched him at his request at his lodgings, and I searched his apartments.

This being the case for the prosecution.

Mr. Stokes rose and made a long and eloquent speech on behalf of the prisoner, who, he contended was perfectly innocent of the charge. He was an honest, upright young man, very well connected, and he (Mr. Stokes) had got many of prisoner's official friends there who had come to give him good characters if required; but there was not a prima facie case against prisoner, and he had no charge to answer, and he asked the Bench to dismiss prisoner without a stain on his character, so that he might go forth into the world again with the same honourable name as he had before this trumpety charge was made up.

The Bench said they had given the case their most careful and best attention, and they had much pleasure in saying they considered there was no evidence whatever to connect Mr. Bent with the abstraction of this money, and that in their opinion Mr. Bent left the Court without a stain upon his character.

The public showed their approbation of the result by clapping their hands rather loudly; but this was soon suppressed by the police."

1881 Census

Tansey Green Road – FOSTERS ARMS

[1] *John Knowles* (50), licensed victualler, born Bobbington;

[2] *Eliza Knowles* (44), wife, born Dudley;

[3] *William H. Knowles* (22), son, white stone miner, born Bobbington;

[4] *John Knowles* (19), son, white stone miner, born Chatton, Shropshire;

[5] *Sarah Knowles* (17), daughter, general servant, born Chatton, Shropshire;

[6] *Walter Knowles* (15), son, farm servant, born Kingswinford:

There was no reference to the pub after 1883.

FOUNTAIN

13, (7), Level Street, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Frederick Preston [1864] – 1889);
John Preston (1889 – 1890);
Thomas Walker (1890 – 1892);
Cornelius Pearson (1892 – 1894);
Benjamin Bradney (1894 – 1898);
Harry Clifton Moore (1898 – 1902);
Isaac Thomas Digger (1902 – 1906);
Richard Wood (1906 – 1924);
George Wothers (1924 – 1926):

NOTES

7, Level Street [1872], [1881], [1891], [1904], [1912]
13, Level Street [1916], [1921]

It had a beerhouse license.

Frederick Preston, beer retailer and joiner. [1864], [1865]
Frederick Preston, beer retailer and coffin maker, Level Street [1868], [1870]
Frederick Preston, beer retailer and coffin maker, 7, Level Street. [1872]

Stourbridge Observer 11/6/1864 - Advert

“MUSEUM OF NATURE AND ART, FOUNTAIN INN / Level Street, Brierley Hill / Mr. F. Preston / Began to announce to the Public that his Large Room with a splendid Collection of 160 Foreign and British Birds and Animals, including Birds of Paradise, Condors, Eagles, and upwards of 60 rare specimens of Paraquets of every size, and the most beautiful Plumage, is Open Daily. An Exhibition of 60 different Stereoscopic Views. / Marionettes every Saturday and Monday evenings / A selection of Sacred Music on a powerful organ every Sunday evening. / Admission Free.”

1871 Census

Level Street – Public House

- [1] *Frederick Preston* (55), carpenter and publican, born Rothby, Leicestershire;
- [2] *Martha Preston* (57), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *John Preston* (22), son, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Sarah Ann Preston* (18), daughter, born Kingswinford:

1881 Census

7, Level Street

- [1] *Frederick Preston* (65), carpenter and builder, born Rotherley, Leicestershire;
- [2] *Martha Preston* (67), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Mary Brown* (38), daughter, widow, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Edwin Brown* (16), grandson, piler at iron works, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Martha Brown* (8), granddaughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Ernest Brown* (6), grandson, scholar, born Kingswinford:

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Advert 1864

Stourbridge Observer 5/7/1873

“At the Brierley Hill Police Court on Thursday, before Mr. Isaac Spooner, stipendiary, *Frederick Preston*, landlord of the FOUNTAIN INN, Level Street, Brierley Hill, and a member of the Local Board, was charged on remand with exhibiting obscene photographs at his house on the 21st inst.”

1891 Census

7, Level Street – FOUNTAIN INN

[1] *Thomas Walker* (46), innkeeper, born Dudley;

[2] *Alice Walker* (46), wife, born Brierley Hill:

1901 Census

7, Level Street – FOUNTAIN INN

[1] *Harry Clifton Moore* (23), carpenter and joiner, born Brierley Hill;

[2] *Emily Moore* (22), wife, born Pensnett;

[3] *Marian Ada Moore* (9 months), daughter, born Brierley Hill;

[4] *Elizabeth Curtis* (22), servant, born Brierley Hill:

1911 Census

Level Street – FOUNTAIN INN

[1] *Richard Wood* (33), bolterdown, born Brierley Hill;

[2] *Elizabeth Wood* (29), wife, married 4 years, born Pensnett;

[3] *Harry Victor Wood* (3), son, born Brierley Hill;

[4] *Mary Alice Raybould* (19), general servant, born Brierley Hill:

Richard Wood, beer retailer, 7, Level Street. [1912]

The license renewal was refused on 28th June 1926.

It was referred to the Compensation Authority on 1st March 1926.

The license was extinguished on 31st December 1926.

FOUNTAIN

1, Bradley Street, PENSNETT

OWNERS

William Henry Simpkins, Round Oak (acquired in 1890)
North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1896)
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1909)

LICENSEES

George Hale [1865] - **1873**);
James Parfitt (**1873 - 1888**);
Sarah Parfitt (**1888 - 1889**);
John Baker (**1889 - 1891**);
William Covington (**1891 - 1893**);
Richard Newman (**1893 - 1894**);
Benjamin Cartwright (**1894 - 1897**);
Henry Rollings Pollard (**1897**);
Elizabeth Pollard (**1897 - 1899**);
William James Selston (**1899 - 1900**);
Sophia Selston (**1900**);
Daniel Henry Greenway (**1900 - 1901**);
William Dudley Smith (**1901 - 1902**);
James Alfred Sidaway (**1902**);
Frederick Langley (**1902 - 1903**);
William Henry Westwood (**1903 - 1904**);
John Mantle (**1904 - 1906**);
James Pope (**1906 - 1907**);
Harriet Pope (**1907 - 1910**);
Samuel Mason (**1910 - 1914**);
Mary Ann Mason (**1914 - 1915**);
Owen Benjamin Bourne (**1915**);
John Mantle (**1915 - 1916**);
Thomas Granger (**1916 - 1923**);
Thomas Horton (**1923 - 1925**);
Benjamin Hawkins (**1925**);
Leonard Hawkins (**1925**);

NOTES

George Hale = George Hall

Stourbridge Observer 14/1/1865

“On Friday, January 6th, being Old Christmas Day, a dinner was provided for the aged and infirm people of Pensnett and neighbourhood, at the house of Mr. *George Hale*, FOUNTAIN INN, Pensnett. The dinner consisted of roast beef and plum pudding; which was served up in good style, and to which they did ample justice. There were about 50 sat down to dinner, independent of some half dozen that were sent out to those that were unable to attend through infirmities. The expenses being defrayed by different gentlemen and tradesmen in the neighbourhood, by voluntary subscription.”

George Hale, beer retailer, Bradley Street, Pensnett. [1870]

1871 Census

Bradley Street

- [1] *George Hale* (57), licensed victualler, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Rachel Hale* (55), wife, born Dudley;
- [3] *Eliza E. Hale* (15), granddaughter, general servant, born Kingswinford:

James Parfitt = James Parfeit

Stourbridge Observer 10/1/1874

“An inquest was held on Wednesday last, at the FOUNTAIN INN, before Mr. Phillips, touching the death of William Henry Talbot, two years old. From the evidence it appears that the deceased got his foot upon a pot of boiling hot water on the 16th ultimo, and died from the effects of the scald on the 6th inst. Mr. Bradley, surgeon, gave evidence of the injuries caused by the water, and the Jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

Stourbridge Observer 18/4/1874

“*James Parfitt*, landlord of the FOUNTAIN INN, Pensnett, was charged with having his house open during illegal hours on Saturday night. Mr. J. W. Clulow defended. Police-constables Goodfellow and Giles stated that they found two young men in the house at a quarter to twelve o'clock, but they found no drinks on the table. The defence was that the young men were courting defendant's two daughters. Case dismissed.”

1881 Census

Bradley Street – FOUNTAIN INN

- [1] *James Parfitt* (57), licensed victualler, born Somerset;
- [2] *Sarah Parfitt* (55), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *James H. Parfitt* (28), son, cow keeper, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Cornelius Parfitt* (19), son, iron worker, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Alice Parfitt* (15), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Maude Parfitt* (13), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Elizabeth Fazey* (16), domestic servant, born Kingswinford;
- [8] *Florence Smith* (5), granddaughter, scholar, born Kingswinford:

1891 Census

Bradley Street

- [1] *John Baker* (48), innkeeper and builder, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Sarah A. Baker* (48), wife, born Cradley, Worcestershire;
- [3] *Ann E. Baker* (24), daughter, dressmaker, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Frances L. Baker* (22), daughter, barmaid, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *John J. Baker* (16), son, mason's apprentice, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Major Baker* (12), son, scholar, born Kingswinford:

1901 Census

1, Bradley Street

- [1] *Daniel Greenway* (45), licensed victualler, born Gornal Wood;
- [2] *Elizabeth Greenway* (43), wife, born Gornal Wood;
- [3] *Lillian Greenway* (22), daughter, born Gornal Wood;
- [4] *Beatrice Greenway* (21), daughter, born Gornal Wood;
- [5] *John H. Greenway* (19), carpenter, joiner, born Gornal Wood;
- [6] *Edith Greenway* (12), daughter, born Gornal Wood;
- [7] *Annie Rooker* (18), servant, born Pensnett:

The license was renewed in March 1903 on the undertaking that some structural alterations were carried out.

Tipton Herald 3/10/1903

“*William Westwood*, FOUNTAIN INN, Bradley Street, Pensnett, was summoned for permitting drunkenness upon his licensed premises on the 12th ult.

Mr. J. Walter Clulow prosecuted, and Mr. W. Waldron defended.

Mr. J. Walter Clulow said that on the 12th ult, Saturday evening, about ten minutes past ten, PC Tiernan and PC Bradbury went into defendant's house, and found a man named John Meredith on the premises in a very drunken condition. Just as the officers entered he was drinking from a glass. They called the attention of the landlord to his condition, and he replied, ‘I did not notice him, if I had I should not have supplied him.’ Defendant was in such a serious condition of drunkenness that it took both of the officers to get him home. Later on the landlord said, ‘I did not think the man had been there so long. He had been there an hour and a half, but there is always a lot of trouble in public houses.’

Under the new Act defendant was aware that as a license holder, he had to take reasonable steps to prevent drunkenness.

PC Tiernan bore out the above facts in evidence further adding that the landlord admitted Meredith had been in his house in the morning when he was turned out. Defendant also said he was it had happened, but there was always a lot of trouble in public business.

PC Bradbury corroborated.

Mr. Waldron said it was one of those cases which was more unfortunate than any infringement of any section of the Act. The defendant would certainly have ordered Meredith from his house, if he had known his condition, but he did not. It was one of those cases where nothing was said about the manner in which the house was conducted, but as he had previously said, it was most unfortunate. He would point out to the Bench that it was a custom of the NWB Co, to whom the house belonged, to turn out a license holder whenever there was a conviction. So under the circumstances he would suggest that the payment of the costs would meet the merits of the case.

The Bench imposed a fine of £3 3s 0d including costs. On a further charge of selling to a drunken person, defendant was ordered to pay the costs.

For being drunk upon the premises Meredith was fined 5s and costs.”

1911 Census

No.1, Bradley Street – FOUNTAIN INN

[1] *Samuel Mason* (35), licensed victualler, born Woodside;

[2] *Mary Mason* (38), wife, married 12 years, born Woodside;

[3] *Nely Mason* (12), daughter, born Woodside;

[4] *Emma Ball* (14), domestic housemaid, born Pensnett:

Ben and Leonard Hawkins were brothers.

Ben went to run the LIMERICK, Lower Gornal.

License referred to the Compensation Authority on grounds of redundancy on 2nd March 1925.

Confirmed on 18th June 1925.

License extinguished on 31st December 1925.

It became the Labour Club (Pensnett and Bromley Working Men's Club), which closed in August 1998.

The "Fountain" Inn Pensnett



Mr Gibbons

PRIVATE ROAD

Right of Way

Mr W. H. Simpkins

From Commons side

BRADLEY STREET to High St

HIGH OAK STREET

Plane Date Unknown

FOUNTAIN

21, Victoria Road, (Vine Street), QUARRY BANK

OWNERS

Solomon Dunn
Albert Billingham
Atkinsons Ltd. (acquired c. 1905)
Daniel Batham, Delph (acquired on 9th February 1931)
William Butler and Co. Ltd. (acquired in 1933 for £2,500)
J. A. and A. Thompson Ltd., Oldbury (acquired in February 1934)
William Butler and Co. Ltd. (acquired on 30th April 1945)
Bass, Mitchells and Butlers
Enterprise Inns

LICENSEES

Solomon Dunn [1864] - 1874);
John Stringer (1874 - 1876);
Joseph Silvers (1876 - 1890);
Albert Billingham (1890 - 1892);
George Glaze (1892 - 1897);
Mrs. Annie Glaze (1897 - 1908);
Miles Drake (1908 - 1909);
Mrs. Annie Glaze (1909 - 1921);
James Willetts (1921 - 1931);
Joseph Thomas Pargeter (1931 - 1961);
Herbert Edward Kent (1961 - 1985);
Peter John Abel (1985 - 1987);
Brenda Robertson (1987 - 1991);
Lynn Diane Harrison (1991 - 1993);
Monk Thomas Mogford (1993 - 1995);
Brenda Robertson (1995);
Robert Keith 'Bob' Boxley (1995 - []



1994

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

Solomon Dunn, beer retailer, Quarry Bank. [1864], [1864], [1872], [1873]

Stourbridge Observer 23/4/1864

“*Solomon Dunn*, of the FOUNTAIN INN, Quarry Bank, was charged with keeping his house open for the sale of drink during divine service.

Police-constable Freeman said on Sunday he visited defendant’s house, about half-past twelve and he saw people in it. They were drinking.

The Magistrates said no person were allowed to open his house before half-past twelve o’clock on the termination of Divine Service. Defendant had been fined 5s on the 7th August, 1860.

He was fined £1 and costs 9s 6d.”

Stourbridge Observer 10/9/1864

“*Solomon Dunn*, FOUNTAIN, Quarry Bank, was charged with drawing beer at half past 11 o’clock on the night of Saturday, the 3rd inst. Mr. Sheldon defended.

Police-constable Freeman deposed that on the night in question at half past 11, he went to the door, looked in, and saw the landlady go into the cellar, heard her draw ale, brought up to a girl and a woman and saw the landlady paid for it in copper.

For the defence, it was urged by Mr. Sheldon, that the beer was brought up to a child named Mary Guest, as ‘supper beer’, the child having been engaged in cleaning up the house.

Mary Guest, 12, having been cautioned as to the nature of an oath, said that she had been helping Mrs. *Dunn* to scrub the floor. She had no money whatever. Mrs. *Dunn* fetched some beer and bread and cheese for witness’s supper. Sarah Siddaway came in about 20 minutes before the constable came, and waited till Mrs. *Dunn* came up from the cellar. She then asked for a pint of beer, but Mrs. *Dunn* said it was too late.

The Magistrates examined this witness with the view of ascertaining whether she had been tampered with. The girl positively said that she had no conversation whatever with anyone on the subject since Saturday night.

Sarah Siddaway said that the policeman had come in a few minutes after witness.

By the Bench: I was asked last night to give evidence here today. I saw the girl Guest on the road yesterday. She told me she had to be here today on this case.

Mary Guest recalled: I saw Mrs. Siddaway yesterday on the road. I did not tell her anything about it.

The Superintendent stated that the defendant had been previously fined for opening on Sunday.

The Bench, accordingly, inflicted the highest penalty, 40s, and costs, in all amounting to £2 11s 6d, remarking that he could not believe the witnesses for the defence. He thoroughly believed the positive oath of the policeman.”

Stourbridge Observer 22/4/1865

“At the Petty Sessions on Monday last, *Solomon Dunn* of Quarry Bank was charged by Superintendent Mills, with having his house open for the sale of beer, before the time allowed by the Act of Parliament. Police-constable Freeman proved the offence, and said this was the fourth time within two years and six months. Fined 20s and costs, £1 13s; in default a distress.”

1871 Census

FOUNTAIN INN

- [1] *Solomon Dunn* (71), publican, born Kingswinford;
- [2] Ann Dunn (65), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] Sarah Dunn (20), granddaughter, born Kingswinford;
- [4] Joseph Holding (6), great grandson, born Kingswinford:

Joseph Silvers, beer retailer, Quarry Bank. [1876]

1881 Census

FOUNTAIN INN

- [1] *Joseph Silvers* (39), chainmaker, born Worcester;
 - [2] Ellen Silvers (37), wife, born Newnham Green, Worcestershire;
 - [3] Lucy Ann Silvers (17), daughter, born Newnham Green;
 - [4] Laura Silvers (15), daughter, born Newnham Green;
 - [5] Joseph Silvers (6), son, born New York, USA:
- [Newnham is about 8 miles ESE of Ludlow.]

1891 Census

Vine Street

- [1] *Albert Billingham* (50), chain manufacturer and publican, born Coppice, Dudley;
- [2] Eliza Billingham (47), wife, born Woodside;
- [3] James Billingham (25), son, manager of chain works, born Coppice, Dudley;
- [4] Eliza Billingham (19), daughter, born Dudley;
- [5] George A. Billingham (7), grandson, born Quarry Bank;
- [6] Marice Davis (24), general servant, born Quarry Bank:

George Glaze, beer retailer, Vine Street. [1896]

1901 Census

21, Victoria Road – FOUNTAIN INN

- [1] Annie Glaze (44), widow, beerhouse, born Cradley Heath;
- [2] Edith M. Glaze (15), daughter, apprentice to dressmaking, born Quarry Bank;
- [3] George W. F. Glaze (13), son, learning fitting (pulley block), born Quarry Bank;
- [4] Thomas B. Glaze (12), son, born Quarry Bank;
- [5] Mary E. Glaze (8), daughter, born Cradley;
- [6] Albert N. Glaze (7), son, born Quarry Bank;
- [7] Sarah Crumpton (19), general servant, born Oldbury:

Mrs. Annie Glaze, beer retailer, Victoria Street. [1904], [1912]

Tipton Herald 2/1/1909

“A meeting will be held at the FOUNTAIN INN, Victoria Road, Quarry Bank, on Tuesday next, January 5th, at 7.45. The draw for the first round of the League cup and medals will also take place. All teams not being represented will be fined, as business is important. The committee have vacancies for a few clubs for the competition. Teams wishing to join should be represented. Apply to the secretary, Fred Maybury.”

[This appeared in the football column, with no heading.]

1911 Census

21, Victoria Road – FOUNTAIN INN

- [1] Annie Glaze (54), widow, manageress of inn, born Cradley Heath;
- [2] Edith May Glaze (25), daughter, dressmaker, born Quarry Bank;
- [3] George William Frederick Glaze (23), son, engineer, born Quarry Bank;
- [4] Thomas Benjamin Glaze (22), son, carpenter and joiner, born Quarry Bank;
- [5] Mary Elizabeth Glaze (19), daughter, school teacher, born Cradley;
- [6] Albert Norman Glaze (17), son, engineer, born Quarry Bank;
- [7] Annie Griffiths (19), general servant, born Cradley:

It sold for £2,900 at auction on 14th October 1929.

Joseph Pargeter, beer retailer, Victoria Road. [1932]

It sold Bathams beer whilst under the control of J. A. and A. Thompson.

A wine license was granted on 1st February 1937.

A full license was granted in 1949.

[2005]

Closed

It was converted into flats. [2009]



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17th April, 1945.

Messrs. D. Batham & Son Ltd.,
Delph Brewery,
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Dear Sirs,

"Fountain Inn", Quarry Bank.

Messrs. W. Butler & Co. Ltd., have acquired our business as no doubt you are aware and take over control from April 26th, 1945, therefore, after next week we shall not be sending you any further orders for Beer to be sent to the above House as Messrs. Butler's will be supplying them direct.

We should like to take this opportunity of thanking you for your courtesy and attention in the past.

Yours faithfully,

A. H. Clarke

Director.

FOUR FURNACES

6, (61), (60), New Street, Rocks Hill, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Abraham Thomas (acquired in 1891)
Edwin Marriott (acquired in 1896)
Elwell, Williams (acquired c.1901)
Smith and Williams (acquired c.1916)
Julia Hanson and Son Ltd. (acquired on 2nd July 1934)

LICENSEES

Joseph Skelding [1841]
Francis Skelding [1849] – [1871]
Abraham Thomas [1872] – **1873**;
Richard Hawthorne **(1873 – 1874)**;
Francis Skelding **(1874 – 1876)**;
Abraham Thomas **(1876 – 1896)**;
Edwin Marriott **(1896 – 1901)**;
Albert Edward Oliver **(1901)**;
Frederic Griffiths **(1901 – 1903)**;
John Tennant **(1903 – 1905)**;
William Cottrell **(1905 – 1906)**;
Richard Thomas Homer **(1906 – 1909)**;
Thomas Brooks Grainger **(1909 – 1910)**;
William Barwell **(1910 – 1912)**;
John Harold Stevens **(1912 – 1913)**;
James William Taylor **(1913 – 1915)**;
Thomas Grainger **(1915)**;
Frederick George Fradgley **(1915 – 1919)**;
William Barwell **(1919 – 1924)**;
Thomas Barwell **(1924 – 1931)**;
William Grainger **(1931 – 1934)**;
Mary Ann Mason **(1934 – 1936)**;
Maud Boswell **(1936 – 1937)**;
Horace Sidney Botwood **(1937 – 1938)**;
John Robinson **(1938 – 1939)**;

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61, New Street [1872], [1881]
6, New Street

It had a beerhouse license.

1841 Census

Delph Lane

- [1] *Joseph Skelding* (50), widower, furnaceman;
- [2] *Joseph Skelding* (25), labourer;
- [3] *Samuel Skelding* (15), furnaceman;
- [4] *J_____ Skelding* (10), labourer;
- [5] *Francis Skelding* (30), furnaceman;
- [6] *Sarah Skelding* (30);
- [7] *Ann Skelding* (9);
- [8] *Mary Skelding* (7);
- [9] *Francis Skelding* (3);
- [10] *Joseph Skelding* (1);
- [11] *Ann Bate* (70):

1851 Census

- [1] *Francis Skelding* (43), furnace keeper, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Sarah Skelding* (41), wife, born Wordsley;
- [3] *Francis Skelding* (13), son, furnace labourer, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Mary Skelding* (17), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *Joseph Skelding* (10), son, furnace labourer, born Brierley Hill;
- [6] *James Skelding* (8), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [7] *Esther Skelding* (5), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [8] *Joseph Skelding* (78), father, visitor, labourer, born Brierley Hill;
- [9] *Ann Bate* (82), widow, mother in law, born Wordsley:

1871 Census

61, New Street – Beerhouse

- [1] *Francis Skelding* (62), beerhouse keeper, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Sarah Skelding* (61), wife, born Wordsley;
- [3] *Esther Davies* (15), granddaughter, scholar, born Ombersley:

Abraham Thomas, beer retailer, 61, New Street. [1872]

1881 Census

61, New Street

- [1] *Abraham Thomas* (34), publican, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Sarah Thomas* (29), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *James Thomas* (9), son, scholar, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Frances Skelding* (15), general servant, born Oldbury:

1891 Census

61, New Street

- [1] *Abraham Thomas* (45), innkeeper and pawnbroker, born Brierley Hill;
 - [2] *Sarah Thomas* (40), wife, born Brierley Hill;
 - [3] *James Thomas* (20), pawnbroker's assistant, born Brierley Hill;
 - [4] *Maggie Thomas* (7), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- and two servants:

A full license was granted in 1891.

County Express 10/2/1900 - Advert

“Important Sale By Auction of a very Valuable Freehold Beerhouse, The FOUR FURNACES INN, Rock’s Hill, Brierley Hill.

By Order of the Owner, Mr. Abraham Thomas.

Herbert Humphries, F.A.I., begs to announce instructions, as above, to Sell By Auction, at the BELL HOTEL, Brierley Hill, on Monday, February 19th, 1900, at 7 for 7.30 prompt, subject to Conditions of sale to be then read:— All that truly Valuable Double-fronted Free Beerhouse, The FOUR FURNACES INN, situate and forming the triangular Corner Block dividing New Street from Derry Street, Rock’s Hill, Brierley Hill, in the occupation of Mr. Edwin Marriott.

The Trade and Domestic Accommodation of this noted Inn is most conveniently arranged, comprising Three Good Bed Chambers, Club Room (approached by separate stairs from yard), Tap Room, 14ft 8in by 14ft 4in; Cosy Bar, Comfortable Smoke Room, Two good Cellars with Rolling Way from Yard, Pantry Cooking Kitchen, Brewhouse, Coalhouse with Store Room over, Private and Retire Yard, paved throughout with entrance from the above mentioned streets.

The whole forming a very Compact and Valuable Property, the trade is carried on with small expenses. The Premises are in excellent repair and commanding in appearance, having in front Two Bay and one Flat Windows, and a frontage to New Street 73ft 6in, and to Derry Street of 86ft 6in. The communication running through both streets. An important feature which gives the Lot additional value is that the License was granted before 1869. It is the only Licensed in the two streets previously mentioned, and therefore commands the trade of a large working population. The trade at this House is of the most satisfactory nature, and it is well known that it has for many years past enjoyed one of the most regular and profitable Businesses in the Town, and possesses a reputation second to none.

Immediate possession may be had.

Further particulars may be obtained from Mr. William Waldron, Solicitor, Brierley Hill, or the Auctioneer.

Auction Offices: Brierley Hill and Stourbridge.”

County Express 14/4/1900

“On Tuesday, Kate Aston, aged two years and eleven months, of 45, New Street, Brierley Hill, in the absence of her parents, drank some very hot tea from a teapot standing at the side of the fireplace, and expired from the effect at two o’clock on Wednesday afternoon, after enduring great agony. The coroner (Mr. Stokes) held an inquest at the FOUR FURNACES, New Street, on Thursday, and a verdict of Accidental Death was returned.”

1901 Census

60, New Street – FOUR FURNACES INN

- [1] *Albert Edward Oliver* (38), innkeeper and joiner, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Mary A. Oliver* (37), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Henry I. Oliver* (9), son, born Netherton;
- [4] *Vernon L. Oliver* (6), son, born Netherton;
- [5] *Hilda May Oliver* (3), daughter, born Brierley Hill:

County Express 11/1/1902

“William Askins (28), Derry Street, Brierley Hill, was charged with being drunk on the 26th ult., in the FOUR FURNACES INN, New Street. PS Harris said as he was passing this house he heard the landlady ordering defendant out. Witness found defendant drunk, dressed in a woman’s jacket, skirt, bonnet, and fall.

Mrs. *F. Griffiths*, the landlady gave evidence to defendant’s refusal to go out.

Defendant was fined 10s and costs.”

John Tennant, beer retailer, New Street. [1904]

1911 Census

New Street – FOUR FURNACES

- [1] *William Barwell* (33), beerhouse manager, born Walsall;
- [2] *Elizabeth Barwell* (28), wife, married 7 years, born Staffordshire;
- [3] *Wilfred Barwell* (5), son, born Staffordshire:

William Barwell, beer retailer, New Street. [1912]

William Grainger – see also DOLPHIN

Conveyance dated 2/7/1934

“All that plot of land situate at Brierley Hill aforesaid having a frontage to New Street of twenty-eight yards and containing at the back next Derry Street twenty-eight yards on the one side adjoining land of the Representatives of the late Thomas Price deceased fourteen yards two feet and containing in the whole two hundred square yards And Also All That messuage used as a public house erected on the said plot of land and known as the FOUR FURNACES.....”

It closed on 24th April 1939.

FOUR FURNACES

81, High Street (Kingswinford Road) / Tansey Green Road, (Shutt End), PENSNETT

OWNERS

J. Rolinson (leased from 24th June 1916 to 1937)
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

Mrs. Sobeaske Jewkes [1834] – [1851]
Heber Hubbold [1861] – **1888**;
William Perry (**1888 – 1889**);
Heber Hubbold (**1889 – 1892**);
Sarah Hubbold (**1892 – 1899**);
Alfred Thomas Chadband (**1899 – 1901**);
Harriett Chadband (**1901**);
Samuel Greenway (**1901 – 1904**);
Cornelius Parfitt (**1904 – 1910**);
Arthur James Chell (**1910 – 1911**);
Harley Chamberlain (**1911 – 1915**);
Elijah Newborough (**1915 – 1927**);
Elijah Newborough Jnr. (**1927 – 1950**);
Major Vivian Wesson (**1950 – 1951**);
James Andrews (**1951 – 1961**);
Frederick James Evans (**1961 – 1962**);
Enoch Jones (**1962 – 1965**);
Lucy Kathleen Brookes (**1965 – 1967**);
Sidney Pickin (**1967 – 1970**);
Samuel Cox (**1970 – 1973**);
Frank Eric Male (**1973**);
Matilda Hardman (**1973 – 1974**);
Malcolm Parkes (**1974 – 1981**);
Frederick Walter Childs (**1981 – 1982**);
Christine Thomas (**1982 – 1987**);
Rita Davies (**1987 – 1988**);
Andrew Geoffrey Cooney (**1988**);
Peter Edward Lunn (**1988 – 1990**);
Kathryn Marian Taylor (**1990 – 1993**);
Julian Ryder (**1993**);
Rex Lissamen (**1993 – 1994**);
David William Hollyhead (**1994 – 1995**);
Julie Anne Jennings (**1995 – 1996**);
Robert James Anderson (**1996 – 1997**);
Alison Jane Leeson (**1997 – 1998**);
Kevin Lee Rapinett (**1998 – 1999**);
Wendy Elizabeth Craine (**1999 – []**)
Terriann Bagley (**1999 – [2000]**)
Marsh [2005]



c. 1980s



2008

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Sobeaske Jewkes = *Sobiaske Jewks*

1851 Census

High Street

- [1] *Sobeaske Jewkes* (60), widow, publican, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Sobeaske Simmonds* (26), daughter, married, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Mary Roberts* (16), servant, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Richard Simmonds* (56), lodger, coal miner, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *William H. Simmonds* (3 months), grandson, born Kingswinford:

1861 Census

Dudley Road – FOUR FURNACES INN

- [1] *Heber Hubbold* (28), victualler, born Kingswinford;
 - [2] *Sarah Hubbold* (34), wife, born Kingswinford;
 - [3] *Joseph Hubbold* (1), son, born Kingswinford;
 - [4] *Alice M. Hubbold* (1 month), born Kingswinford;
- and servants:

1871 Census

Shut End – FOUR FURNACES INN

- [1] *Heber Hubbold* (38), licensed victualler, born Kingswinford;
 - [2] *Sarah Hubbold* (44), wife, born Kingswinford;
 - [3] *Bertha Hubbold* (12), daughter, born Kingswinford;
 - [4] *Joseph Hubbold* (11), son, born Kingswinford;
 - [5] *Alice M. Hubbold* (10), daughter, born Kingswinford;
 - [6] *Hannah Hubbold* (8), daughter, born Kingswinford;
 - [7] *Heber Hubbold* (6), son, born Kingswinford;
 - [8] *Albert Hubbold* (3), son, born Kingswinford;
- and one servant:

1881 Census

Kingswinford Road – FOUR FURNACES INN

- [1] *Heber Hubbold* (49), innkeeper, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Sarah Hubbold* (54), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Joseph W. Hubbold* (21), son, brewer, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Alice Hubbold* (20), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Hannah Hubbold* (18), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Heber Hubbold* (16), son, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Albert C. Hubbold* (13), son, born Kingswinford:

London Gazette 8/11/1889

“*Heber Hubbold*, The FOUR FURNACES INN, Pensnett, Staffordshire, Brewer, Licensed Victualler, and Farmer. Court – Stourbridge. Trustee’s Name – Edward Percy Jobson, Dudley Official Receiver. Date of Release – October 21, 1889.”

1891 Census

Shut End

- [1] *Heber Hubbold* (60), publican, born Bromley;
- [2] *Sarah Hubbold* (64), wife, born Pensnett;
- [3] *Ernest Hubbold* (23), son, brewer, born Shut End;
- [4] *Walter Hughes* (32), son in law, coach builder, born Sedgley;
- [5] *Ann E. Hughes* (28), daughter, born Pensnett:

Heber Hubbard was a brewer. [1892]

Sarah Hubbard was also a brewer. [1896]

County Express 8/9/1900

“On Saturday evening, as Joseph Bate, of Wallheath, was cycling down from Pensnett, when near the FOUR FURNACES the bicycle bar snapped across, and he was thrown violently some distance in the road. He was removed unconscious to the FOUR FURNACES, where his badly-grazed face was attended to, and he was then driven home, where Dr. Pearson has been attending him. He was unconscious for several hours.”

1901 Census

4 FURNACES INN

- [1] *Harriett Chadband* (23), innkeeper, born Kingswinford;
- [2] Rachel Bowden (24), sister, unmarried, servant, born Kingswinford;
- [3] Alfred Chadband (4), son, born Mount Pleasant, Kingswinford;
- [4] Braidley Bowden (2), son, born Mount Pleasant, Kingswinford:

County Express 25/1/1902

“On Saturday evening the Shut End Band had their supper at the FOUR FURNACES INN, upwards of 30 sitting down to partake of the good things provided by the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. *Greenway*. After the cloth was drawn Mr. E. T. Round took the chair, and Mr. S. Greenway the vice-chair, and the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony. Songs were given by Messrs. S. Greenway, jun., T. Proudler, A. Proudler, A. Haywood, and T. Walker. A vote of thanks was given to the chairman and vice-chairman, and the singing of the National Anthem brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.”

County Express 21/6/1902

“Thomas Southall, labourer, Blewitt Street, Pensnett, was charged with stealing four mackerel, valued at 1s 4d, the property of John Parkes, fishmonger, 4, Church Street, Pensnett, on the 14th inst. Prosecutor entered the FOUR FURNACES INN, Pensnett on Saturday, and left his pony and truck in the yard, with a box containing seven mackerel. In the house was the defendant and a number of other men. In ten minutes defendant left, and from something stated to witness he went out and discovered four mackerel had been taken. He then saw Southall getting through the hedge at the bottom of the yard, and upon following, the witness, saw he had four mackerel in a handkerchief. Upon asking the defendant about the fishes, Southall said he had them given to him, and refused to turn them up. Defendant took them home, and witness informed PC Tierman, who arrested the defendant. Southall then admitted he had not obtained the fishes honestly, and wanted to square the case. Defendant, who had a number of previous convictions against him, was fined £2 10s, in default a month.”

1911 Census

High Street – FOUR FURNACES

- [1] *Arthur James Chell* (29), hotel manager, born Stourport;
- [2] Florence Annie Chell (30), wife, married 5 years, assisting in business, born Wednesbury;
- [3] Arthur John James Chell (3), son, born Wednesbury;
- [4] Neville Horace Chell (1), son, born Wednesbury;
- [5] Sarah Chambers (18), general servant, born Darlaston:

James Andrews was married to Dorothy.

Matilda Hardman nee Cox.

Major alterations took place in September 1987.

[2006]

Closed [2008], [2009]

It was converted into a fish and chip shop in 2010.

FOX AND GOOSE

100, (103), Level Street, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Messrs. Banks and Co., Wolverhampton
William Henry Simpkins, Round Oak (acquired in 1891)
North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1896)
Rolinson's, Brierley Hill (acquired c.1898)
North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd. (acquired c.1899)
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1909)

LICENSEES

Thomas Hatton [1845]
Edward Rowley [1851]
George Fothergill [1854]
William Lench [1857] – [1858]
Mrs. Elizabeth Lench [1860]
Christopher Smith [1861] – [1862]
Miss Theresa Gwilt [1864] – [1865]
Henry Perry [1867] – **1868**;
Charles Rowley (**1868 – 1869**);
Joseph Hall* (**1869 – []**)
Thomas Bambrook [1] – **1871**;
Samuel Mallen (**1871 – []**)
Joseph Hale* [1872] – **1877**;
William Marshall Higginson (**1877 – 1879**);
Thomas Barnbrook (**1879 – 1881**);
Samuel Wallen (**1881 – 1884**);
Phoebe Jane Wallen (**1884**);
Richard Jenkins (**1884 – 1885**);
John Lloyd (**1885**);
Emanuel Wassley (**1885 – 1888**);
Charles John Webb (**1888 – 1889**);
William Sykes (**1889 – 1890**);
Sherwin Day (**1890 – 1891**);
Thomas Williams (**1891**);
George Bowkley (**1891 – 1895**);
Isabel Homer (**1895**);
Bertha Harper (**1895 – 1896**);
Joseph Batham (**1896 – 1902**);
Mrs. Emily Batham (**1902 – 1904**);
Sarah Chatwin (**1904 – 1905**);
Frederick James Salt (**1905 – 1906**);
Samuel Nightingale (**1906 – 1907**);
George Henry Gumbly (**1907 – 1908**);
Florence McGill (**1908 – 1910**);
Harry White (**1910**);
Joseph Richard Barnes (**1910 – 1911**);
Mrs. Florence McGill (**1911 – 1914**);
Robert Stevens (**1914 – 1915**);

A TEA PARTY AND BALL, will be held at
the FOX AND GOOSE INN, Level Street,
Brierley-Hill, on WHIT MONDAY, June 1st, 1857.
Tea at Five o'clock, Dancing to commence at Seven.
TICKETS, ONE SHILLING EACH.

Advert 1857

Mrs. Florence McGill (1915 - 1917);
Marshall Samuel Harris (1917 - 1922);
William Parish Saunders (1922 - 1929);
Walter Head (1929 - 1930);
Joseph Thomas Lawrence (1930 - 1932);
Charles Wyse (1932);
Florence McGill (1932 - 1938);
William Bertie Wilkes (1938 - []
Samuel Simpson [1940]

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FOX AND GEESE [1912]

Brierley Hill Advertiser 23/5/1857 - Advert

“A Tea Party and Ball will be held at the FOX AND GOOSE INN, Level Street, Brierley Hill, on Whit Monday, June 1st 1857. Tea at Five o’clock. Dancing to commence at Seven. Tickets, One Shilling Each.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 15/8/1857

“As a man named Benjamin Palmer, aged forty-five, was engaged at his usual avocation as a miner at the No.7 pit, at the Level, belonging to Messrs. Hall, Holcroft, and Pearsons, a fall of coal took place, which caused his immediate death. An inquest was held yesterday at the FOX AND GOOSE INN, Level, and a verdict of Accidental Death returned.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser (November 1857)

“Mr. Bullock begs to inform the inhabitants of Brierley Hill and neighbourhood, that a Dancing Party will be held, commencing on Monday 16th November, at Mr. *William Lench*’s FOX AND GOOSE INN, Level Street, Brierley Hill. Dancing to commence at half past seven o’clock. Mr. Wooldridge’s Quadrille Band will be in attendance.....”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 30/1/1858

“*William Lench*, licensed victualler was charged by PC Freeman with allowing drunken and disorderly conduct in his house at Brierley Hill, on the 19th inst. The defendant, it appears, has been fined before for the same offence; and this time was fined 10s, and costs.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 12/6/1858

“*William Lench*, landlord of the FOX AND GOOSE public house, Level Street, Brierley Hill, appeared in answer to a summons charging him with knowingly and unlawfully permitting gaming in his house on the 10th ult.

PC Parker stated that he went about ten o’clock on the evening of the above date in plain clothes to the defendant’s house. He went upstairs and saw four young men playing at bagatelle for 3d, and 6d a game, and for ale. He stopped nearly an hour and saw the money for which they were playing on the table. Defendant came in with some ale, but witness did not tell him that he was a policeman.

In reply to the charge, defendant said he had a diseased heart, and was consequently to attend the room often. This defence did not, however, avail him much, as it had been proved that he brought ale into the room on the evening in question, and Superintendent Mills, stated to the Bench, that on the 25th of January last he was fined 10s, and costs, for allowing disorderly conduct in his house. Defendant was accordingly fined 20s on this occasion, with costs; the Magistrates at the same time calling his attention to the contingencies attending the General Licensing Day.”

1861 Census

Level Street – FOX AND GOOSE

- [1] *Christopher Smith* (43), victualler, born Oldswinford;
- [2] *Harriett Smith* (37), wife, born Hagley;
- [3] *Edward Smith* (21), son, bricklayer, born Oldswinford;
- [4] *Sarah Smith* (19), daughter, servant in shop, born Oldswinford;
- [5] *Rosannah Harriss* (17), general servant in shop, born Stourbridge;

Stourbridge Observer 26/11/1864

“*Theresa Gwilt*, residing at the FOX AND GOOSE, The Level, was charged on two informations with having on the 23rd of September last, in her possession, a quantity of grains of paradise, and with using the same in the brewing of ale, for each offence of which she was liable to a penalty of £200.

Mr. Perry, of Stourbridge, appeared to prosecute, and in opening the case said that the information was laid under the 56 George III cap., sec. 2, by which the having and using of grains of paradise, by a brewer, were constituted two distinct offences. Mr. Elsworth defended.

John Evans deposed, that he was an excise officer, in the Brierley Hill district. I knew defendant to be a retailer of beer who resides at the Level, in my district. On the 22nd of September last, I visited the defendant, who is a licensed victualler, at this house, (the FOX AND GOOSE.) I saw the defendant going into the brewhouse. I examined the spent hops in the sieve, over the mashtub. He (sic) brewed on the 22nd of September. I examined the hops and found that they contained grains of paradise. After I examined them, I saw a young man who took me into the place, and showed me the hops. There were grains of paradise in them. I then fetched Miss *Gwilt*, who went into the brewhouse with me. I pointed out the hops, and the grains of paradise to her. She replied that she knew nothing about it. I took a sample and made them into three parcels, and delivered two to the supervisor of the district; the other I retained in my possession, and is the one I now produce, which was sealed and not opened until this morning. Edward Thomas deposed, that he was Supervisor for the Inland Revenue for the Stourbridge district, and said he received two parcels from Mr. Evans, sealed with his initials, and forwarded them to the principal of the laboratory at Somerset House, London, on the 29th of September last. On the 24th of September, I went to Miss *Gwilt*'s, to make a report, and informed her that I had received a report from Mr. Evers (sic), in which he stated he had taken hops from her which contained grains of paradise. She said she knew nothing about it. At my request defendant went into the brewhouse, and fetched some of the spent hops. I examined them and found that they contained grains of paradise, which I pointed out to Miss *Gwilt*. She replied again that she knew nothing about it; her mother had the management of the brewing; but on the 22nd of September a young man, a neighbour of theirs said that his mother had kept a public house, and they let him brew for them. Before she denied having any grains of paradise, and said that they must have been in the hops. Some new hops were sent for, and he examined them, but did not find any grains of paradise in them. The defendant then said I hope you will look it over, as I have not long commenced business and it would be the ruin of me. She then burst into tears. I told her I had no power to look over it, and must report it.

Jenner Moxon said, he was assistant chemist at the laboratory, Somerset House, London. He received a parcel from Mr. Philip, sealed with Mr. Thomas's seal. He produced the covering of the parcel with the seals unbroken. Upon opening the parcel I found that it contained two parcels, with the imprint E. I examined the contents which contained spent hops and found grains of paradise to the amount of 4 per cent. I put the hops afterwards under lock and key and now produce them.

Cross examined: They had evidently been crushed, and divided previous to being used in brewing.

For the defence, Mr. Ebsworth referred to the Act of Parliament upon which the information was laid, and said that the words were having grains of paradise in custody or possession. He denied that his client had any such grains in her custody or possession, as these terms presumed and meant knowledge. No evidence of her knowledge had been given, nor anything more been shown than that there were portions of grains, and not grains, amongst the spent hops. He then submitted that upon the facts the defendant was not guilty, as it was shown that she knew nothing at all about the matter, as she did not brew herself, and she had only been in business a short time. He afterwards referred to the very heavy penalty which the law enforced and said that it was very hard upon a poor woman.

Mr. Spooner said that he must think of the poor public who were being poisoned by such ingredients.

Mr. Ebsworth continued to address the Bench in mitigation of fine, and submitted that the minimum amount would meet the justice of the case.

He called Rebecca Belcher, defendant's servant, who stated that a man named Turner brewed on the day named, and that the defendant had nothing to do with it. She never interfered with any of the brewings.

Mr. Thorne, in reply to the Bench, said that he did not press for the full penalty.

M. Spooner then said he had no doubt about the case, and he would convict upon the charge of 'having in possession.' He commented very severely upon the dangerous and wicked nature of the offence. Grains of paradise were most exciting, and had a very serious effect upon those who consumed beverages containing them. Had the Excise authorities pressed the case, he would have inflicted the full fine of £200. He had only power to mitigate the fine to one fourth of the maximum, and defendant must pay a fine of £50 and costs.”

Stourbridge Observer 14/12/1867

“*Henry Perry*, landlord of the FOX AND GOOSE INN, Level Street, Brierley Hill, was charged by Superintendent Mills with keeping a disorderly house on the 3rd inst., by permitting drunkenness. Police-constables Mayland and Streetan gave evidence to support the information. Two witnesses were called for the defence.

The Bench considered the case proved; and the defendant was fined 5s and costs; in default 14 days.”

* possibly the same person

Stourbridge Observer 17/4/1869

“At the Petty Sessions held on Thursday last, before I. Spooner, Esq, Stipendiary, *Joseph Hall*, landlord of the FOX AND GOOSE INN, Level Street, was charged by Superintendent Mills, with keeping a disorderly house; and there was a second charge of keeping his house open for the sale of beer during prohibited hours.

Police-constable Mayland said that he visited the defendant’s house at a quarter past twelve o’clock. He found between twenty and thirty persons in the house. Two youths had their coats off, and were going to fight, but he interfered and stopped them. Some of the men were very drunk. Defendant said that he had kept the house for three months, and on Saturday night was the first quarrel that had taken place, and he was under the impression that ten minutes were allowed to get the men out. They were not his customers that quarrelled, but some strange persons.

The Bench: I think the sooner you get out of the business the better, for your conduct is most disgraceful; and I fine you £5 for each offence (£10 19s), and if you come before me again I will fine you £10.”

1881 Census

103, Level Street

- [1] *Samuel Wallen* (40), licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Phoebe Wallen* (37), wife, born Delph;
- [3] *William T. Wallen* (16), son, sander on engine, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Clara Rogers* (18), barmaid, born Birmingham:

1901 Census

100, Level Street – FOX AND GOOSE

- [1] *Joseph Batham* (32), saddler and publican, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Emily Batham* (29), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Dorothy Batham* (5), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Marguerite Batham* (2 months), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *Eliza Hallman* (57), mother in law, widow, monthly nurse, born Lindridge, Worcestershire:

Tipton Herald 6/3/1909

“Mr. T. Allan Stokes, coroner for South Staffordshire, held an inquest on Monday at the FOX AND GOOSE, Level Street, Brierley Hill, on the body of the newly-born son of John Thomas Pearson, of 79, Level Street.

The evidence went to show that on the 19th February, Mrs. Pearson gave birth to twins – a boy and a girl, and that she had been attended by Ann Maria Jewes, a midwife, of Dudley Street. On Saturday morning, Mrs. Jewes found the male child dead in bed on the left side of its mother, its face being towards her. Previously it had appeared to be thriving. A neighbour, named Gertrude Beddard, was called in by Mrs. Jewes, who said, ‘Don’t be alarmed, one of the babies is dead.’ Mrs. Beddard went to the house, and saw the child. She did not know there was anything the matter with the baby previously, but she noticed on Saturday morning that the baby was black on one side of its face, but its hands were not clenched.

The jury returned a verdict to the effect the deceased had been accidentally overlain.”

Indenture dated 28/10/1909

“All that piece or parcel of land or ground situate and being at or near Brierley Hill within the Manor of Kingswinford in the County of Stafford on the south-east side of the Turnpike Road leading from Brettell Lane towards Dudley and containing in breadth 20 yards and 2 feet more or less and in depth on the one side 36 yards more or less and on the other 31 yards more or less.

And Also All That messuage or tenement erected thereon together with the stable outbuildings yard and premises thereto used as a public-house and known by the sign of The FOX AND GOOSE.....”

FOX AND GOOSE

QUARRY BANK

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Joseph Price [1849] – [1854]

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Joseph Price, beer retailer, Quarry Bank. [1849], [1850]

FOX AND GRAPES

176, (36), High Street, PENSNETT

OWNERS

Edward Fletcher Snr.
South Staffordshire Brewery (acquired on 3rd June 1889)
J. and J. Yardley, Wolverhampton (acquired c.1904)
Old Wolverhampton Brewery (acquired in 1910)
Frank Myatt (acquired c.1921)
Ansells Ltd.
Holt, Plant and Deakin
Pubmaster Ltd. (leased) [1992]
Daniel Batham and Son Ltd. (acquired in 1998)

LICENSEES

Abraham Hartland [1834] – [1845]
David Parkes [1849] – [1850]
David Parsons [1851] – **1873**);
Edward Webber (**1873 – 1874**);
James Smith (**1874 – 1878**);
Alfred Ward (**1878**);
Samuel Smith (**1878 – 1879**);
Mary Ann Smith (**1879 – 1887**);
Edward Fletcher (**1887 – 1888**);
Edwin Thomas Round (**1888 – 1889**);
William Henry Cartwright (**1889 – 1891**);
Edward Thompson (**1891 – 1898**);
William Thomas Marsh (**1898 – 1899**);
Frederick Ernest Hampton (**1899 – 1901**);
Edward Fletcher Jr. (**1901 – 1902**);
Robert Buckler (**1902 – 1904**);
Mrs. Amelia Baxter (**1904 – 1915**);
Zachariah Cartwright (**1915 – 1936**);
William Wellsbury (**1936 – 1937**);
Herbert Raymond Cottis (**1937 – 1939**);
Thomas Sourbuts Dewhurst (**1939 – 1946**);
George Thomas Nicholls (**1946 – 1950**);
Joseph William Brooks (**1950 – 1952**);
Frederick George Hill (**1952 – 1954**);
Francis John Dell (**1954 – 1957**);
William Isaac Whitehouse (**1957**);
Sidney George Walker (**1957 – []**)
Grantham Albert Shaw [] – **1972**);
Dennis Frederick Portman (**1972 – 1975**);
Reginald Edward Holder (**1975 – 1977**);
William Ivan Hammond (**1977 – 1981**);
Derrick Mellor (**1981 – 1984**);
David Blake O’Gorman (**1984**);
Robert Kitchen (**1984 – 1985**);
Nigel Bloye (**1985 – 1987**);

PENSNETT & BROMLEY,
IN THE COUNTY OF STAFFORD.

IMPORTANT SALE OF
TWENTY-SEVEN FREEHOLD DWELLING HOUSES
AND
FULL-LICENSED
PUBLIC HOUSE.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE—Chancery Division.
MR. JUSTICE WORTH.
CASWELL v. SHEEN, 1891-C-No. 2450.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, BY
MR. THOMAS SKIDMORE

(Of the firm of Messrs. Thomas (Skidmore & Son), with the approbation of his Lordship, Mr. Justice Knight,
the Judge to whom this matter is assigned), pursuant to a Judgment obtained, dated the 24th day
of April, 1891, in the name of Mr. C. Thompson.

“FOX & GRAPES” INN,
HIGH STREET, PENSNETT,

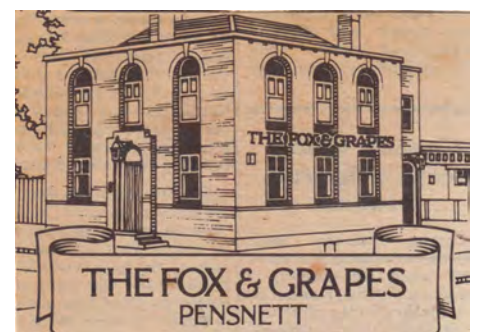
ON MONDAY, THE 22ND DAY OF JANUARY, 1894.

At 5-30 for 7 o'clock p.m. prompt.

THE WITHIN-MENTIONED FREEHOLD
PROPERTIES
IN SIX LOTS.

For further Particulars apply to Mr. SKIDMORE, 10, Queen Square, Wolverhampton, Galleshay;
Mr. JAMES CLARKE, West Bromwich, Galleshay; Mr. RYAN SKIDMORE, 10, New Inn, Strand, London, Galleshay;
Messrs. C. HIGGINS & Co., 4, New Inn, Strand, London, Galleshay; or of the AUCTIONEER, 2, Abchurch Lane,
Wolverhampton, and of the place of Sale “The Fox and Grapes” Inn, Pensnett.

Advert 1894



Advert 1984

Tony Worley (1986 - [] ?
 William Willis (1987 - 1988);
 Raymond Blackmore (1988 - 1989);
 Ian Greenway (1989);
 John Robert Knight (1989 - 1991);
 Malcolm Stark (1991 - 1992);
 Brian George Shipland (1992 - 1993);
 Brenda Stringer (1993 - 1994);
 Kevin Steven Smith (1994 - 1995);
 Kenneth Leonard Baines (1995);
 Kier Corscadden (1995);
 Ronald 'Ron' Lewis (1995 - 1998);
 Tony Spencer (1998);
 Julie Ann Jones (1998 - 1999);
 Timothy Neil Palmer (1999);
 Thomas 'Tom' Luckman (1999 - 2002)
 Ray Fuchco [2005]
 Angela Greenaway [2008]



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FOX [1860]

Abraham Hartland was also a builder. [1845]

[Is there a connection between him and nearby Hartland Street?]

1851 Census

Turnpike Road

- [1] David Parsons (31), engineer, born Dudley;
- [2] Elizabeth Parsons (22), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] Elizabeth Parsons (2 months), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [4] Sarah Parsons (22), domestic servant, born Dudley;
- [5] Ann Roberts (15), nurse, born Dudley;

Brierley Hill Advertiser 5/4/1856 - Advert

“Enoch Lovatt has been favoured with instructions to Sell by Auction, on Monday, April 14th, 1856, a quantity of useful Household Furniture, comprising mahogany chest of drawers, oak ditto with bookcase, large oak and deal tables, chairs, wash-hand stand, feather bed, bolster, and pillows, tall post bedsteads, tent ditto, mattresses, looking glasses, and other effects, removed for convenience of sale to Mr. *David Parsons's*, FOX AND GRAPES INN, High Street, Pensnett.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 22/11/1856 - Advert

A“Unreserved Sale at Pensnett / To Publicans, Brokers and Others. / To be Sold by Auction, by / Mr. E. Lovatt, on Monday next, November 24th, 1856, a quantity of useful Household Furniture, comprising – Oak Corner Cupboard, Windsor Chairs, Fenders, Tin Trays, Fireirons, Drinking Tables, Garden Tools, Chimney Glass in Gilt Frame, Counter, Set of New Skittle Pins, New Cast iron Frame and 3 Bowls, Excellent Spring Trap, and other effects, belonging to Mr. Joseph Tomlinson, who is leaving the neighbourhood.

Removed to Mr. *David Parsons's*, FOX AND GRAPES INN, Pensnett, for Convenience of Sale.”

1861 Census

FOX AND GRAPES

- [1] *David Parsons* (42), engine fitter and victualler, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Elizabeth Parsons* (32), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Elizabeth Mary Parsons* (10), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *David Parsons* (8), son, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Benjamin Parsons* (6), son, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Joseph Parsons* (5), son, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Samuel Parsons* (3), son, born Kingswinford;
- [8] *Ruth Parsons* (9 months), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [9] *Sarah Phillips* (25), servant, born Shropshire;
- [10] *Ann Willams* (20), servant, born Dudley;

David Parsons was also a civil engineer. [1864], [1865]
He was described as an iron founder [1872]

1871 Census

FOX AND GRAPES

- [1] *David Parsons* (51), publican, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Elizabeth Parsons* (41), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *David Parsons* (18), son, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Benjamin Parsons* (15), son, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Joseph Parsons* (14), son, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Samuel Parsons* (12), son, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Matilda Fudge* (18), servant, born Dudley;
- [8] *Hannah Round* (14), servant, born Pensnett;

1881 Census

High Street – FOX AND GRAPES

- [1] *Mary A. Smith* (63), widow, licensed victualler, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Harriet Smith* (30), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *William H. Smith* (24), son, clerk in warehouse, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Sarah Turner* (22), general servant, born Kingswinford;

Evening Star 25/5/1881

“*Mary Ann Smith*, landlady of the FOX AND GRAPES INN, Pensnett, was summoned by the Excise authorities for having used four pounds of sugar in the brewing of beer without having made an entry of such in a book provided for the purpose.

Mr. W. E. John, of Somerset House appeared to prosecute, and explained the prosecution in general under the 53, 44 Vic., cap. 23, subsection 2 of section 20, which provided that a brewer should enter separately, in a book delivered to him, the quantity of malt and sugar to be used in the brewing, and the day and hour when the brewing is to take place.

On the 23rd February, Mr. J. F. Otter, Supervisor of Inland Revenue for Stourbridge district, visited the defendant's premises and found, to his surprise, that a certain cooling tub had been removed from the brewhouse to the stable. The officer took samples of the wort from the tub and also from another tub which was in the brewhouse. Upon the samples being analysed in London, sugar was found in them, but not in a large quantity. The brewing, however, was not a large one. The Commissioner of Inland Revenue considered that the offence was a serious one inasmuch as duty should be paid upon sugar and other materials used, and it was really a mercy to many small brewers to let them know that if they did put sugar into the beer they would sure to be detected.

The maximum penalty for the offence was £100, and the Commissioners had determined to prosecute in all cases, where they ascertained that sugar had been used without it being entered.

Mr. Otter gave evidence in support of the above statement, and admitted that defendant afforded him every facilities for taking the samples.

The Bench inflicted a fine of £10, and intimated that if a representation of the facts was sent to the proper quarter, the quantity might be multiplied.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 30/9/1882

“To be let, that noted and well established Old Licensed House, The FOX AND GRAPES INN, High Street, Pensnett. Incoming £430 0s 0d. For particulars, apply on the premises.”

License renewal to *Edwin Thomas Round* was refused on 20th August 1889.

It was put up for auction on 22nd January 1894.

1901 Census

36, High Street

- [1] *Frederick E. Hampton* (41), publican, (licensed victualler), born Cradley Heath;
- [2] *Sarah G. Hampton* (38), wife, born Cradley Heath;
- [3] *Frederick Hampton* (19), son, carpenter and joiner, born Lye;
- [4] *John H. Hampton* (17), son, steam engine fitter, born Lye;
- [5] *Sidney T. Hampton* (15), son, born Lye;
- [6] *Lizzie Marsh* (20), general servant, born Gornal Wood:

County Express 26/10/1901

“On Tuesday, Mr. Cornelius Jackson, of Fair View, Chapel Street, Pensnett, shot himself in a summer arbour adjoining the house. Mr. Jackson, who was till lately a commercial traveler under Messrs. Mitchell and Butler, Birmingham, was well known throughout a wide district, and when younger was a member of the Himley and Dudley troops of Yeomanry.

Mr. T. Allen Stokes (coroner) held an inquest at the FOX INN, High Street, Pensnett, on Thursday afternoon.

David Jackson, a brother, the first witness called, said deceased was 43 last January. He lived with his father, and was unmarried. Witness was last with him on Monday evening, from 6 till 10.30; he came in at tea time, and had a cup of tea, and they had a game of cards and sat smoking together.

In answer to the Coroner’s enquiry as to whether he noticed anything the matter with him the witness said every now and then he would pass his hand to his head.

The Coroner: He seemed troubled with pains in his head? – Yes.

Was he in any trouble do you know? – No, sir, not that I am aware of.

Was he troubled about money matters, in any monetary difficulties? – No, sir not to my knowledge.

Had he lost his situation as a traveler, do you know? – Well, he left the situation on Saturday, for what reasons I don’t know.

That didn’t seem to distress him at all? – No, sir.

Mary Ann Bryan, the maid servant at Fair View, deposed to finding the body in the arbour at 11 o’clock on Wednesday morning, her attention was drawn by some blood.

Police-constable Butler said the deceased had fired the revolver into the roof of his mouth. Four chambers of the revolver were loaded and two had been discharged.

The Coroner: He had apparently been dead some time? – The body was very cold. Continuing he said he examined it, and found in the pockets of his clothing 6s 6d, a gold watch and chain, and a note. The last named he handed to the Coroner.

The Coroner: This paper says, ‘Oh Lord, the pains in my head are sometimes unbearable and have been for months. I scarcely know at times what I am doing. Brothers and sisters, I ask your and everybody’s forgiveness. What I have, equally divide amongst you after paying what little I owe.’

Dr. Norwood was present at the enquiry on behalf of the family, and Police-constable Butler said if necessary he could state how he had prescribed for the deceased for pains in the head.

The Coroner said from the evidence of his brother, and from the letter found on the body, it seemed that the deceased was severely troubled with pains in his head at the time, and he thought they would come to the conclusion that he was insane when he committed suicide. He did not seem to be in any monetary difficulties, or in any trouble.

The jury, through their foreman, Mr. Palmer, returned a unanimous verdict of suicide whilst temporarily insane.

Mr. A. T. Jackson, of Stourbridge, another brother of the deceased, after the verdict was given, said he had that morning been over to Birmingham to see his late employers, and they wished him distinctly to state that everything was in order. They had intended writing a letter but the inquest was held sooner than expected, and he (the speaker) had only arrived five minutes ago.

The Coroner added there never had been a suggestion that the deceased's affairs were at all wrong. He did not think anyone would suggest it.

The Foreman of the jury added that there was a unanimous feeling they would wish an expression made of their deep sympathy with the family in its grief.

The Coroner: I am sure I add my sympathy to yours. Mr. Jackson, you have heard what the jury say. Permit me on their behalf and my own to express our grief with you and the family in your deep affliction.

Mr. Jackson, of Stourbridge, has since sent us the following letter he has received from Messrs. Mitchell and Butler's. 'Dear Sir, With reference to your visit this morning, we are able to inform you that the accounts of your brother in connection with this company are perfectly in order, and we would also add how deeply grieved we are to learn of the sad end of one who was for many years our valued representative.

Yours faithfully. pp. Mitchell & Butler's, Ltd. E. T. Green."

County Express 4/1/1902

"Sick and Draw Clubs....

FOX AND GRAPES (Pensnett).— On Monday evening the members of this club held their first annual meeting, about 35 sitting down to a bountiful repast provided by the host (Mr. *E. Fletcher*, jun.). After the cloth was drawn each member received a dividend of 13s 5d. The remainder of the evening was spent convivially, several members and friends contributing songs, etc. A very enjoyable time was brought to a close by all joining heartily in the National Anthem."

County Express 29/3/1902

"Mr. Herbert Humphries, auctioneer, of Brierley Hill and Stourbridge, held a very successful sale of property on Tuesday evening last at the FOX AND GRAPES INN. The large room was well filled with a number of property buyers, the result being that the lots offered, situate in School and Church Streets, realised £910, Mr. Oliver being the purchaser. It is almost needless to say the interested parties were highly pleased. Mr. Alfred W. Barradale, solicitor, of Dudley, acted for the trustees."

Tipton Herald 26/9/1903

"*Robert Buckler*, of the FOX AND GRAPES INN, Pensnett, was summoned for selling liquors at a time when his premises should have been closed, according to the Licensing Act of 1874.

Mr. J. Walter Clulow prosecuted, and Mr. W. Waldron defended.

Mr. Clulow said that on Sunday, the 23rd August, about 3.20pm, PS Harris and PC Tieman were on duty near to the defendant's house. They noticed that the front door was open a little way, so both went into the house. In the passage the sergeant saw the landlord smoking a cigar, and at the same time heard voices coming from the direction of the tap room. The officers went into the tap room and found two men there seated at the table, with three glasses containing brandy and water before them. There was also a jug of water on the table, and both the men were smoking cigars.

The sergeant said, 'Are these men travellers?' and the landlord said, 'Yes.' The sergeant then asked the names and addresses of the men, and the landlord replied, 'One is my brother in law, from Walsall, and the other is John Pearson, of 145, Church Street, Pensnett, a friend of mine.' When asked what brought the glasses there, the landlord said, 'My brother in law came in this morning.' He would give no explanation about the glasses. In the back yard the landlord admitted that Pearson had been in the house during the morning, but was turned out at closing time with a number of others. Defendant admitted to the sergeant that Pearson had no right on his premises, and immediately afterwards ordered him to leave the house, which he did. Nothing was suggested at the interview about the two men being invited to tea by the landlord. All this had been brought up since. Mr. Waldron would probably raise the point of customers becoming guests, and friends at the landlord's invitation. In answer to the point in question, he wished to draw the attention of the magistrates to a case which arose from the Black Horse Hotel, Kidderminster. It appeared that a dinner was given at the licensed house, and at closing time the licensee invited two of the party to stay behind and drink two bottles of claret with him. When the case was heard it was held that the landlord could not convert the guests into private friends of his own so suddenly. It was also held that guests could be transferred to friends when some great act of personal kindness was shown, but even then not with such suddenness as in the case referred to. He would now proceed with the evidence, because the case rested on the facts alone.

PS Harris bore out the facts in evidence as stated by Mr. Clulow. He further added that there was a pig on the defendant's premises which it was suspected had swine fever, and the two men, so he was informed, had been to see

it. It was true that the man Purchase was the landlord's brother in law, but Pearson was only a customer. Both the men denied paying for the liquors on the table before them, and the landlord said, 'I know I have no business to have Pearson on my premises.' The landlord said nothing about having invited the men to have tea with him, nor there was no question raised about the brandy being a present.

Cross-examined: There was no obstruction or concealment whatever, and the landlord was quite open in everything he did. The landlord's brother in law was a traveller within the meaning of the Act.

Mr. Waldron said the whole question the Bench had to decide was as to whether or not a licensed victualler could transfer a customer, on the closing of his house into a private friend. He submitted he could, and that was his case.

Mr. *Buckler*, and the other two men, were all respectable people. On the date in question, after closing time, in consequence of the brother in law having come over, he invited him, with Pearson, to stay and have tea with him. Whilst they were waiting for tea they partook of brandy and cigars, but at the landlord's expense.

Defendant gave evidence, and said he had been in the trade for three or four years. He simply asked the men to stay for tea with him, and they were waiting at the time the officers came.

John Pearson corroborated.

The Bench imposed a fine of £5, including costs, or in default a month's imprisonment. Mr Clulow gave no evidence on the charge of keeping open.

For being upon the premises Pearson was fined 10s, including costs."

Tipton Herald 6/2/1909

"The monthly meeting of Court 'Magdale', AOF, was held on Tuesday last at the FOX INN, Pensnett, Bro. B. Guest presiding....."

1911 Census

36, High Street

[1] *Amelia Baxter* (60), widow, licensed victualler, born Lower Gornal;

[2] *Zachariah Cartwright* (20), son, out of work fitter, born Pemberton, Lancashire;

[3] *Priscilla Davies* (21), general servant, born Pensnett:

County Express 19/2/1921

"Pensnett Foresters. Annual Re-union of Court 'Magdala.'

Success again attended the re-union of this Court held at the FOX AND GRAPES, Pensnett on Tuesday....."

Demolished

Rebuilt c. 1932

A team from here took part in the Pensnett and Bromley Crib League. [1946]

It closed in 1983.

It reopened as a Holt, Plant and Deakin pub on 1st August 1984.

It closed on 5th

It reopened as a Batham's pub on 30th September 1999.

[2015]



2015

GATE

near Pensnett Road, Brockmoor, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Abraham Hartland [1822]

GATE HANGS WELL

13, Bower Lane, QUARRY BANK

OWNERS

Atkinsons Ltd. (acquired c.1898)
Nock and Co. (acquired c.1935)

LICENSEES

Joseph Worley [1881]
Sophia Worley [] - **1889**);
John Mason (**1889 - 1898**);
Thomas Henry Newnham (**1898 - 1902**);
William Protheroe (**1902 - 1903**);
George Sanders (**1903 - 1914**);
Frank Dodson (**1914 - 1919**);
Francis Bradley (**1919 - [1940]**)
A H Bridges [1968]

NOTES

It had an ante 1869 license.

It had a beerhouse license.

1881 Census

Bower Lane – Beer House

- [1] *Joseph Worley* (64), beerhouse keeper, born Dudley;
- [2] *Sophia Worley* (62), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] Clara Watts (16), general servant, domestic, born Quarry Bank:

1891 Census

Bower Lane – GATE HANGS WELL

- [1] *John Mason* (59), beerhouse keeper, born Greenwich, Kent;
- [2] *Mary Mason* (55), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Pharash Mason* (39), son, iron puddler, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Levi Mason* (31), son, iron puddler, born Quarry Bank;
- [5] *Mary A. Mason* (14), granddaughter, born Quarry Bank;
- [6] *John Mason* (8), grandson, scholar, born Quarry Bank;
- [7] *Amelia Malpass* (17), domestic servant, born Gornal Wood:

County Express 11/8/1900

“On Wednesday 30 customers of Mr. *T. H. Newman*, of the GATE HANGS WELL, Bower Lane, were given an outing to Belbroughton. In this instance also the party, owing to bad weather, had recourse to a concert.”

County Express 27/7/1901

“The members of the sick and draw club, held at the GATE HANGS WELL, Bower Lane, Quarry Bank, held their half-yearly meeting on Saturday, when upwards of 40 sat down, which owing to the oppressive heat, was served in picnic style on the green. After an excellent repast, Mr. *J. Etheridge* occupied the chair, the evening being spent in an enjoyable manner. Messrs. *N. Ketley*, *Hamplett*, *Dunn*, and *Guise* contributed largely to the musical programme.”

County Express 12/10/1901

“The members of the GATE HANGS WELL Bowling Club held their annual meeting on Saturday. Mr. Samuel Timmins, who occupied the chair, said the club had gone through the season very successfully, having won 13 matches and lost seven. The club was also in a good financial position. A smoking concert followed in which the following took part:– Messrs. Ketley, Holden, Watts, Hill, Amphlett, Billingham, and Dunn. A vote of thanks to the host (Mr. T. Newman), closed a most enjoyable evening.”

County Express 11/1/1902

“Sick And Draw Clubs.....

GATE HANGS WELL (Quarry Bank).– This club held their annual dinner on Boxing day, when upwards of 40 members sat down. Mr. Joseph Etheridge presided and announced a dividend of 16s 6d, which was considered very satisfactory. Votes of thanks were passed to the host and hostess, and also the chairman and secretary and officers. The remainder of the evening was spent in harmony, songs being given by Messrs. C. Bate, H. Dunn, S. Watts, E. Hart, D. Dudley, J. Dunn, and M. Kettley.”

Tipton Herald 7/8/1909

“On Monday evening some thirty members of the Sick and Draw Club held at the house of Mr. *Sanders*, the GATE HANGS WELL, Bower Lane, were entertained to dinner by the host and hostess. After the drawing of the cloth a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Mr. and Mrs. *Sanders* for their hospitality and excellent catering.....”

George Sanders, beer retailer, Bower Lane. [1912]

It was sold at auction on 14th October 1929 for £1,500.

A. H. Bridges was chairman of Brierley Hill and District Licensed Victuallers' Association. [1968]

[1976]

Closed

GOLDEN CROSS

Brockmoor Bridge, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Holloway [1851]

GOLDEN CUP

6, (67), Bank Street, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Kidderminster Brewery Co. Ltd.
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

Thomas Guttery [1868] – **1877**;
Joseph Farmer (**1877**);
Charles Fletcher (**1877 – 1878**);
Edwin Hatton (**1878 – 1882**);
John Richards (**1882 – 1883**);
Mrs. Jane Willetts (**1883 – 1906**);
Joseph Willetts (**1906 – 1915**);
Harry Cook (**1915 – 1921**);
George Henry Holloway (**1921 – 1923**);
Mary Elizabeth Thompson (**1923 – 1924**);

NOTES

67, Bank Street [1881]
6, Bank Street

It was originally the GOLDEN CROSS [c. 1869]

It had a beerhouse license.

Thomas Guttery, beer retailer, Bank Street. [1870]

1871 Census

Bank Street

- [1] *Thomas Guttery* (36), beerhouse keeper, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Ellen Guttery* (36), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *William Guttery* (11), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Thomas Guttery* (8 months), son, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Joseph Garner* (51), visitor, shoemaker, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Phebe Tennant* (14), general servant, born Kingswinford;

The name was changed to GOLDEN CUP c.1874.

1881 Census

67, Bank Street – GOLDEN CUP INN

- [1] *Edwin Hatton* (43), publican, born Lye;
- [2] *Sarah A. Hatton* (43), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Edwin Hatton* (17), son, general labourer (unemployed), born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *David Williamson* (24), son in law, iron mill furnace maker, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *Hannah Williamson* (22), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [6] *Sarah E. Williamson* (6 months), granddaughter, born Brierley Hill;

Mrs. *Jane Willetts*, beer retailer, Bank Street. [1904]

Joseph Willetts, beer retailer, Bank Street. [1912]
He obtained a bagatelle license.

The license was referred to the Compensation Authority on 3rd March 1924.
Confirmed on 28th July 1924.
The license was extinguished on 31st December 1924.

GOLDEN CUP

Gorsty Bank, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

NOTES

Brierley Hill Advertiser 26/1/1856

“Brierley Hill Petty Sessions. Before J. Leigh Esq. - Thomas Baker charged James and Benjamin Morgan with an assault at Brierley Hill, on the 22nd inst. Complainant said he was at the GOLDEN CUP, at Gorsty Bank, on the above named day, transacting some business, when the defendants burst open the room door he was in and demanded more ale, and that on reasoning with them, one of the parties struck him and the other kicked him. Fined 5s each with expenses, or one month imprisonment.

Benjamin Morgan was then charged with willfully breaking six panes of glass, in the above house, and was fined 6s and expenses or one month imprisonment with hard labour in the house of correction.”

Check Bank Street.

GOLDEN EAGLE

109, (43), High Street, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Susannah Rollinson
George Elwell, Stewponney (acquired c.1897)

LICENSEES

Joseph Higgs [1849] – [1860]
Isaiah Rollinson [1861] – 1881);
Susannah Rollinson (1881 – 1884);
Frederick Warren (1884 – 1888);
William Henry Smith (1888 – 1897);
Robert Warren (1897 – 1899);
William Thomas Whitehouse (1899 – 1900);
George Edmunds (1900 – 1901);
David Thomas Holt (1901 – 1902);
William Henry Smith (1902 – 1907);
Sidney Webberley (1907 – 1908);
John Benton (1908 – 1912);
Frederick George Simmons [1912] ?
Benjamin Wilkinson (1912 – 1924);
Sidney Smith (1924 – 1934);
Willie Cook (1934 – 1937);
Harry Priest (1937 – []
John Thomson [1940]

NOTES

43, High Street [1871], [1872], [1873], [1881], [1892], [1896], [1901], [1904], [1912]
109, High Street [1916], [1940]

EAGLE VAULTS [1911]

A court of the Ancient Order of Foresters met here.

A lodge of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes met here.

A branch of the Frothblowers Society was held here.

Joseph Higgs, beer retailer, High Street. [1849], [1850]

Brierley Hill Advertiser 5/1/1856

“GOLDEN EAGLE Money Club, Brierley Hill. No.2 Money Club will commence on Wednesday next, January 9th 1856. Shares £25 each. Payments 5s per fortnight. Any person becoming a Member will oblige their obedient servant, *Joseph Higgs*.”

GOLDEN EAGLE INN,
BRIERLEY-HILL.
NO. 2, MONEY CLUB, will commence on
Wednesday next, January 9th, 1856. Shares £25
each. Payments, 5s. per fortnight. Any Person becoming
a Member, will oblige their obedient Servant,
JOSEPH HIGGS.

GOLDEN EAGLE INN,
BRIERLEY-HILL.
THE Old established MONEY CLUB, No. 1,
will re-commence at the above Inn, on Wednesday,
September 24th, 1856.
Any person wishing to become a member may obtain
further information by applying to their obedient Servant,
JOSEPH HIGGS.
Payments for £50, 20s. per fortnight.
" £25, 10s. "
" £12 10s. 5s. "

Adverts 1856

Brierley Hill Advertiser 17/5/1856

“The Humanity Friendly Society held their Annual Anniversary on Monday last, at Mr. *Joseph Higgs*’s, GOLDEN EAGLE INN, Brierley Hill, when upwards of 60 members sat down to an excellent dinner. When the cloth was drawn and the President and Vice President called to their chairs, the usual loyal toasts were drunk, together with that of the worthy host and hostess, which was duly responded to, and after spending a very pleasant evening, enlivened with Glees, Songs, &c, the company separated highly delighted with their entertainment.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 13/9/1856 - Advert

“GOLDEN EAGLE INN / Brierley Hill / The Old-established Money Club No.1 / will re-commence at the above Inn, on Wednesday, September 24th 1856. / Any person wishing to become a member may obtain further information by applying to their obedient servant / *Joseph Higgs* / Payments for £50, 20s per fortnight / Payments for £25, 10s per fortnight / Payments for £12 10s, 5s per fortnight.”

1861 Census

High Street

- [1] *Isaiah Rollinson* (30), innkeeper, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Mary Rollinson* (25), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Joseph H. Rollinson* (4), son, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *William M. Rollinson* (2), son, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Susannah E. Rollinson* (8 months), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Susannah Higgs* (16), sister in law, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *David Higgs* (22), brother in law, butcher, born Kingswinford;
- [8] *Selina Pearson* (17), servant, born Kingswinford:

Stourbridge Observer 30/7/1870

“To be Sold, pursuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, made in a case *Rogers v Rogers*, with the approbation of the Master of the Rolls, by Mr. *William Hawkins*, the person appointed by the said Judge, at the GOLDEN EAGLE INN, High Street, Brierley Hill on Thursday, the 25th day of August, 1870

Public house known as the NEW INN, with the Dwelling Houses adjoining and a Public House known as the PUDDLERS ARMS, with four Dwelling Houses and Shops adjoining, late the property of *Richard Weston*, deceased.....”

1871 Census

43, High Street

- [1] *Isaiah Rollinson* (40), innkeeper, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Susannah Rollinson* (26), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Joseph H. Rollinson* (14), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *William M. Rollinson* (13), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Fanny E. Rollinson* (2), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Fanny F. Griffin* (21), barmaid, born Stourbridge;
- [7] *Sarah J. Woodward* (19), general servant, born West Bromwich;
- [8] *William Perks* (22), servant, brewer, born Kingswinford:

Stourbridge Observer 4/11/1871

“Before Messrs. H. O. Firmstone and B. St. John Matthews, John Scriven and Harry Webb, treasurer and secretary of the Nelsonic Society, holden at Mr. *J.[?]* *Rollinson*’s, the GOLDEN EAGLE INN, Brierley Hill, were summoned to show cause why they did not pay the sum of 8s per week for the space of seven weeks, and 5s per week for the space of 20 weeks, to *Willam Fowler*.

Mr. Addison appeared for the complainant, and Mr. Homer for defendants.

Complainant deposed: I am a labourer, and have for some time past worked at Mr. *Holcroft*’s, at Shut End Furnaces, and at the Level Furnaces for about eight years, and prior to that time I worked for the Earl of Dudley for 12 years, and at the time of my illness I worked for Mr. *Mobberley*. I have been a member of the Nelsonic Society for 33 years, and have paid up my contributions regularly. Some time ago I went to Mr. *Pearce*, the surgeon, and he gave me a certificate, with which certificate I went upon the funds of the society. Mr. *Pearce* continued to attend me down to the 8th of May last, and then he told me he would not doctor me any more, and I was to go to some other doctor.

I then went to Mr. Ashmead. I have also been to Mr. R. Freer and to Mr. A. Freer, surgeons, Stourbridge. Mr. Webb, one of the defendants, went with me to Dr. Campbell's at Stourbridge, and the doctor's assistant said I was not able to work, as my inside was in a bad state, and my tongue was very dark. I wanted medicine, and I might get better in a few weeks. I have not been able to work since that time. Mr. Rollinson, another of the members, accompanied Mr. Webb to Dr. Campbell's. I am now unable to follow any employment, and am still under medical treatment. I claim from January last.

Cross-examined: I went on the club box in April last. Did not go on the box before the 24th of April. My wife sent in the claim. She had the management of these matters for me. She is the person that made the declaration before the Magistrate that the money was owing to me. I remember going to Dr. Pearce about the 1st of May, and he then gave me a note to the club they gave me my pay for three weeks. I went again on the 8th of May, and again on the 15th, and they gave me my pay, 8s. John Scriven paid me this. I did not make any demand upon the club when Mr. Scriven paid me. I did not receive the money myself. I did not instruct my wife to make any further demands upon the club on the 15th of May. I did not instruct her to ask for the money, because I thought they might do something for me. I have not taken these proceedings before because I thought they might do something for me. I did not make a claim for the prior amount. They asked me to attend a committee meeting. I went up, but there was not any committee meeting. Mr. Webb and Mr. Rollinson came down to my house. They suggested I should go to Dr. Campbell, of Stourbridge. The assistant did not say in the presence of Mr. Webb and Mr. Rollinson, that there was nothing the matter with me. He said I was not able to work. He said my inside was bad, and my tongue was very dirty. I saw Dr. A. Freer on the 17th of June last year. He did not say I was able to follow my employment. I do not know Dr. Turner, of Wordsley. I never was at Audnam, at the bottom of Brettell Lane. I was never examined by Mr. Turner, at Audnam. I never was at Brettell Lane on that business. I have a son in the club.

Re-examined by Mr. Addison: Mr. Pearce attended me down to the 18th of May, and then he told me to go elsewhere. I never saw Mr. Turner in my life.

Dr. Tait, surgeon to the Midland Hospital, Birmingham, said: I examined complainant, and found he was suffering from a weak heart, and disease of the right lung. I do not think he would be safe to work.

Cross-examined: I examined complainant some time last week. I never saw him until last week, and of course I could not tell whether he was in a fit state to work or not before that time.

Dr. Ashmead said: I have been attending complainant. I saw him in February last, but did not prescribe for him. He was for some time confined in the house. I have attended him since the 10th of October. He is suffering from diseased heart, and diseased right lung. He is just in the state as Dr. Tait described him. I do not think it would be safe for the man to go to work. He might die suddenly of apoplexy.

Cross-examined: I do not think it would be safe for him to do any light work.

Re-examined: The disease of which he is suffering must have been of long standing.

Mr. Homer, in defence, called Mr. John Scriven, one of the defendants, who said: I am treasurer of the Nelsonic Club. Complainant is a member of that club. The first time complainant made a claim upon the club was on the 1st of May. He had a copy of the rules when he entered the society. Upon a certificate he got on the 1st of May we paid him 8s. On the 8th of May he came again, and I paid his wife 8s, and also paid him 8s on the 15th of May. Complainant has never applied to me for relief since that day. About six week's ago he came to the club and said, 'I have come to see, gentlemen, if you can do something for me.' We told him we would consider the case, and we would call a committee meeting. We called a committee meeting, but complainant did not attend. We sent Mr. Webb and the two Mr. Rollinsons down to see him. I did not go down to Dr. Campbell's with him. When I paid his wife on the 15th of May she did not ask me for any more, or make any further claim. He brought me the doctor's certificate, or I should not have paid him the money.

Cross-examined: When complainant brought me Mr. Pearce's certificates in May, I paid him three weeks' pay. I do not know that Mr. Pearce had refused to attend complainant. I never told Mr. Pearce that the man was able to work, and must go to work. Complainant has been a member of the club for 33 years, and has paid up his subscriptions regularly. They have not paid him the money because he has not made any demand for it. He has not brought any sick note.

Harry Webb, secretary of the club, said: Complainant has not made any application to the society. He came and asked the members if they could do something for him. I asked his wife how he was, and she said he was very ill. I said I would go and tell Mr. Pearce to come to him, but she said, 'Never mind. He is ill one hour, and another hour he is as well as he ever was in his life.' I took him to Dr. Campbell's, and in the presence of complainant, the two Rollinsons, and myself, Dr. Campbell's assistant said, 'You know there is not much the matter with you, my man.' He said there was only something the matter with his right knee. It is not true that Dr. Campbell told him he was ill and unable to work. I have not received a certificate from any medical man. It is our practice in the club to get

certificates from any medical man. He has been examined by Dr. Turner, of Audnam. Complainant's own son has received £50 from the club.

Cross-examined: I did not send Dr. Pearce to the man, because his wife said he was ill at one hour, and as well as ever at another hour. None of the members have ever said to me the man ought to have the money.

Mr. Pearce, surgeon, Brierley Hill, said: The first time complainant applied to me this year was on the 24th of April. He has not applied to me for a certificate since that time. I told him I should not give him a certificate. It was after I sent him to Mr. Turner, and had got his opinion on the subject. My opinion of complainant when he applied to me for a certificate was that he was not a man that should be on the box for the rest of his life. He was able to do as much as a man of his age was able to do. Since that time he has never applied to me for a certificate. I give all my club and parish patients memorandums. I have never seen the man at my place since the

Evening Express 24/2/1881

“Mr. Isaiah Rollinson, of the GOLDEN EAGLE INN, High Street, Brierley Hill, died this (Thursday) morning, in the 51st year of his age. The deceased had been a member of the Brierley Hill Local Board since its formation, 15 years ago, and had occupied the post of chairman to that body for three or four successive years, and only relinquished it last year. He was also a member of the Stourbridge Board of Guardians for more than 15 years, and was the first vice-chairman of that Board. Another appointment which he held was that of president of the Brierley Hill Licensed Victuallers' Association, a post he had occupied since the association was established in 1872. In politics he was a Liberal, and a member of the Executive Committee of the Brierley Hill branch of the Dudley Liberal Association. For some years past he has been in failing and delicate health, and several weeks prior to his decease he had been confined to his bed, and received the attention of Dr. Ashmead (Messrs. Walker and Ashmead). The deceased's remains will be interred in the family vault in Wordsley churchyard.”

1881 Census

43, High Street

- [1] *Susannah Rollinson* (36), widow, licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Joseph H. Rollinson* (24), son, solicitor's articled clerk, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *William M. Rollinson* (22), son, surveyor's clerk, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Fanny E. Rollinson* (12), daughter, scholar, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *Charles Rollinson* (9), son, scholar, born Brierley Hill;
- [6] *Phoebe Rollinson* (29), niece, spinster, born Pensnett;
- [7] *Susannah Guise* (?) (16), niece, domestic servant, born Birmingham:

Evening Star 17/2/1882

“An arbitration case in which John Pearson of Monument Road, Birmingham, brought a claim against the Brierley Hill Local Board, for alleged damages through the paving operations recently carried out by the Board, to property in High Street, purchased by him, came on for hearing, before Mr. Loxdale Warren, at the GOLDEN EAGLE Assembly Room, on Wednesday morning.

Mr. Alfred Young (instructed by Mr. J. Higgs, Birmingham) appeared in support of the claim, and Mr. R. C. E. Kettle (instructed by Mr. J. L. Holberton, Brierley Hill) appeared on behalf of the Board.

The case for the claimant was that he purchased the property in June last year for £700, and paid thereon a deposit of £5. Owing to the paving operations of the Board, the footpath in front of his property was raised, and in consequence of this he was unable to borrow the required amount of money to complete the purchase, and he was therefore compelled to put the property into the market to get rid of it on the best terms he could. Eventually it was sold at a loss of £100 hard cash to the claimant, besides £14 auctioneer's charges, and about £30 solicitor's expenses, which he would have to pay.

The claimant and several witnesses were called and gave evidence. After a hearing of about five hours, the Arbitrator adjourned the case till Saturday morning, when it will be then at the Great Western Hotel, Birmingham.

[Mr. Pearson was awarded damages of £234 10s 8d with costs.]

George Edmunds was originally a travelling auctioneer.

County Express 31/3/1900

“Charles Adams, labourer, Chapel Street, Hart’s Hill, was charged with stealing a gold ring, value 15s, the property of *George Edmunds*, land lord of the GOLDEN EAGLE INN, High Street, on March 12th.

Prisoner said he found the ring in the dirt in the public-house back premises.

Prosecutor said the prisoner had been temporarily in his employ. The ring produced was his property, and the last time he saw it was on March 5th, when it was in his desk in the kitchen. Prisoner had access to the kitchen. Witness did not miss the ring until it was returned to him on March 24th. Witness heard prisoner’s statement that he found the ring in the yard, but between the 5th and 24th witness never wore it at all.

Laura Smith, servant, said she noticed Adams wearing a ring, and upon asking him where he had had it from, he said his brother had sent it him from the war.

Albert Lovatt, hairdresser, Mill Street, said on Saturday night prisoner was with others in his shop, and one of the customers, referring to prisoner’s ring, said ‘Hallo, Coffee, I see you have got a ring on your finger like the barber’s; five a penny out of the market.’ Witness, however, said he would give Adams 1s 6d for it, and prisoner said he would take that offer. Later, when witness examined the ring, he saw it was stamped ‘10c’ and thinking it was a ‘dummy’ stamp, he then offered Adams 5d for it, and it went at this price.

Carl Lord, watchmaker, Mill Street, said Lovatt had handed him the ring to be cleaned, and witness identified it as Edmund’s property, in whose possession he had seen it.

Police-constable Young, said when he arrested and charged prisoner, he said, ‘I found the ring in the back yard of the GOLDEN EAGLE, and I sold it to the barber for 6d.’

The Bench fined the prisoner 20s, or a month with hard labour.”

County Express 29/9/1900

“James Partridge, of William Street, was summoned for neglect of work by *George Edmunds*, of the GOLDEN EAGLE INN, who claimed £1 damages.

Plaintiff said that defendant was formerly in his employ as potman, and vacated his situation without giving any notice of his intention to leave. It was agreed to give or take seven days to terminate the engagement. He paid him 5s and kept him, which was equal to 18s a week. He had to find another man in his place, and pay him 25s.

Defendant: When you and Police-constable Smedley called me into the kitchen, and asked me about the gold bracelet, I told you I did not know where it was? – Plaintiff: That has nothing to do with the case.

The Stipendiary: Then you only suffered 7s damage, the difference between 18s and 25s. – Plaintiff: That is all sir.

The Stipendiary: Then I give a verdict for that amount, with costs, payable at 5s a week.

Defendant: I never signed for any notice. – Plaintiff: No, but we made a verbal agreement.

The Stipendiary: That was sufficient.”

County Express 26/1/1901

“Henry Smith, Park Street, and Henry Wood, Chapel Street, Brierley Hill, were charged with being disorderly in and refusing to quit, the premises of *George Edmunds*, the GOLDEN EAGLE INN, on January 15th; and Wood was further charged with threatening Edmunds. Mr. Waldron prosecuted.

It appeared that in consequence of the defendant’s bad conduct in time past the complainant prohibited both from entering his house. On January 15th they went in three times, and were ordered out, but on the last occasion they refused for some minutes, and Police-constable Buckhill was fetched. Before going Wood threatened the landlord. Nellie Regan corroborated.

Smith was fined 5s and costs, and Wood 10s and costs for refusing to quit. Wood was also bound over to keep the peace for three months on the charge of threats.”

1901 Census

43, High Street – GOLDEN EAGLE INN

[1] *George Edmunds* (40), licensed victualler, born Sheffield;

[2] K. Sarah Edmunds (39), wife, born Newark;

[3] Mary Gribbon (13), adopted, born Scotland;

[4] Samuel Mold (40), general assistant, deaf and dumb, born Manchester;

[5] Mary A. Hendley (19), general servant, born Brierley Hill;

[6] Ivy Lord (3), boarder, born Leicester;

[7] Ellen Regan (21), general servant, born Tipton:

County Express 18/5/1901

“John Hodgetts, Bank Street, Brierley Hill, was charged with being drunk in the GOLDEN EAGLE INN, High Street, on May 6th.

Police-constable Owen proved the case, and said defendant was not supplied with anything in the house.

Mr. Superintendent Spendlove said the defendant had recently returned from the front, and the Bench dealt leniently with him by letting him off with a fine of 1s and costs.”

Tipton Herald 18/9/1909

“In High Street there is a hotel bearing the name of the GOLDEN EAGLE, and in front of that inn is a large lamp which was surmounted by a golden eagle. Weather and the acidulated atmosphere of the district have been the means of rusting the supports of the bird, and the golden eagle swooped down on the footpath and was captured.”

Dudley Herald 14/1/1911

“The annual banquet of the Brierley Hill and District Licensed Victuallers’ Association, which had been postponed from the beginning of December because of the proximity of the elections, was held at the GOLDEN EAGLE INN, Brierley Hill, on Tuesday evening, and drew together a large and representative company.....”

1911 Census

EAGLE VAULTS

[1] *John Benton* (57), licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;

[2] *Lydia Benton* (54), wife, married 33 years, born Brierley Hill;

[3] *Albert V. Benton* (17), son, painter, born Brierley Hill;

[4] *Eda Batson* (23), barmaid, born Willenhall;

[5] *Phoebe Alice Davies* (20), general servant, born Brierley Hill;

[6] *Mary Batham* (19), general servant, born Brierley Hill:

[Was Frederick George Simmons a manager?]

County Express 17/12/1921

“The annual Court Leet of the copyholders of the manor of Kingswinford was held at the GOLDEN EAGLE INN, Brierley Hill on Tuesday evening, this being the first held since 1913 owing to the interruption caused by the war. In the absence of the steward (Mr. George Tyron) the deputy steward, Mr. W. C. Camm, presided over the business proceedings, and the following jury was sworn in:

Messrs. J. T. Higgs (foreman), T. White, E. Fletcher, E. E. Roberts, G. R. Downward, E. C. Williams, T. Clare, Geo. Meanly, Walter Pugh, B. Wilkinson, J. H. Walton, A. E. Thomas, W. H. Fellows. The following appointments were made:

Constables, J. Flavell and C. H. Leighton; headborough, J. Evans; flesh connors, T. White and Ed. Fletcher; keeper of the fold and pinfold, F. Hinton; bailiff, Geo. Walford. This was all the business, as there were no claims to consider. At the dinner which followed, the deputy steward presided, and the company also included Messrs. J. B. Hill and E. E. Beckley in addition to those already mentioned.

The Chairman submitted the loyal toasts, which were musically honoured, Mr. Pugh singing the solos.

Mr. Roberts proposed ‘The Right Hon. The Earl of Dudley, lord of the manor.’ He dared say any gentlemen present knew more of Lord Dudley than he did, but he was present at Himley at the coming-of-age festivities.....”

Black Country Bugle 29/10/1998

Letter from Geoff Guise

“I remember the town fifty plus years ago Brierley Hill was quite a violent place then, most of the trouble centred chiefly on the GOLDEN EAGLE. Merely to walk by its long entry was to risk the chance of being challenged to fight. This was because several local likely lads who had better remain nameless, ruled the roost at that time, and hung out there.”

It closed on 31st December 1956.

GOLDEN LION

BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Joseph Penn [1845]
James Parkes [1851]

GRAND TURK

3, Amblecote Road, (Turk Street), (Mount Pleasant), Delph, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Joseph Sedgley
Earl of Dudley
Atkinsons Ltd. (acquired c.1897)

LICENSEES

Benjamin Gill [1851]
Elizabeth Gill [1869] - **1873**);
William Bate (**1873 - 1876**);
William May (**1876 - 1879**);
John Davies (**1879 - 1882**);
Arthur Mark Oakes (**1882 - 1884**);
James Bakewell (**1884 - []**)
John Davies [] - **1884**);
James Bakewell (**1884 - 1887**);
John Collins (**1887 - 1888**);
Joseph Collins (**1888 - 1894**);
Walter Joseph Hobson (**1894 - 1898**);
Thomas Brookes (**1898 - 1899**);
Joseph Brookes (**1899 - 1905**);
William Williams (**1905**);
Arthur James Hobson (**1905 - []**)

NOTES

It was known as the TURKS HEAD pre. 1872.

It had a beerhouse license.

1851 Census

Turk Street – GRAND TURK

- [1] *Benjamin Gill* (35), coal miner, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Elizabeth Gill* (33), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] Joseph Gill (13), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] Daniel Gill (11), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] David Gill (6), son, born Brierley Hill;

Stourbridge Observer 24/7/1869

“*Elizabeth Gill*, beerhouse keeper, was charged by Superintendent Mills with keeping her house open for the sale of beer on the 18th inst, during prohibited hours.

Police-constable Breton proved the offence, which was admitted, and defendant fined 1s and costs.”

Stourbridge Observer 7/8/1869

“John Nicolette, an Italian, was charged with being in the beerhouse kept by *Elizabeth Gill*, during prohibited hours. Defendant pleaded guilty, and said he was not aware he was doing wrong. Mr. Spooner said it was a new law just come into operation, and he hoped it would prevent drunkenness. He should only inflict a small fine this time, but if he came up again before him he should fine him the full penalty, 40s. Fined 2s 6d and costs.”

1871 Census

Amblecote Road – GRAND TURK

- [1] *Elizabeth Gill* (56), widow, beerhouse keeper, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Joseph Gill* (33), son, puddler, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Benjamin Gill* (18), son, puddler, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *David Gill* (25), son, cordwainer, born Kingswinford:

1881 Census

3, Amblecote Road – GRAND TURK

- [1] *John Davies* (29), mill roller and publican, born Droitwich;
- [2] *Mary Davies* (28), wife, born Coseley;
- [3] *Sarah Jane Davies* (3), daughter, scholar, born Dudley;
- [4] *John William Davies* (8 months), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *Martha Tennant* (13), sister, scholar, born Dudley;
- [6] *Eliza Wilkinson* (16), general servant, born Brierley Hill:

1891 Census

Amblecote Road – GRAND TURK INN

- [1] *Joseph Collins* (61), publican, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Mary Collins* (59), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Ruth Collins* (32), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Eliza Collins* (24), daughter, dressmaker, born Sedgley;
- [5] *Mary Collins* (21), daughter, tailoress, born Sedgley:

Walter Joseph Hobson – see also LITTLE PIG, Amblecote, and TURKS HEAD, Wordsley. He married Ruth Collins in 1892.

County Express 10/3/1900

“Mr. Stokes also held an inquest on Monday, at the GRAND TURK INN, Amblecote Road, upon Richard Pemberton, son of Joseph Pemberton, Deeley Street, Quarry bank. A verdict of ‘Death from natural causes’ was returned.”

1901 Census

3, Amblecote Road

- [1] *Joseph Brookes* (37), innkeeper, born Amblecote;
- [2] *Edith Brookes* (29), wife, born Amblecote;
- [3] *Emily J. Brookes* (11), daughter, born Amblecote;
- [4] *Jessie A. Brookes* (6), daughter, born Amblecote:

County Express 1/6/1901

“GRAND TURK Lodge.- The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the GRAND TURK INN, Amblecote Road on Monday. After an excellent dinner, provided by the host (*Mr. J. Brooks*), the secretary, Mr. J. L. Holmes, read the annual report, which stated £33 had been paid during the year in sick allowance. Many of the old members had lapsed from membership or been removed by death, and the lodge now only numbered 38. There was, however, a balance in the bank of £415 7s 10d, and the funds had increased during the year by £4 14s 9d.

Mr. Samuel Webb was elected trustee in place of Mr. H. Barnsley, resigned, and the following committee was chosen:– Messrs. J. Webb, J. Heathcote, D. Gill, J. Leddington, W. Leddington, J. Plant, W. Marten, E. Tranter, and George Bangham.”

Arthur James Hobson was married to Susan.
See also BLACK HORSE.

The license was surrendered on confirmation of order of removal of license of WOODMAN, Amblecote to the COTTAGE SPRING.

It closed on 5th February 1907.
It was converted into housing. [2006]



Ex Pub 2007

GREYHOUND

BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Westwood []
Thomas Hancox []

NOTES

Thomas Hancox bred pigs.

Check Amblecote.

HAPPY RETURN

169, Moor Street, (Brockmoor Lane), (12, Buckpool), Buckpool, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Benjamin Hampton, Simms Lane, Netherton
North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd. (acquired c.1896)
Elwell, Williams (acquired c.1901)
Smith & Williams (acquired c.1914)
Julia Hanson and Son Ltd. (acquired on 2nd July 1934)

LICENSEES

Thomas Ward [] - 1870);
William Male (1870 - 1883);
William Henry Skelding (1883 - 1888);
William Lowe (1888 - 1890);
William Scriven (1890 - 1900);
William Henry Scriven (1900 - 1901);
Edward Quarry (1901 - 1909);
Joseph Longville (1909 - 1919);
Mrs. Sarah Jane Longville (1919 - 1929);
William Meese (1929 - 1934);
Kezia Meese (1934);
Ernest Fellows (1934 - 1935);
Samuel Brookes (1935 - 1945);
Myra Davies (1945 - 1953);
Herbert Ernest Dixon (1953 - 1954);
William James Hill (1954 - 1955);
Arthur Moore Harbach (1955 - 1957);
John Ellis Hughes (1957 - 1959);
Percy Stringer (1959 - 1961);
George Frederick Froggatt (1961 - 1965);
William James Hill (1965 - 1966);
Harry Joseph Fletcher (1966 - 1969);
Raymond Ivan Stringer (1969 - 1970);
Harry Yates (1970 - 1977);
John Arthur Hale (1977 - 1981);
Thomas William Higgins (1981 - 1984);
Peter Clee (1984 - 1986);
John Charles Padmore (1986 - []

MR. W. FIDDIAN has received instructions to
SELL BY AUCTION, at the **STAR HOTEL**,
BRIERLEY HILL, on **WEDNESDAY**, the **4TH** day of
APRIL, 1900, at **Six** for **Seven** o'clock in the **Evening**,
subject to the conditions then to be produced, all that
Well-known Freehold
BEER HOUSE,
THE "HAPPY RETURN" INN,
situate at the junction of Moor Lane and the road
leading therefrom to Brockmoor, in the occupation
of Mr. W. Scriven.
The Premises comprise Bar, Tap Room, Front
Shop, Kitchen, Cellarage, Three Bedrooms, and
Store Room, etc., etc.; Brew-house, Stable with Loft,
Trap Shed, Piggeries, enclosed Yard with Cart
Entrance, and other appurtenances.
Also the **COTTAGE** adjoining the above, in the
occupation of W. Dalley.
The "Happy Return" is a Capital Business
House. It stands on an important thoroughfare,
connecting the populous districts of Wordsley, Brock-
moor, and Brierley Hill. In addition to its advantages
as a house of call it is in the immediate proximity of
several large brick, tile, and other works.
For further particulars apply to Mr. Alfred W.
Barradale, Solicitor, Dudley, or the Auctioneer, Old
Bank Offices, Stourbridge. 9377

Advert 1900

NOTES

12, Buckpool [1911]

It had a beerhouse license.

Stourbridge Times 9/11/1861

“Sale at the HAPPY RETURN, Buck Pool, Wordsley. To Shopkeepers, Parties Furnishing, Brokers, & Others. To be sold by Auction. By Mr. R. G. Rowley, (Under a Distress for Rent) on Monday Next, November 11th 1861, the whole of the excellent Household Furniture removed to the above Inn for Convenience of Sale.”

1871 Census

12, Buckpool – HAPPY RETURN

- [1] *William Male* (46), beerhouse keeper and labourer, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] Ann Male (40), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] Samuel Male (18), son, railway labourer, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] Sarah Male (5), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] Madeline Male (1), daughter, born Brierley Hill:

Stourbridge Observer 16/3/1872

“Valentine Smith, a gipsy, was charged with being drunk and refusing to quit the house of *William Male*, on the 4th inst. Mr. Addison defended.

Complainant said that he kept the HAPPY RETURN, Buck Pool. On the above date defendant came into his house, quite drunk. He refused to fill him any ale, when the defendant struck him a violent blow on the mouth, and knocked him down. A man came to his assistance, and helped him to get the defendant out, as he refused to go out.

Eliza Harris gave corroborative evidence.

For the defence it was contended that complainant was drunk, and that the defendant, who is a gipsy, was talking in an unknown tongue, and complainant said they were swearing, and could not have such bad language in his house.

The father of defendant was called, and said his son was sober, and that he pushed the complainant down.

The learned Stipendiary said he considered a gross assault had committed upon the landlord, who was merely doing his duty by refusing to fill ale to a drunken man. He should fine defendant £2 and costs; in default 6 weeks imprisonment, with hard labour.”

1881 Census

Buckpool – HAPPY RETURN

- [1] *William Male* (58), labourer in glass works, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] Ann Male (51), wife, born Oldbury;
- [3] Sarah Male (16), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] Madeline Male (11), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] Emily Male (9), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [6] David Male (8), son, born Brierley Hill:

London Gazette 3/8/1883

“The Bankruptcy Act, 1869. In the County Court of Worcestershire, holden at Stourbridge. In the Matter of Proceedings for Liquidation instituted by *William Male*, of the HAPPY RETURN INN Beerhouse Keeper. Notice is hereby given, that a First General Meeting of the creditors of the above-named person has been summoned on the 15th day of August, 1883.....”

County Express 17/3/1900 - Advert

“Buckpool, Near Brierley Hill. Sale of Valuable Licensed Property.

Mr. W. Fiddian has received instruction to Sell By Auction, at the STAR HOTEL, Brierley Hill, on Wednesday, the 4th day of April, 1900, at Six for Seven o'clock in the Evening, subject to the conditions then to be produced, all the Well-known Freehold Beer House The HAPPY RETURN INN, situate at the junction of Moor Lane and the road leading there from to Brockmoor, in the occupation of Mr. *W. Scriven*.

The Premises comprise Bar, tap Room, Front Shop, Cellerage, Three Bedrooms, and Store Room etc., etc.; Brewhouse, Stable with Loft, Trap shed, Piggeries, enclosed Yard with Cart Entrance, and other appurtenances.

Also the Cottage adjoining the above, in the occupation of W. Dailey.

The HAPPY RETURN is a Capital Business House. It stands on an important thoroughfare, connecting the populous districts of Wordsley, Brockmoor, and Brierley Hill. In addition to its advantages as a house of call it is in the immediately proximity of several large brick, tile, and other works. For further particulars apply to Mr. Alfred W. Barradale, Solicitor, Dudley, or the Auctioneer, Old Bank Offices, Stourbridge.”

County Express 4/1/1902

“Sick and Draw Clubs.....

HAPPY RETURN INN (Buckpool).– On Saturday the members of this club held their annual meeting, when the host and hostess (Mr. and Mrs. *Quarry*) provided an excellent supper. The auditors (Messrs. C. Crosby and Allen) intimated that the dividend was £1 7s per member. Thanks were voted to the secretary (Mr. J. Lowe) and the treasurer (Mr. E. Quarry) for their services, and the rest of the evening was spent convivially, songs and recitations being given by Messrs. J. Quarry, C. Crosby, J. Gransell, J. Jones, J. Lowe, T. Bullock, and J. Hanbury.”

1911 Census

12, Buckpool – HAPPY RETURN INN

[1] *Joseph Longville* (60), publican, born Sedgley;

[2] *Sarah Longville* (56), wife, married 36 years, born Wordsley;

[3] *Thomas Longville* (35), son, working on own account, born Brierley Hill:

Joseph Longville, beer retailer, Buckpool, Brockmoor. [1912]

County Express 16/7/1921

“The inquest on the body of John Griffith Haden (15), 9, Buckpool, Brockmoor, whose death by drowning we briefly recorded in our last issue, was held last night week at the HAPPY RETURN INN by Mr. J. T. Higgs (coroner). Evidence was first given by Emily Haden, a widow, who said deceased was her adopted son. He was a cripple at birth, but otherwise his health was good. At 12pm on Thursday the 7th inst., he left home to take dinner to a lodger, being quite happy and well.

Edward Hadlington, who lodged with Mrs. Haden, said deceased usually took his dinner. As he did not arrive to time this day, witness went to meet him, and on the canal lock gate found the bottle, and some cake and bread and butter which he (Hadlington) knew was for him. It had evidently been placed there. Witness called Mr. Simpson, a boatman, of 11, Buckpool and the body was recovered in a lifeless condition.

Harry Simpson stated that there was a two foot stride from the edge of the platform attached to the lock to the towing path. The platform was six inches wide. Witness heard the alarm given by the last witness, whom he saw take up the bottle and food. Being a cripple deceased might have put the food down so that he could step over to the towing path. He (Simpson) got the boat hook and recovered body from the lock, directly underneath where the lad would have to step. There was no rail to hold across the two foot space. A Mr. Dunn was present and tried artificial respiration, but without avail. Dr. Gifford arrived later and pronounced life extinct.

The Coroner returning a verdict of ‘Accidental death by drowning.’”

Conveyance dated 2/7/1934

“All that message or dwelling-house used as a beer-house and known by the sign of the HAPPY RETURN and the outbuildings situate at or near Moor Lane (formerly called Brockmoor Lane) near Brierley Hill aforesaid now or late in the occupation of *Joseph Longville* And Also That cottage or dwelling house adjoining the said beer-house fronting to Moor Lane.....”

A full license was transferred from the GREEN DRAGON, Kinver on 3rd February 1936.

[2005]

Closed [2007], [2009]

It was converted into a shop in 2010.



1997

HARBORNE INN

Commonside, PENSNETT

OWNERS

LICENSEES

James Jordan [] - **1866**);
James Buckman (**1866** - []

HEARTY GOOD FELLOW

38, High Street, Brockmoor, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

John Rolinson Ltd. (leased from 24th June 1899 to 1927)
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired c.1927)

LICENSEES

William Hall [1868] – 1884);
Daniel Roden (1884 – 1885);
George Hill (1885 – 1888);
Charles Henry Roberts (1888 – 1911);
Joseph Bratt (1911);
Frederick 'Fred' James Hayward (1911 – 1912);
Albert Henry Norton (1912);
George Henry Cotton (1912 – 1913);
William Pain (1913 – 1914);
Mrs. Ada Pain (1914 – 1919);
William Pain (1919 – 1921);
George Bowen (1921 – 1927);
David Owen Jones (1927 – 1936);
David Cartwright (1936 – 1937);
William Cartwright (1937 – [1940])
William 'Bill' Moore [c.1941]
Skelding []

NOTES

It was known locally as "The Nasty House".

It had a beerhouse license.

William Hall, beer retailer, Brockmoor. [1868], [1870]

Stourbridge Observer 10/4/1869

"To be Sold by Auction

Lot 9 – All those Nine Dwelling Houses, situate in the centre of Brockmoor, one of which is used as a Public House, and known by the sign of the HEARTY GOOD FELLOW, and the others are used as Business Premises and Dwelling Houses producing a rental of £64 16s per annum....."

1871 Census

Brockmoor

[1] *William Hall* (46), publican, born Cambridge;

[2] *Selina Hall* (60), wife, born Brockmoor:

1881 Census

Brockmoor – HEARTY GOOD FELLOW, Public House

[1] *William Hall* (63), licensed victualler, born Cambridge;

[2] *Selina Hall* (73), wife, born Brockmoor:

1891 Census

High Street, Brockmoor – HEARTY GOOD FELLOW

[1] *Charles H. Roberts* (40), publican, born Stourbridge;

[2] *Emma Roberts* (40), wife, born Lye;

[3] *Beatrice M. Roberts* (17), daughter, born Lye;

[4] *Emily M. Roberts* (12), daughter, born Lye;

[5] *Blanche G. Roberts* (10), daughter, born Lye;

[6] *Gertrude E. Roberts* (7), daughter, born Lye;

[7] *Charles A. Roberts* (5), son, born Lye:

Wolverhampton Chronicle 20/9/1899

Permission granted, September 1899, for rebuilding HEARTY GOOD FELLOW – “which has been damaged by mining operations.”

[This cost £693.]

County Express 24/11/1900

“Mr. T. A. Stokes, coroner, held an inquest at the HEARTY GOOD FELLOW, Brockmoor, on Thursday, relative to the death of *William Henry Wood*, aged one year and seven months. On Monday the child sat on his grandfather’s knee close to the fire, and on the grate was hanging a pot containing boiling potatoes. This swung back, and spilt a quantity of boiling water over the child’s arm and stomach. Dr. Taylor was sent for, and attended the child, which died on the 21st.

A verdict of Accidental Death was returned.”

County Express 2/3/1901

“*John Jones*, aged 69, High Street, Brockmoor, died suddenly at his home on Sunday.

Dr. Gifford told the jury at an inquest, at the HEARTY GOOD FELLOW on Wednesday, before Mr. Stokes (coroner), that the death was due to heart disease, and a verdict of death from Natural Causes was returned.”

County Express 31/8/1901

“At the HEARTY GOOD FELLOW INN, Brockmoor, yesterday (Friday) afternoon, Mr. A. B. Smith (deputy coroner) held two inquests. One was touching on the death of *Eliza Ball*, aged 8 years 4 months, of 21, Newtown, Brockmoor. For about 11 weeks deceased had complained of pains in her head. On Thursday, about eight p.m., she was taken worse and died in ten minutes.

The other enquiry was into the death of *Rhoda Burns* (75), of 24, Newtown, Brockmoor, who was taken ill on the 28th inst., at six p.m., and who died at 1.50pm the next day.

There was nothing to show the deaths were other than Natural Causes.”

Charles Henry Roberts, beer retailer, High Street, Brockmoor. [1904]

Dudley Herald 4/1/1908

“.....Mr. Fred Roberts, son of *Charles Roberts*, of the HEARTY GOOD FELLOW is leaving the district for Buenos Ayres.”

1911 Census

38, High Street, Brockmoor

[1] *Charles Henry Roberts* (60), publican, born Stourbridge;

[2] *Emma Roberts* (60), wife, married 38 years, assisting in business, born Lye;

[3] *Emily Myra Roberts* (32), daughter, assisting in business, born Lye;

[4] *Charles Alfred Roberts* (25), son, traveller, fire brick trade, born Lye:

Charles Henry Roberts – see also FORTUNE OF WAR.

Fred J. Hayward, beer retailer, High Street, Brockmoor. [1912]

[It is possible that *William Pain* went to serve in World War One, leaving his wife *Ada* to run the pub, before returning at the end of the war.]

County Express 15/10/1921

“Frederick Davis (27), of Newtown, Brockmoor, was summoned by Jeremiah Hanbury for an assault on the 1st inst. Representing complainant, Mr. J. T. Higgs said that some 12 months ago there was a pigeon flying race in which his client and several relatives of defendant were interested. There was an accusation by complainant that he had been robbed on the match, and he was told that the ‘big ‘un’ (meaning defendant) would give him a good hiding when he came back from Ireland. On Saturday, October 1st, the parties were in the HEARTY GOOD FELLOW, public house at Brockmoor, when defendant proceeded to carry out that threat and gave (Mr. Higg’s) client a good thrashing.

Complainant said it was 9.30pm when Davis struck him in the eye, knocking him to the corner of the room. Witness then left the house, but defendant followed, and again struck him, this time sending him to the ground in the middle of the horse road. Whilst on the ground Davis ‘jumped on him.’ Before the first blow was struck, witness had not spoken to defendant nor in any way provoked the assault.

Defendant said it was ‘all lies.’ Complainant who had been gambling, challenged him to fight, so he struck him in self defence.

The Clerk (to Hanbury): Had you been gambling.

No, sir; not with him but with myself - (laughter).

Harry Perks supported complainant’s evidence.

In the witness box Davis said the whole trouble was the result of gambling on the Alliance football ground, and complainant would not pay him his share of the money. He told him about it, and the same night Hanbury challenged him to fight, I struck him to protect myself. He’s worse than me, and I’m bad enough - (laughter).

If he’d struck me first he’d been laughing all over the country about it.

Enoch Cooper gave evidence on behalf of defendant.

The case was dismissed, both parties being warned as to their conduct in the future.”

Closed

It became a turf accountant’s shop. [2005]

HEN AND CHICKENS

Dudley Street, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Joseph Shakespeare [1868] – [1870]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

Joseph Shakespeare, beer retailer, Dudley Street. [1868], [1870]

Check Level Street.

HEN AND CHICKENS

Fenton Street, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

James Noden [1864] – [1865]

HEN AND CHICKENS

Level Street / High Street, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Mark Pagett

LICENSEES

NOTES

Stourbridge Observer 23/6/1866

“Messrs Oates, Perrens and Wooldridge are favoured with instructions from the Representatives of the late Mr. Mark Pagett, deceased, to Sell by Auction on the 35th day of June 1866 also that capital Public House, the HEN AND CHICKENS INN, with the Brewhouse and Appurtenances; together with the desirable Frontage Land adjoining thereto, the whole being situate at the corner of Level Street and High Street, at Brierley Hill; having extensive frontages to both roads.....”

Check Dudley Street.

HEREFORDSHIRE HOUSE

Brockmoor, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Richard Whitehouse [1858]

NOTES

Brierley Hill Advertiser 11/12/1858

“*Richard Whitehouse*, landlord of the HEREFORDSHIRE HOUSE, Brockmoor, was charged on the information of PC Freeman, with a similar offence [open during illegal hours], on the night of the 2nd inst. Defendant said his clock had been put forward ten minutes, but the swag of the pits had shaken his house, and so altered his clock. Fined 5s with costs.”

HIGH OAK

82, (37), High Street, High Oak, PENSNETT

OWNERS

John Wilkins

North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1896)

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1909) [1997]

LICENSEES

Thomas Greenway [1835]

John James [1845]

Samuel Page [1849] – [1851]

William Hardy [1854] – [1860]

John Bennett [1861] – [1862]

William Wood [1864]

Josiah Green [1864] – **1866**;

Jonas Chapman (**1866** – []

George Owen [1870]

Thomas Nock [1871]

James Hudson [1872] ?

George Knott [] – **1871**);

Thomas Knott (**1871** – **1876**);

William Evans (**1876** – **1890**);

John Wilkins (**1890** – **1897**);

George Hazledine (**1897** – **1898**);

Henry Newman (**1898** – **1904**);

John William Pearson (**1904** – **1911**);

Daniel Pearson (**1911**);

Mrs. Jane Lanes (**1911** – **1912**);

Arthur James Chell (**1912**);

Thomas Walker (**1912** – **1925**);

Seth Robinson Jones (**1925** – **1930**);

Arthur Oliver Lane (**1930** – **1933**);

John William Hewitt (**1933** – **1935**);

Horace Moses Baggott (**1935** – **1945**);

Edwin Lacy Hall (**1945** – **1959**);

Thomas Henry Wakeman (**1959** – **1961**);

James Andrews (**1961** – **1965**);

Enoch Jones (**1965** – **1968**);

Hubert Dicken (**1968** – **1969**);

Arthur Edward Whittaker (**1969** – **1971**);

Joseph Abner Jones (**1971** – **1972**);

Cyril William Mason (**1972**);

Frederick Jones Parsons (**1972** – **1979**);

John Joseph Boden (**1979** – **1980**);

Leslie James Timmins (**1980** – **1983**);

Martin John Howes (**1983** – **1984**);

Robert Alfred Willis (**1984** – **1986**);

Brian John Revill (**1986** – **1988**);

Mark Lester Shaw (**1988** – **1989**);

TO BE LET OR SOLD, in the improving Neighbourhood of Pensnett, that highly valuable Old-Licensed Public House, known by the sign of the HIGH OAK INN, now in the occupation of Mr. William Hardey, with Excellent Cellaring, Club Room, Two Parlours, Tap Room, Bar, Kitchen, Brewhouse, Five Bed Rooms, good Yard, Stable, Piggeries, and every convenience. May be entered upon on the 29th day of September next.

This House is well known to be the best in the neighbourhood for business, as Greenway, James, Page, and Hardey, have for many years carried on a lucrative trade and left in easy circumstances.

For particulars apply to Enoch Lovatt, Auctioneer, High Street, Pensnett.

Advert 1857

Bruce Clifford Hudson (1989 - 1990);
Garry Broadbridge (1990 - 1991);
Robert Keith Taylor (1991 - [1998])
Paul Andrew Field [2000]

NOTES

37, High Oak [1901]
82, High Street

1851 Census

HIGH OAK INN

- [1] *Samuel Page* (32), victualler, born Dudley;
- [2] *Ann Page* (33), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] *William Page* (10), son, born Rowley;
- [4] *Samuel Page* (8), son, born Rowley;
- [5] *Thomas Page* (4), son, born Rowley;
- [6] *Mary Page* (2), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Ruth Page* (3 months), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [8] *Emaly Roberts* (19), general servant, born Kingswinford;
- [9] *Comfort Page* (13), general servant, born Kingswinford:

Brierley Hill Advertiser 11/7/1857 - Advert

“To be Let or Sold, in the improving Neighbourhood of Pensnett, that highly valuable Old-Licensed Public House, known by the sign of the HIGH OAK INN, now in the occupation of Mr. *William Hardey* (sic), with Excellent Cellaring, Club Room, Two Parlours, Tap, Room, Bar, Kitchen, Brewhouse, Five Bed Rooms, good Yard, Stable, Piggeries, and every convenience. May be entered upon on the 20th day of September next.

This House is well known to be the best in the neighbourhood for business, as Greenway, James, Page, and Hardey, have for many years carried on a lucrative trade and left in easy circumstances.....”

1861 Census

HIGH OAK INN

- [1] *John Bennett* (45), licensed victualler, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Esther Bennett* (38), wife, born Dudley;
- [3] *Elizabeth Bennett* (11), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Enoch Bennett* (8), son, born Sedgley;
- [5] *Jane Bennett* (7), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [6] *John Bennett* (5), son, born Sedgley;
- [7] *Titus Bennett* (3), son, born Sedgley;
- [8] *Emily Bennett* (2), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [9] *Elizabeth Jones* (17), house servant, born Sedgley:

Stourbridge Observer 20/8/1864

“*William Wood*, publican of the HIGH OAK, Pensnett, was summoned to answer the charge of selling excisable liquors during the prohibited hours of the Act.

P.C. Hill also gave evidence in this case. [He had given evidence in two other cases previous to this.] He said he saw an Irishman on Sunday last, about eleven in the morning, come from defendant’s house with three bottles of porter.

Defendant’s niece attended, and said her uncle was very ill indeed and unable to attend the Court, and she pleaded guilty.

Superintendent Mills spoke in good terms, as to the general conducting of defendant’s house, and he was directed to pay the expenses.”

1871 Census

High Street – HIGH OAK INN

- [1] *Thomas Knott* (30), licensed victualler, born Manchester;
- [2] *Elizabeth Knott* (32), wife, born Stockport;
- [3] *Jane Munn* (30), general servant, born Manchester:

Stourbridge Observer 23/12/1871

“*Thomas Nock*, landlord of the HIGH OAK, Pensnett, was summoned for keeping his house open during prohibited hours, on the 17th inst. Mr. Ebsworth defended.

Police-sergeant Breton proved that he visited the house, and found a man and woman in the house. The woman had a cup of ale in her hand. It was 20 minutes past 11 o'clock.

In cross-examination, witness said the landlord was about shutting up, and that it was a well-conducted house. Defendant was ordered to pay the costs, and cautioned.”

Stourbridge Observer 5/10/1872

“*Thomas Knott*, HIGH OAK INN, Pensnett, who was proved to have been convicted in December last, for keeping his house open during illegal hours, had his license granted him after being duly cautioned.”

Dudley Herald 24/6/1876 - Advert

“To be sold by auction. The HIGH OAK INN, Pensnett with the liquor vault, brewhouse, stable and all necessary outbuildings. This is an old licensed inn, well frequented and whereat a great business has been done for many years. It is a densely populated district, and is now in the occupation of Mr. *Thomas Knott*.”

- It sold for £500.

1891 Census

High Street – HIGH OAK INN

- [1] *John Wilkins* (36), licensed victualler, born Bristol;
- [2] *Frances H. Wilkins* (38), wife, born Fenstanton, Huntingdonshire;
- [3] *Winifred Wilkins* (10), daughter, blind, born Willenhall;
- [4] *Percy J. Wilkins* (8), son, born Willenhall;
- [5] *Arabella M. Wilkins* (5), daughter, born Willenhall;
- [6] *Louisa Nevell* (25), visitor, born Willenhall;
- [7] *Evelyn Nevell* (5), visitor, born Wolverhampton;
- [8] *Flossie Ida Nevell* (3), visitor, born Wolverhampton;
- [9] *Thomas W. Richards* (56), servant, brewer, born Stourbridge;
- [10] *Mary E. Brooks* (22), barmaid, born Pensnett;
- [11] *Thirza Griffiths* (18), general servant, born Pensnett:

1901 Census

37, High Oak

- [1] *Henry Newman* (46), public house manager, born Aldbourne, Wiltshire;
- [2] *Emily Newman* (48), wife, born Willenhall;
- [3] *Emily Kate Newman* (11), daughter, born Longton, Staffordshire;
- [4] *Florence Ball* (15), domestic servant, born Hednesford, Staffordshire:

Tipton Herald 7/11/1903

“Mr. T. A. Stokes (Coroner) held an inquest on Monday at the HIGH OAK INN, relative to the death of *Thomas Steadman*, formerly an inmate of the Stourbridge Union Infirmary.

The evidence showed that deceased was admitted to the infirmary on the 16th of July suffering from sun-stroke, and he remained there till the first of October. On this date he is said to have absconded. Although at the time he was not well. He went to reside with his son *William Steadman*, of High Oak, and during the last fortnight had been very ill. On Friday last he became worse, and died about 4.30.

A verdict of Natural Causes was returned.”

1911 Census

HIGH OAK INN

- [1] Daniel Pearson (50), public house manager, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] Matilda Pearson (46), wife, married 25 years, born Stourbridge;
- [3] Phoebe Harrison (20), domestic servant, born Quarry Bank:

Jane Lanes = Jane Lane

County Express 12/2/1921

“Brierley Hill Licensing Sessions....

A number of plans for alterations to existing licensed houses were presented, and were adjourned until March 7th. In the case of the HIGH OAK INN, Pensnett, Mr. J. T. Higgs, who appeared in support of the plans said these, if carried out in their entirety, meant practically the rebuilding of the premises, together with the widening of the road there by 6 or 7 feet, thereby taking off a dangerous corner and also embracing the removal of some dilapidated cottages.”

County Express 12/3/1921

“Adjourned Licensing Sessions Brierley Hill.....

Representing the Wolverhampton and Dudley Brewery Co. Ltd., Mr. J. T. Higgs applied to the Bench for approval of plans presented at the licensing sessions a month ago for the re-building of the HIGH OAK INN, Pensnett. He said his clients had impressed upon the Local governing authority the necessity for the re-building of the property, especially having regard to the unsatisfactory condition of three cottages adjoining. As a result of alterations in the licensing laws, these had had to be built up. Now they had been condemned by the Council. His clients' difficulty was that the cottages were a considerable nuisance to users of the High Street, because the occupiers had to throw some of their rubbish into the roadway, and complaints were made about it. The re-building of HIGH OAK he submitted, would be a considerable improvement,

Supt. Rowbotham offered no objections to the proposed re-building. He agreed it would effect a considerable public improvement, and that the house would be better in every way. It would certainly be lighter, have better accommodation and bring about more satisfactory supervision.

The plans as submitted and explained to the Bench by Mr. A. T. Butler (architect), were eventually approved.

Mr. Higgs made similar applications in respect of the SUN INN, Quarry Bank, and the WHITE HART INN, Harts Hill, but the Chairman said the magistrates did not like the idea of passing plans, without the naming of a specified time in which the work would be done. It was necessary that when the plans were sanctioned, the work should commence immediately. When the owners were prepared to start work they could bring the plans forward again.

Mr. Higgs said that owing to the difficulty experienced in acquiring the necessary labour, he could not guarantee any specific time. The only thing for them to do was to start at the HIGH OAK with the labour available, and take other houses in the turn. Under the circumstances he withdrew those two applications. Replying to the superintendent Mr. Higgs expressed his willingness to have any essential repairs at the two houses carried out in the meantime.”

Horace Baggott was formerly a plumber.

James Andrews was married to Dorothy.

Robert Keith Taylor was known as 'Keith'.

Express and Star 24/11/1997 - Advert

“Large bar and lounge; centre of the community.”

[2007]

It was renamed ROOST. [2008]

It was renamed HIGH OAK. [2011]

[2013]



2015

HOLLY BUSH

Cressett Street, (Cressett Lane), Brockmoor, (Brockmoor Green), (Commonside), BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Edward Partridge, Brockmoor
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

Benjamin Geary [1845]
Mrs. Sophia Geary [1849] – **1876**);
Charles Hickman (**1876** – [1881]
Thomas Kendall [] – **1888**);
Ann Kendall (**1888** – **1893**);
John Lewis (**1893** – **1907**):

NOTES

Commonside [1849]
Cressett Lane [1861]

It had a beerhouse license.

1851 Census

HOLLY BUSH (alias KINGS HEAD)
[1] *Sophia Geary* (52), licensed victualler, born Pedmore.

Sophia Geary, beer retailer, Brockmoor. [1861]

1861 Census

Cressett Lane – HOLLY BUSH INN
[1] *Sophia Geary* (63), innkeeper, born Worcestershire;
[2] *Sophia Ann Garnett* (28), unmarried, born Kidderminster:

1881 Census

Brockmoor – HOLLY BUSH Public House
[1] *Charles Hickman* (47), coalminer and licensed victualler, born Gornal;
[2] *Elizabeth Hickman* (46), wife, born Bishampton Common, Worcestershire;
[3] *Simon Hickman* (23), son, labourer in iron works, born Cradley Heath;
[4] *Sarah Jane Hickman* (21), daughter, domestic servant and housemaid, born Old Hill;
[5] *Pamaly Hickman* (20), daughter, domestic servant and housemaid, born Old Hill;
[6] *Selina Hickman* (17), daughter, born Dudley Wood;
[7] *Charles Hickman* (11), son, scholar, born Quarry Bank;
[8] *Priscilla Hickman* (6), daughter, scholar, born Quarry Bank;
[9] *Elizabeth Knight* (70), mother, born Highavon Flavin, Worcestershire;
[10] *Alice Hickman* (3), granddaughter, born California, Staffordshire:
[Bishampton is about 9 miles ESE from Worcester.]

A team from here took part in the Brierley Hill and District Bowling League. [1900]

The license renewal was refused on 18th June 1906.
The license was extinguished on 19th July 1907.

HOLLY BUSH

35, Potter Street, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

William Pargeter, Quarry Bank

LICENSEES

Edward Drinkwater [1872] – **1873**);

Henry Price (**1873 – 1875**);

George Waters (**1875 – 1877**);

Emmanuel Bullock (**1877 – 1878**);

Joseph Waterfield (**1878 – 1889**);

NOTES

Stourbridge Observer 4/10/1873

“Josiah Whittaker and Joseph Williams were fined 10s and costs, each, for refusing to quit the HOLLY BUSH INN, when requested on the 24th ult. *Henry Price*, the landlord, proved the offences.”

George Waters was fined 40s and costs, on 29th January 1875, for being open during prohibited hours.

1881 Census

35, Potter Street – HOLLY BUSH

[1] *Joseph Waterfield* (38), coal miner and publican, born Brierley Hill;

[2] *Mary Ann Waterfield* (36), wife, born Brierley Hill;

[3] *Joanna Waterfield* (7), daughter, scholar, born Brierley Hill;

[4] *Ruth Elizabeth Waterfield* (4), daughter, scholar, born Brierley Hill;

[5] *Frederick Harry Waterfield* (2), son, born Brierley Hill:

Joseph Waterfield was fined 40s and costs, on 13th June 1889, for opening during prohibited hours.

License renewal refused on 20th August 1889 after *Joseph Waterfield* had received three convictions, and it closed.

HOLLY BUSH +

BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Benjamin Greenfield [1818]

NOTES

Benjamin Greenfield was also the constable. [1818]

Check OLD BUSH.

HOLLY BUSH +

BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Edward Pitt [1818]

NOTES

Edward Pitt was also a blacksmith. [1818]

HOLLY BUSH +

BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Isaac Mullett [] - **1867**);
William Horton (**1867** - []

HOLLY BUSH +

BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William Hubble [] - **1871**);
Arthur Turner (**1871** - []

HOLLY BUSH

15, Bell Street, PENSNETT

OWNERS

Earl of Dudley

Atkinsons Brewery Ltd. (acquired c. 1897)

Rose Dunn (acquired in 1928 for £750)

Daniel Batham and Son Ltd. (acquired on 17th February 1965)

LICENSEES

Stephen Southall [1870]

Mrs. Mary Southall [1872] – **1891**);

Walter Watts (**1891 – 1897**);

William Hinton (**1897 – 1899**);

George Dunn (**1899 – 1911**);

Mrs. Rose Dunn (**1911 – 1944**);

Isaac Guest (**1944 – 1958**);

Garibaldi Tanner (**1958 – 1959**);

John Henry Jennings (**1959 – 1961**);

Gordon Henry Munday (**1961 – 1966**);

Leslie Meacham (**1966 – 1968**);

James Thorburn (**1968**);

Edna Cartwright (**1968 – 1969**);

William Henry Dews (**1969 – 1971**);

John Richard Arthur Kitson (**1971 – 1973**);

John Davis (**1973 – 1980**);

Winifred Mary Davis (**1980 – 1983**);

Alan Stride (**1983 – 1985**);

Steven Macdonald Suttie (**1985 – 1987**);

Christopher Holloway (**1987 – 1989**);

Gillian Llewelyn Hipkiss (**1989 – 1990**);

Andrew Richard Carnell (**1990 – []**)

Graham Colin Brown [1993]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

It was a home brew house.

Mrs. Mary Southall, beer retailer, Pensnett [1872]

1881 Census

Bell Street – HOLLY BUSH

[1] *Mary Southall* (64), widow, beer retailer, born Shropshire;

[2] *Fanny J. Southall* (23), daughter, domestic, born Kingswinford;

[3] *Agnes Knight* (13), general servant, born Kingswinford:

1911 Census

15, Bell Street

- [1] *George Dunn* (43), beerhouse keeper, born Darlaston;
- [2] *Rose Dunn* (42), wife, married 21 years, born Darlaston;
- [3] *Lucy Dunn* (19), daughter, born Darlaston;
- [4] *Rose Dunn* (16), daughter, dairy works, born Hill Top, West Bromwich;
- [5] *Elsie Dunn* (14), daughter, born Hill Top, West Bromwich;
- [6] *George Dunn* (13), son, school, born Hill Top, West Bromwich;
- [7] *Florence Dunn* (7), daughter, school, born Pensnett;
- [8] *Fanny Groves* (72), widow, visitor, born Darlaston;
- [9] *Alice Nicholls* (38), domestic servant, born Tipton:

George Dunn died in 1911.

Mrs. Rose Dunn, beer retailer, Bell Street. [1912]
She died on 2nd June 1944.

Plans were approved, for improvements to the sanitary arrangements, at the adjourned Licensing Meeting, on 4th March 1930.

A wine license was granted on 1st January 1938.

A team from here took part in the Pensnett and Bromley Crib League. [1946]

Full alehouse license granted on 25th April 1960.

Andrew Carnell was married to *Theresa*.

It closed in 1999.
Demolished



c. 1980s

HOLLY BUSH

Cradley Forge, QUARRY BANK

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Lucy Talbot [1835]

HOPE TAVERN

Brettell Lane, (Dingle), Lower Delph, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

William Rollinson, The Delph, Brierley Hill
Brierley Hill Gas Co. (acquired in 1890)

LICENSEES

Joseph Radford [1845] – [1862]
George Radford [1870] – **1875**;
Hannah Radford (**1875 – 1878**);
Joseph Grove (**1878 – 1882**);
Thomas Cartwright (**1882 – 1907**):

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

Joseph Radford = Joseph Bradford

1851 Census

Lower Brettell Lane

- [1] *Joseph Radford* (56), victualler, born Kingswinford;
- [2] Nancy Radford (52), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] Richard Harris (36), lodger, widower, puddler of iron, born Stourbridge;
- [4] Lavinia Harris (13), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [5] Eliza Harris (11), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [6] Selena White (16), servant, born Kingswinford:

Brierley Hill Advertiser 11/9/1858

“At two o’clock yesterday afternoon T. M. Phillips, Esq. (coroner), held an inquest at the BELL INN, Delph, on the body of Nancy Radford, aged 60, wife of *Joseph Radford* of the Delph, licensed victualler
On Tuesday the 24th of last month deceased sustained a compound fracture of the leg by a fall from a bench in the kitchen. She was lying on it, and her head becoming light she fell to the ground, a distance of only a foot. Mr. Norris was immediately called in, set her leg, and continued in attendance till her death on Tuesday last, at about seven o’clock in the morning. The principal witness examined was the sister of the deceased, and she stated that she considered her sister’s death had been caused by the injuries she had received by the fall, accelerated by excessive drinking. A verdict to that effect was returned accordingly.”

1861 Census

Brettell Lane

- [1] *Joseph Radford* (66), nail master and victualler, born Kingswinford;
- [2] Mary Radford (68), wife, born Alveley, Shropshire;
- [3] Elizabeth Richards (31), general servant, born Wolverley, Worcestershire;
- [4] Mary Ann Head (17), general servant, born Kingswinford:

George Radford, beer retailer, Lower Delph. [1872]

1881 Census

Lower Delph

- [1] *Joseph Grove* (47), publican, born Bromsgrove;
- [2] *Hannah Grove* (46), wife, born Witley, Worcestershire;
- [3] *John Radford* (21), stepson, bottle blower, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Benjamin Radford* (16), stepson, general labourer, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Mary Jane Grove* (16), daughter, barmaid, born Ombersley;
- [6] *George Grove* (8), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Walter Grove* (6), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [8] *George Radford* (6), stepson, scholar, born Kingswinford:

[It appears that Hannah Radford may have been the widow of George, and was remarried to Joseph Grove.]

The license was removed to the ALBION, Pensnett on 23rd March 1907, and the house closed at 10pm. It became a private house.

HOPE AND ANCHOR

23, Bower Lane, QUARRY BANK

OWNERS

William Folkes
Thomas Cartwright
Arthur Billingham
Nock and Co. (acquired c. 1936)
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

LICENSEES

William Folkes [1854]
Elijah Robinson [] - **1858**);
Daniel Baker (**1858** - []
Noah Allport [1861] - **1865**);
Richard Newman (**1865** - [1870]
John Fellows [1869] - **1870**);
James Sidaway (**1870** - **1873**);
William Folkes (**1873** - **1876**);
Fanny Folkes (**1876** - **1878**);
Thomas Cartwright (**1878** - **1886**);
Mary Stevens (**1886** - **1890**);
Mrs. Elizabeth Adkins (**1890** - **1892**);
George Nock (**1892** - **1898**);
Arthur Billingham (**1898** - **1905**);
William Henry Cook (**1905** - **1915**);
Mrs. Jane Taylor (**1915** - [1940]
Frank Tate []
Dave Hopton [c.1975]
Clara Haywood [1976]
D J Morgan [1983]

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Brierley Hill Advertiser 30/1/1858 - Advert

“HOPE AND ANCHOR INN, Bower Lane, Quarry Bank. To be Let, and may be entered upon immediately, the above well known Old-Licensed Public House. To Treat for the same, and further particulars, apply to Elijah Robinson, VICTORIA INN, Cradley.”

Stourbridge Observer 7/7/1866

“On Monday last, at the Public Office [Wordsley], *Thomas* (sic) *Newman*, landlord of the HOPE AND ANCHOR, Quarry Bank, was charged by Superintendent Mills with keeping his house open for the sale of beer, on Sunday 24th ult. Thomas Davis proved that he went into defendant’s house at 25 minutes to twelve. He saw three men in the house, drinking ale.

Defendant stated that he did not know what the time was, and said that the information was laid through a man named Tibbetts, whom he had summoned up for an assault. Ordered to pay costs.”

HOPE AND ANCHOR INN, BOWER LANE, QUARRY BANK.

TO be LET, and may be entered upon immediately, the above well-known OLD-LICENSED PUBLIC-HOUSE.—To Treat for the same, and further particulars, apply to ELIJAH ROBINSON, Victoria Inn, Cradley.

Advert 1858

Stourbridge Observer 27/11/1869

“*John Fellows*, the HOPE AND ANCHOR, Quarry Bank, was charged by Superintendent Mills with refusing to admit the police into his house, on the 21st inst.

Police-constable Breton said he visited defendant’s house at twenty minutes past twelve, and saw a girl come from defendant’s house with a jug of ale. Witness then went to the door, and heard it shut and locked. He rattled the door and called out, ‘Police.’ The defendant and some woman came to the bow window and looked through it. He then heard some men going up some steps. He went round to the back and saw three men go into a brewhouse with a jug of ale and some woman shut the brewhouse.

Defendant said, in answer to the charge, that he was at dinner and did not hear the police knock.

Defendant was then further charged with selling beer before the hour of half past twelve.

Police-constable Breton proved that he saw a girl come out with a jug of ale. She put it under her apron.

Mr. Spooner said defendant had committed a very grave offence in not admitting the police, and he should fine him £2 for that offence, and costs; and would tell him that if he came before him again he would fine him the full penalty.”

James Sidaway = James Siddaway

William Folkes = William Foulkes

1881 Census

Bower Lane – HOPE AND ANCHOR INN

- [1] *Thomas Cartwright* (42), licensed victualler, born Cradley Heath;
- [2] *Mary Cartwright* (38), wife, born Quarry Bank;
- [3] *Charles Skidmor Cartwright* (17), son, spade maker, born Quarry Bank;
- [4] *George Cartwright* (15), son, spade maker, born Quarry Bank;
- [5] *Caroline Carwright* (12), daughter, scholar, born Quarry Bank;
- [6] *Mary Sophia Cartwright* (9), daughter, scholar, born Quarry Bank;
- [7] *Sarah Cartwright* (7), daughter, scholar, born Quarry Bank;
- [8] *Ann Cartwright* (4), daughter, scholar, born Quarry Bank;
- [9] *Clara Cartwright* (11 months), daughter, born Quarry Bank:

1891 Census

Bower Lane – HOPE AND ANCHOR INN

- [1] *John Sherwin* (60), widower, brewer, born Stourbridge;
- [2] *George Sherwin* (25), iron plate worker, born Cradley Heath;
- [3] *Phoebe Sherwin* (17), barmaid, born Quarry Bank;
- [4] *Joseph Adkins* (39), son in law, railway signalman, born Cropredy, Oxfordshire;
- [5] *Elizabeth Adkins* (33), daughter, born Quarry Bank;
- [6] *Mary A. Adkins* (11), granddaughter, born Quarry Bank;
- [7] *Clara Adkins* (9), granddaughter, scholar, born Quarry Bank;
- [8] *Ada Adkins* (7), granddaughter, scholar, born Quarry Bank;
- [9] *Maud Adkins* (5), granddaughter, scholar, born Quarry Bank;
- [10] *Alice W. Guttery* (15), domestic servant, born Quarry Bank:

County Express 6/1/1900

“Sick and Draw Clubs.....

HOPE AND ANCHOR, Quarry Bank – Upwards of 40 attended the annual dinner of this club. The dividend amounted to 13s 9d per member. A smoking concert followed. Mr. Harry James was chairman, and the following contributed to the programme: Messrs. H. Moore, Dunn, A. Hill, W. Grosvenor, and others. Mr. W. Curry accompanied.”

County Express 20/1/1900

“On Saturday upwards of 40 members of the ‘Lilly in the Bower’ Lodge of the Free Gardeners dined together at the HOPE AND ANCHOR INN, for the purpose of giving a hearty send-off to Bro. Benjamin James, a reservist who has been called upon for active service. Mr. S. Yardley presided, and wished Bro. James every success and a speedy return home. He was presented with a briar pipe in case, tobacco, and match box, with a purse, subscribed by the members and friends of the lodge. The meeting afterwards took a convivial turn, Messrs. N. Brooks, J. Billingham, D. Nook, S. L. Dunn, and W. Taylor contributing to the entertainment. A vote of thanks was passed to the host and hostess.”

1901 Census

23, Bower Lane

- [1] *Arthur Billingham* (42), innkeeper, born Quarry Bank;
- [2] *Lucinda Billingham* (44), wife, born Quarry Bank;
- [3] *Ernest W. Billingham* (18), son, clerk, born Quarry Bank;
- [4] *Ethel Billingham* (16), daughter, born Quarry Bank;
- [5] *Frank Billingham* (13), son, office boy, born Quarry Bank;
- [6] *William A. Billingham* (10), son, scholar, born Quarry Bank;
- [7] *Herbert Billingham* (8), son, scholar, born Quarry Bank;
- [8] *Martha Hadlington* (17), domestic servant, born Quarry Bank:

County Express 1/6/1901

“The members of lodge ‘Lily in the Bower’ of Free Gardeners held their annual dinner on Whit-Monday at the HOPE AND ANCHOR INN, Bower Lane, when Mr. *Billingham* (host) provided a capital repast. The attendance included the Rev. T. J. McNulty and Dr. White. The vicar made a speech on the importance of friendly societies, and strongly urged upon all young men the desirability of joining some such society as this; and he described not only the material but the moral, intellectual, and social advantages to be derived by so doing.”

County Express 11/1/1902

“At the third annual dinner of the HOPE AND ANCHOR INN (Mr. *Arthur Billingham*’s), upwards of 60 members sat down to an excellent repast. Afterwards Mr. Thomas Walters presided over the evening’s proceedings, and declared a club dividend of 16s 9d, which was considered very satisfactory. Mr. Albert Yardley made a presentation to their hon. secretary, Mr. A. Billingham, of a black ebony silver mounted walking stick, which was subscribed for by the members in appreciation of his services. Mr. Billingham suitably acknowledged the present. A vote of thanks was passed to the host and hostess for their excellent catering. Songs were given by Messrs. A. Hill, W. Taylor, B. Allwood, J. Howells, and Dunn Brothers, in their famous song, the Herring Pie, and also Mr. J. C. Whiley gave a ventriloquial display with his Ally Sloper. Votes of thanks to the chairman and vice-chairman were tendered.”

Arthur Billingham was a committee member of Brierley Hill and District Licensed Victuallers’ Association.
[1902]

Alteration Order granted on 2nd June 1904.

1911 Census

Bower Lane – HOPE AND ANCHOR

- [1] *William Henry Cook* (44), brickwork foreman and licensed victualler, born Crook, Durham;
- [2] *Martha Cook* (43), wife, no birthplace given;
- [3] *Gertrude Cook* (22), daughter, assisting in the business, born Stambermill;
- [4] *William Cook* (19), son, fuser, enameling, born Stambermill;
- [5] *Ethel Cook* (17), daughter, school teacher, born Stambermill;
- [6] *Percy Cook* (12), son, school, born Lyde Green;
- [7] *John Cook* (12), son, school, born Lyde Green;
- [8] *Doris Cook* (7), daughter, school, born Lyde Green;
- [9] *George Cook* (5), son, school, born Quarry Bank;
- [10] *Clarence Cook* (2), son, at home, born Quarry Bank:

Frank Tate was the brother of Joe Tate (Aston Villa player), and wicket keeper for Stourbridge CC.

It was renamed POT O' BEER [1990]

Closed

HOP POLE

South Street, Delph, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Joseph Radford [1864] – [1871]

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

1871 Census

South Street

- [1] *Joseph Radford* (43), widower, innkeeper, born Halesowen;
- [2] *Prudence Radford* (18), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Elizabeth Radford* (14), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Joseph Radford* (12), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *Joshua Radford* (10), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [6] *Matilda Radford* (8), daughter, born Brierley Hill:

Closed

HORSESHOE

85, (31), High Street, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Lord Dudley [1822]
Pearsall and Son [1849]
Daniel Plant, Brierley Hill
Showells Brewery Ltd. [1890]
Ind Coope Ltd. (leased July 1935)
Marsh and Baxter Ltd. (acquired on 7th October 1936)
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. (leased) [1960]

LICENSEES

Mrs. Ann Pearsall [1822] – [1845]
Pearsall and Son [1849]
James Pearsall [1851] – [1854]
William Humphries [c. 1857]
Mrs. Ann Addenbrooke [1860] – **1869**);
Thomas Plant (**1869 – 1874**);
Isaac Newton (**1874 – 1887**);
Frances Newton (**1887 – 1889**);
James Job Ecclestone (**1889 – 1890**);
William James Lawrence (**1890 – 1892**);
Robert Martin (**1892 – 1893**);
Richard Clifford Hartill (**1893 – 1896**);
Samuel George Morgan (**1896 – 1904**);
Benjamin Wilkinson (**1904 – 1908**);
Daniel Westwood (**1908 – 1912**);
Robert William Sheldon McGill (**1912 – 1923**);
Albert Edward Bowkley (**1923 – 1930**);
Sidney Thomas Raybould (**1930 – 1934**);
Thomas Richard Beaman (**1934 – 1936**);
Mrs. Doris Irene Beaman (**1936 – 1945**);
William James Hall (**1945 – 1947**);
Ernest Humphries (**1947 – 1952**);
Ernest Hale (**1952 – 1953**);
Ernest Humphries (**1953 – 1957**);
Francis John Braden (**1957 – 1959**);
Ivan Victor Willetts (**1959 – 1962**);
Patrick Joseph Magee (**1962 – 1963**);
Norman Johnson (**1963 – 1966**);
Harry Strickland (**1966 – []**)

NOTES

31, High Street [1871], [1872], [1881], [1891]
85, High Street [1916], [1940]

It was situated next door to the Palace Theatre.

WANTED, a **SERVANT GIRL**, one who has been accustomed to the public business preferred; a good character indispensable. Apply at the Horse Shoe Inn and Market House, Brierley-Hill.

WANTED, a **SERVANT**, to Groom and drive, also to manage a small Garden and wait at table. A quiet, Cheap **HORSE** is wanted. Enquire at Round Oak Inn for address.

Adverts 1856

WANTED, as **In-door Servant**, a **Steady Young MAN**, to make himself generally useful. One from the country would be preferred.—Apply at the Horse Shoe Inn, Brierley-Hill.

Advert 1857

UNRESERVED SALE AT THE HORSE SHOE INN, BRIERLEY-HILL.

M from Mr. Samuel Salt, of Halesowen, to **SELL** by **PUBLIC AUCTION**, on **MONDAY**, October 6th, 1857, a large quantity of Men's, Women's, Girls', and Boys' **WEARING APPAREL**, comprising Coats, Overcoats, Trousers, and Vests; Shawls, Gowns, Gown-pieces, Mantles, and Handkerchiefs; Beds, Bed Linen, Sheets, Blankets, and counterpanes; Bedsteads, Cloaks, Watches, and Gold Rings; Bugles, Ophiclede, Dulcimer, Glazier's Portable Board and Glass, Child's India Rubber Jumper, and numerous other effects, removed, as above, for convenience of sale.—Sale to commence at Eleven o'clock in the morning.

Parties in want of Wearing Apparel will find this a good opportunity.

Advert 1857

HORSE SHOE INN,

situate in the centre of Brierley Hill, close to the junction of five Streets, and fronting High street and Moor-street, Brierley Hill. These Premises comprise spacious Spirit Vaults (42ft. long by 19ft. wide), with double frontage to High-street and Moor-street, and side entrance to the Market Place; Bar Parlour, excellent Smoke Room (21ft. by 13ft.), Parlour, Kitchen, Pantry, Cooking Kitchen, fitted up with two boilers and soft water pump; six Chambers, Spirit Room and Closet, two Staircases, spacious and lofty

CONCERT ROOM

(56ft. long by 21ft. wide, independent of Stage 21ft. by 10ft.; also a well-arranged Gallery, 15ft. by 21ft., with Bar and two Dressing Rooms), four good Cellars, Brew-house, Malt Room, paved Yard, with hard water pump; Stabling for Eight Horses, and Store Room, now in the occupation of Mrs. Addenbrooke. Also, all that excellent

Advert 1869

HORSESHOE [1822], [1869]
HORSE SHOE AND VICTORIA MUSIC HALL [1872]
THREE HORSESHOES [1940]

Tokens were issued for 'HORSE SHOE CONCERT HALL'.

It had a six-day license.

William Fowler's 1822 map shows the HORSE SHOE INN and boiler manufacturer.

James Pearsall was also a gasometer and steam engine boiler and iron boat manufacturer. [1854]

Brierley Hill Advertiser 26/7/1856 - Advert

"Wanted, a Servant Girl, one who has been accustomed to the public business preferred; a good character indispensable. Apply at the HORSE SHOE INN and Market House, Brierley Hill."

Brierley Hill Advertiser 23/5/1857 - Advert

"Wanted, an In-door servant, a steady young man to make himself generally useful. One from the country would be preferred. Apply at the HORSE SHOE INN, Brierley Hill."

Brierley Hill Advertiser 17/10/1857 - Advert

"Unreserved Sale at the HORSE SHOE INN, Brierley Hill. Mr. Hawkins has received instructions from Mr. Samuel Salt, of Halesowen, to Sell by Public Auction, on Monday, October 26th 1857, a large quantity of Men's, Women's, Girls' and Boys' Working Apparel....."

Brierley Hill Advertiser 30/1/1858 - Advert

"Wanted, a strong Girl, as servant of all Work, one who has been accustomed to a Public House – Apply at the HORSE SHOE INN, Brierley Hill."

Ann Addenbrooke = Ann Addenbrook = Ann Addinbrook

1861 Census

High Street – HORSE SHOE INN

- [1] *Ann Addenbrook* (52), widow, victualler, born Himley;
- [2] *Joseph Addenbrook* (22), son, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Martha Humphries* (13), niece, scholar, born Dudley;
- [4] *Eliza Broly* (24), house servant, born Clent;
- [5] *James Turley* (18), ostler, born Wolverhampton;
- [6] *John Davis* (52), boarder, hatter, born Montgomery;

Dudley Herald 12/6/1869 - Advert

"To be sold by auction at the house of Mrs. *Addenbrooke*, HORSE SHOE INN all that valuable property known as the HORSE SHOE INN, High Street, Brierley Hill situate in the centre of Brierley Hill, close to the junction of five streets and fronting High Street and Moor Street premises comprise spacious Spirit Vaults (42' long by 19' wide) with double frontage to High Street and Moor Street and side entrance to the Market Place, Bar Parlour, excellent Smoke Room (21' by 13'), Parlour, Kitchen, Pantry, Cooking Kitchen (fitted with two boilers and soft water pump), six chambers, spirit room and closet, two staircases, spacious and lofty concert room (56' x 21' wide, independent of stage 15' x 21') with bar and two dressing rooms, four good cellars, brewhouse, malt room, paved yard with hard water pump, stabling for 8 horses and store room. Now in the occupation of Mrs. *Addenbrooke*."



Stourbridge Observer 9/7/1870

“Wordsley Institute Picnic. On Monday last a picnic under the auspices of the above institution, was held in Prestwood Park, by the kind permission of J. H. W. Foley, Esq. The building of the Institute was purchased some twelve years since, and upon which there remains at present a debt of £200. It was to liquidate this debt that the picnic was held. The place selected was an admirable one for the purpose, but, unfortunately, the weather not being very fine, the fete was not so great a success as was anticipated. A good number of members and friends of the Institute assembled together and formed themselves into a procession, which was considerably augmented by a number of the glass trade who were desirous of helping them.

Three bands accompanied the procession – the Stourbridge Drum and Fife Band, the Pensnett Victoria Band, and the Bilston Temperance Band, and marched through Stourbridge en route to Prestwood. There was also an additional attraction there in the way of a glass exhibition of the manufacturers of the district. The chief contributors were Messrs. Hodgetts, Richardson, Pargeter, Davis and Co. These firms exhibited a variety of drawing and dining room flower and dessert stands. There were several beautiful glass epergnes, one of which contained several small dishes supported by gilt arms, and ornamented with twisted glass chains. A beautiful vase decorated with emerald jewels, was also very attractive. Messrs. Davis and Co exhibited a variety of frosted vases, and coloured flint glass. Mr. Muckley exhibited a richly engraved jug. Mr. A. Hill (son of the late Mr. J. S.C. Hill, of London), exhibited several pieces of works of industry, among them being two cases of blotting books made of card, one containing 314 pieces, and the other containing 252 pieces, all of which were cut with a pocket knife. There was also a good show of flowers, some of which were very choice, sent by Mr. Godfrey, of Stourbridge.

The various amusements were well patronized during the day, the bands playing at intervals. The refreshments were provided by Mr. Dutton, of Stourbridge, and Mr. *Plant*, the HORSE SHOE INN, Brierley Hill.”

Stourbridge Observer 21/1/1871

“On Thursday afternoon, Mr. Deputy Coroner Phillips opened an inquiry at the HORSE SHOE INN, Brierley Hill, respecting the death of William Pagett (71), a shoemaker, who died suddenly, on Tuesday, at his residence, in Parkes Street.

Sarah Ann Bundy, a neighbour, stated that deceased had been ailing for some time, and that on the day in question he appeared to be worse. The Relieving Officer (Mr. Finney) was sent for on Tuesday, but he did not come or send a note for the doctor.

Mrs. Roberts said the deceased had not been able to earn his living for some time past, and he had not applied for relief.

Sarah Ann Rigby (13), deposed that she used to run errands for the deceased. He was not well on Tuesday last, and he sent her to Mr. Finney’s for a doctor’s note. She accordingly went to the Relieving Officer’s house, and made known the object of her visit. Mr. Finney said, ‘I cannot now, you must come tomorrow morning at ten o’clock.’ It was then half past one. Witness said, ‘But he is nearly dead.’ Mr. Finney repeated that she must come on the following day. He added, ‘He must send some one older than you are in the morning to tell me his (Pagett’s) age.

The Coroner (to witness): Did you tell the Relieving Officer (Mr. Finney) how very ill the man was?

Witness: Yes, sir; I said he was nearly dead. I asked him to come and see Mr. Pagett, or give me a note for the doctor.

Mr. Finney replied, ‘I can’t awhile, as I have to go to Stourbridge.’

The Coroner: Did you not go on the following morning? – Witness: No, sir, because Mr. Pagett was dead.

The Coroner: Did Mr. Finney come at all? – Witness: I think not.

The Coroner: Did any doctor come? – Witness: No, sir.

It was stated by a witness that Mr. Finney did not visit the deceased’s house till that (Thursday) morning.

The Coroner said that Mr. Finney ought to have attended to the case as soon as it was reported to him, or have sent a note for the doctor. He could only say that if a doctor had been called, and had given evidence that the man’s death was in any way attributable to the Relieving Officer’s neglect, he (the Coroner) should have directed the jury to have returned a verdict of Manslaughter. It was the duty of Finney to attend to the wants of the poor, in cases of that kind, and he recommended the jury to append to their verdict a caution that Finney should be more attentive in future.

Ultimately the jury returned the following verdict:-

That William Pagett died from Natural Causes, but the jury consider that Finney, the Relieving Officer, should have made immediate inquiries on receiving a report that a man was lying in a dangerous state, nearly dead, and that it would have been more satisfactory if a surgeon had been requested to attend the man at once.”

1871 Census

31, High Street

- [1] *Thomas Plant* (27), married, licensed victualler, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Amy Richards* (16), barmaid, born Stourbridge;
- [3] *Ann Cogzell* (20), general servant, born Oldswinford;
- [4] *Ann Jones* (22), brewer, &c, born Dudley;

Stourbridge Observer 8/2/1873

“A private meeting of ironworkers was held on Monday, at the HORSE SHOE INN, Brierley Hill. The object of the meeting we believed was to discuss local grievances, and to hear an address from Mr. Kane. After the chairman had been elected, the first business consisted in the appointment of two representatives to be on the Conciliation Board for the next twelve months. Mr. D. Harper of Corngreaves, and Mr. J. Bennitt of Primrose were elected. One of the grievances alluded to was the dispute at the Round Oak about a patent furnace. It was announced that a satisfactory termination was likely to be arrived at, inasmuch as the working of the furnace during the next month was to be regarded as an experiment, and that there were to be two puddlers and two underhands at each furnace, to work eight heats as a shift, instead of two men working six heats at a shift. After hearing addresses from Messrs. Kane and Copper, it was resolved:-

(1) That this meeting deeply sympathises with the sufferings of the ironworkers in South Wales, who are members of the association, and hereby resolves to assist them out of the funds, and by voluntary effort.

(2) That we resolve to canvass the district, and appeal to the general public for additional support to assist those who are not members.

Some time was then occupied in discussing the wages question, and eventually it was resolved, ‘That this meeting approves of the policy adopted by the North of England Board of Arbitration and Conciliation, on the question of the sliding scale, in agreeing to further suspend the October, 1871, arrangement, by which they had sacrificed an advance of 2 ½ per cent, up to March 31st, in order to equalise the prices of both districts, and to enable the standing committee of the Northern Board to communicate with the Employees and Workmen’s Committee of this district, by way of arriving at a satisfactory basis, which will apply to both districts in the future, as to the rate of wages to be paid.’”

Stourbridge Observer 16/8/1873

“On Monday morning a mass meeting of ironworkers was held at the HORSE SHOE INN, High Street, and several resolutions in favour of unity, and union business was passed. Messrs. John Bennett, David Harper, and Christopher Turner, were elected the official delegates to attend the forthcoming conference of masters and men. – It was unanimously agreed that the local district funds should not be sent to the general fund.”

Midland Advertiser 9/2/1878 - Advert

“Walter Showell, Crosswells’ Brewery, Oldbury / Has the pleasure to inform his friends and customers of Oldbury and District, that he has given up the Agency of Messrs. W. A. Gilbey. He has been induced to so in consequence of the rapid increase of business, which has far outgrown the limits to which agencies of this kind usually attach, and which has consequently rendered it necessary for him to purchase in the open market, in order to meet the requirements of his customers. In doing so he has confined his purchases to Importers of the first class only, and being in a position to obtain the most favourable terms, and finds himself able to offer an article very far superior, in that he has been hitherto able to do in his capacity as Agent. In order to give every facility for the prompt attention of Orders, he has arranged for a stock of each quality of Wines and Spirits to be kept at the / ROYAL OAK INN / King Street, Wednesbury / Where / Mr. *William Hupton* / Will be happy to supply any order that may be entrusted to him / Wholesale and Family Orders forwarded to the Crosswells Brewery will receive prompt attention / Agents: Mr. *T. Taft*, TALBOT HOTEL, Cradley Heath.
Mr. *Isaac Newton*, HORSESHOE INN, Brierley Hill.
Mr. *Thomas Barnes*, LION HOTEL, Bilston.
Mr. *Daniel Darby*, OLD BRITANNIA INN, Moxley.”

1881 Census

31, High Street

- [1] *Isaac Newton* (35), licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Frances Newton* (33), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *George Harry Newton* (7), son, scholar, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Mary Maria Windmill* (24), niece, barmaid, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *Phoebe Beckley* (23), general servant, born Brierley Hill:

1891 Census

31, High Street

- [1] *William Lawrence* (36), manager of liquor vaults, born Birmingham;
- [2] *Ellen Lawrence* (28), wife, manageress, born Birmingham;
- [3] *Amy Lawrence* (18), daughter, barmaid, born Birmingham;
- [4] *Frank Lawrence* (17), son, baker's assistant, born Birmingham;
- [5] *Rose Lawrence* (8), daughter, born Birmingham;
- [6] *Albert Lawrence* (1), son, born Birmingham;
- [7] *Ada Lawrence* (18), sister, living on her own means, born Birmingham;
- [8] *Harriet Hawe* (13), sick nurse, born Dudley;
- [9] *Samuel Mason* (17), house servant, born Brierley Hill;
- [10] *Amy Hader* (18), general servant, born Birmingham:

County Express 24/3/1900

"Brierley Hill Cricket Club. The annual dinner of the above club was held on Tuesday night, at the HORSE SHOE HOTEL, Brierley Hill, Mr. *S. G. Morgan* catering for the guests. Mr. C. O. Gallimore presided....."

County Express 31/3/1900

"William Braggington, New Street, Brierley Hill, was charged with refusing to quit the HORSE SHOES INN, on the 17th inst., and with assaulting the landlord, *Samuel George Morgan*; and Sarah Ann Braddington, his wife, was charged with assaulting *Clara Morgan*. Mr. Waldron prosecuted. It was stated that the male defendant went to the HORSE SHOES INN, and began to talk about the quality of the beer. He was requested to desist, but refused, and created so great a disturbance that the landlord ordered him out. Braggington took his jacket off, and with a blow knocked Mr. *Morgan* down. Mrs. *Morgan* came on the scene, and was proceeding to fetch a policeman when Mrs. Braggington gave her three heavy blows in the eyes. The two complainants, Sarah Cartwright, and Sarah Westwood deposed to these facts. Defendants denied being the aggressors, and called Elizabeth Stokes in support of their case. For the assaults defendants were each fined 10s and costs, or fourteen days, and the male defendant another 10s and costs, or fourteen days, for refusing to quit."

County Express 23/6/1900

"A special meeting of Brierley Hill Cricket Club was held at the HORSE SHOE HOTEL on Wednesday, to make a presentation to Mr. W. G. Chatham, who is leaving for Australia to-day (Saturday). Mr. Chatham, who is well-known on all the cricket fields of the district, learned his cricket at Wolverley Grammar School, but has, for the past three seasons, been associated with the Brierley Hill Club. As he has many times shown, he is an all-round player of more than average ability, and on the fast Australian wickets should do much better than he has done here. The presentation, which took the form of a silver cigarette case, was made by the captain, Mr. F. T. Gunn, who in a few well chosen words expressed the good wishes of the club to Mr. Chatham in his future career, and the regret he, and all had, in losing so good a man. Speeches embodying similar sentiments were also made by Messrs. H. E. Beddall and B. Casey, and Mr. Chatham suitably replied."

County Express 30/6/1900

"On Monday night the annual meeting of the supporters of the Brierley Hill Alliance Football Club was held at the house of Mr. *S. G. Morgan*, HORSE SHOES HOTEL. Mr. David Wall presided over a fair attendance....."

County Express 20/10/1900

“Mark Underhill, of Brockmoor, was charged with being drunk and disorderly on the 13th inst. Police-constable Buckley stated he was called to eject defendant from the HORSE SHOE INN, Brierley Hill, and, as defendant refused to go home, witness locked him up. Superintendent Spendlove said he bailed defendant out to appear that morning. Defendant, who did not appear was fined 5s and costs.”

1901 Census

High Street – HORSE SHOE INN

[1] *Samuel G. Morgan* (40), licensed victualler, born Birmingham;

[2] *Clara Morgan* (38), wife, born Birmingham;

[3] *Samuel G. Morgan* (13), son, born Birmingham;

[4] *Frederick V. Morgan* (11), son, born Birmingham;

[5] *Harold Morgan* (10), son, born Rhyl, Flintshire;

[6] *Alfred Morgan* (8), son, born Birmingham;

[7] *Lizzie Ball* (19), domestic servant, born Pensnett:

County Express 13/7/1901

“On Sunday afternoon, Benjamin Biddle (24), tile maker, of 29, Moor Street, Brierley Hill, committed suicide by cutting his throat with a carving knife at his home. He had been drinking heavily all the morning from a barrel in the house, and there were words between him and his wife. Once he threatened her life. At 2.30 she left to fetch some water, and upon returning found her young husband with his throat cut. Police-constable Wheatley was fetched, and Dr. Gifford, who lives nearby, was quickly present and stitched up the wound, but the windpipe was severed, and no hope was entertained for his recovery. He died at a quarter to nine the same night.

Mr. T. A. Stokes (coroner) held an inquest on the body at the HORSE SHOE HOTEL, Brierley Hill, on Tuesday morning, Mr. A. R. Warby being foreman of the jury.

Elizabeth Biddle (22) said she was the wife of the deceased. On Sunday he was at home all the morning, but would not partake of dinner. The only reason for him not having dinner was that he had been grumbling all the morning, and as soon as it was put on he walked outside.

The Coroner: What had he being grumbling over? – Witness: I cannot tell you.

At about half-past two she went to the tap to fetch some water, and upon returning in a second or two she saw his throat was cut. He rushed at her, but she did not see anything in his hand then. She ran out, and went for a neighbour.

The Coroner: When he rushed at you, was it in a threatening way? – Witness: Yes, he threatened me all the morning and had drawn a knife across the back of my neck.

She went to Mrs. Lloyd’s, next door, and Dr. Gifford was afterwards fetched, and attended him.

How long have you been married? – We were married on March 10th.

Has he been a steady man? – He had been on the booze since Thursday; he did not work on Friday or Saturday.

What made him go on the drink? – I cannot tell you, excepting that we had a few words in the afternoon, when he was angry about me asking my father to help me put some carpets down.

I am afraid I must ask you – have you had a child before you were married? – Yes, sir.

Did he know about it? – Yes, sir.

That did not prey on his mind at all? – No, sir; he has never thrown that at me. My father told him about the child, and he said he had as much love for me as if I had not had a child.

You don’t think that had anything to do with the drinking? – No, because he was so fond of the child.

You don’t know why he quarreled with you? – No, excepting that he was jealous of me asking my father. He was very jealous. If anyone came to the door for disinfectant, he would be at the back of me, and if I went up the town he would be after me several times before I could get back.

Mrs. Alice Lloyd, next-door neighbour, said she heard the deceased quarreling on Sunday morning, and also heard him dragging a box upstairs to pack his clothes in. She also heard him threaten to kill Mrs. Biddle, and she replied, ‘Oh, don’t Ben.’ She went outside, and witness heard a man go after her, and tell her to go in and do her work. She afterwards saw the deceased on the door with his throat cut, and holding a piece of paper; it was a terrible sight. Witness did not know parties till their marriage.

Police-constable Wheatley said at 2.45 he was fetched to the house, and saw deceased lying on a bench with a deep cut in his throat. Witness rendered first aid, and Dr. Gifford came in immediately afterwards. On the table witness

saw a carving knife with blood stains, and also a piece of note paper, partly covered with blood, on which were written the words, 'All through my wife.' Witness said to him, 'All through my wife,' and deceased nodded his head; he could not speak.

The Coroner said the question was the state of the man's mind. He seemed to have some unpleasantness with his wife, and seemed to have quarreled with her all the morning, and he was heard by Mrs. Lloyd to threaten to take his wife's life. The wife admitted having a child before marriage by some other man, but said he knew all about it. This must have been so because the child was there, but whether she had told the whole story they did not know. The police-constable had said he had heard that she told him it was by a single man, and it turned out to be so. The question was whether the quarrel was of such a grave nature as to unhinge his mind, and that he really did not know what he was doing. In his (the coroner's) opinion, any man who took his life must be at that moment insane; no-one would take his own life if he knew what he was doing, unless it was to avoid arrest for murder, or something of that sort.

The Jury returned a verdict that Biddle committed suicide during Temporary Insanity.

The funeral of the young man, Benjamin Biddle, took place on Thursday at the Brierley Hill Parish Church, in the presence of some two thousand people, almost all females. The widow, deceased's father, and father-in-law, and other relatives followed, and also a number of working companions who, at the close of the service, sang over the grave. The Rev. W. Jones officiated. When the funeral party left the church gates, groans were given by a large crowd."

County Express 12/10/1901

"The HORSE SHOE HOTEL Smokers.- The first of what is intended to be a series of fortnightly smokers was held at the above hotel on Tuesday, a fair number were present. The advertised chairman was unavoidably detained at a distance, and the duties were undertaken by Mr. Walter Pugh. Mr. S. Harvey, the musical director and accompanist, had arranged the following programme:- Pianoforte solo, Mr. S. Harvey; glee 'Up, quit thy bower,' Æolian Glee Singers; song, 'My fyther be a farmer,' encore; 'My Shadow,' Mr. Hinton; song, "White throat,' encore, 'Once,' Mr. H. Fullwood; song, 'The old soldier,' Mr. J. Box; glee, 'My Lady Fair,' Æolian Glee Singers; song, 'Can't you take my word,' encore, 'Girls I have met,' Mr. A Hinton; song, 'Good-night, Pretty Stars,' Mr. Fullwood; song, 'The fallen star,' Mr. A. Hinton; song, 'Out on the deep,' Mr. J. Box; glee, 'The Tack,' Æolian Glee Singers. All the items were thoroughly appreciated. A vote of thanks to the chairman, and the singing of God save the King ended a pleasant smoker. Owing to Mr. Bywater's concert held on the 22nd, it had been decided that the next smoker be on Monday, the 21st, to avoid clashing."

County Express 26/10/1901

"A very successful smoking concert was given at the HORSE SHOE HOTEL, on Monday evening, when Mr. E. Harris presided over a good attendance. Mr. Harry Pearson gave some of his best humorous songs, which proved quite a rich entertainment in them selves. Mr. George Powell was in splendid voice, singing, 'My Queen' beautifully, and Mr. Stevens' efforts were excellent and highly appreciated. Appended to the programme:- Glee, 'O, who will o'er the Downs,' Quarry Bank Glee Party; song, 'The Gladiator,' Mr. H. Stevens; humorous song, Mr. Harry Pearson; song, 'My Queen,' Mr. George Powell; glee, 'Robin Adair,' Quarry Bank Glee Party; duet, 'Excelsior,' Messrs. Powell and Stevens; humorous song (encored), Mr. G. Powell; song, 'The last watch,' Mr. G. Powell; song, 'The Bandolier,' Mr. H. Stevens. Mr. S. Harvey ably accompanied the different items."

Samuel George Morgan was a committee member of Brierley Hill and District Licensed Victuallers' Association. [1902]

County Express 8/3/1902

"A meeting in connection with the Brierley Hill Cricket Club was held on Tuesday evening, at the club-house, the LABOUR IN VAIN, when Mr. R. L. Edwards presided, the attendance including Messrs. J. Clare, R. Martin, T. Clare, W. Lamb, Fullwood, etc. It was decided to hold the annual meeting at the HORSE SHOE HOTEL on March 25th, and also resolved that a smoking concert should follow the business meeting. The club considered the question of paying members' subscriptions, which was fixed at 7s 6d, and it was further resolved to run a first and second eleven in the coming season, this being a new departure, but one which the officials contemplated would considerably strengthen the club financially and numerically. An increase of membership was reported, and it was announced that an attractive list of cricket fixtures had been arranged for the season. The meeting also decided to circularise the townspeople, asking for a more liberal measure of support."

Tipton Herald 25/4/1903

“Wanted, a good General – apply HORSESHOE, Brierley Hill.”

Tipton Herald 13/6/1903

Mr. T. A. Stokes (coroner) held an inquest on Tuesday, at the HORSE SHOE HOTEL, Brierley Hill, to inquire into the circumstances attending the death of William Brettell, of Moor Street, who died suddenly on Saturday last.

Before the jury were sworn a jurymen rose and informed the Coroner that he was rather deaf, he thought he should not be called upon to serve on the jury. He had an exemption from Stafford, of which he told the officer, but he took no notice, and insisted on him being present at the inquest.

The officer stated that he was talking to one or two of the jury, and the jurymen in question, who was standing some distance away, heard what was said.

Coroner: You hear what the officer says.

Jurymen: Yes.

Coroner: Very well then.

Annie Brettell, wife of the deceased, was the first witness. She stated that her husband was a glassmaker, and was 50 years of age. On Friday last he had his supper, consisting of potted meat, tea, and bread, about eight o'clock, and afterwards lay down on the couch and went to sleep. Witness went to bed about ten o'clock, and left deceased asleep on the couch all night, where he had often remained before. The next morning witness came down about 8.30, and found her husband dead, still lying in the same position on the couch. She at first addressed him, and inquired if he was not cold, but receiving no reply she looked closer at him, and found he was not alive. At once she called her son, who ran for the doctor, but he did not come because he said it was no use. Deceased had never complained of pains in his side, neither was he ill at the time. He only had a small supper, for he never ate much. The meat was not tinned, but home made.

Francis Brettell, the son, deposed to seeing his father dead on the sofa. When witness saw him he caught hold of his arm, and found that it was cold, and said to his mother, 'I believe my dad is gone.'

PC Tetlow also spoke as to finding deceased dead on the couch. He examined the body, and found no marks of violence upon it.

The Coroner said it was one of those cases where it was absolutely necessary to have a post-mortem examination to ascertain the actual cause of death. In his opinion there was no suspicion whatever, and the deceased died from natural causes through the failure of the heart. If the jury thought a post-mortem was necessary he could adjourn the inquiry.

A verdict of Natural Causes was returned.”

1911 Census

High Street – HORSE SHOE HOTEL

- [1] Daniel Westwood (36), hotel manager, born Quarry Bank;
- [2] Annie Westwood (36), wife, married 15 years, assisting in business, born Quarry Bank;
- [3] Horace V. Westwood (13), son, at school, born Quarry Bank;
- [4] John L. Westwood (12), son, at school, born Quarry Bank;
- [5] Winnie A. Westwood (6), daughter, at school, born Quarry Bank;
- [6] Bessy Attwood (25), barmaid, born Netherton;
- [7] Lizzie Nichols (20), general servant, born Delph;
- [8] Jonas Wolsey (62), potman, born Ireland:

Jim Driscoll (boxer, died February 1925) used the HORSESHOE as his headquarters.

Albert Edward Bowkley was an ex-boxer billed as Young Sullivan.

It closed in 1982
Demolished



HORSE SHOE

Commonside, Bromley, PENSNETT

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Humphrey Wellings [1861] – [1865]
Mary Wellings [1866]

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1861 Census

Commonside

- [1] *Humphrey Wellings* (50), publican, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Mary Wellings* (46), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Thomas Wellings* (17), son, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Humphrey Wellings* (14), son, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *William Wellings* (12), son, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Mary E. Wellings* (9), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Hannah Wellings* (7), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [8] *Emma Wellings* (4), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [9] *Henry Wellings* (4), son, born Kingswinford;
- [10] *Emma Phillips* (30), daughter, house servant, born Kingswinford:

Stourbridge Observer 4/3/1865

“At the Public Office, on Thursday last, before Captain Fletcher, *Humphrey Wellings*, licensed victualler, Bromley, was charged by superintendent Mills with having his house open on Sunday last for the sale of ale, during prohibited hours. This being his first offence, the case was not pressed, and he was discharged by paying costs.”

Stourbridge Observer 10/3/1866 - Advert

“HORSE SHOE INN, Bromley, near Brierley Hill. - To be Let, with Immediate Possession, the above well situated, Old-licensed House and Premises. The Premises consist of large Parlour and Club Room, Bar, and Kitchen, four Chambers, excellent Cellaring, large enclosed Yard, with Capital Stabling, Piggeries, &c together with about 16 Acres of Garden, Meadow and Arable Land, with growing Wheat thereupon. The whole of the land is in excellent condition, and the House is now, and has for many years been doing a capital business, and was being disposed of solely on account of the death of the Proprietor.....”

Stourbridge Observer 31/3/1866 - Advert

“Clearing Out Sale at the HORSE SHOE INN, Bromley.

To be sold by Auction, by S. Insull, on Tuesday next, April 3rd, 1866, the whole of the Public House Fixtures, Brewing Utensils, Blacksmith's and other Tools, comprising a quantity of Forms, various lengths; Screens and Seating, with Elbows; Drinking and Dining Tables, Ale Machine, complete; Ale and Spirit Measures, sixteen bushel oval Mashing Tub, oval and round Coolers, ninety gallon copper Boiler, pair of wood Vats, hogshead and half hogshead Casks, prime Worcester Hops, capital Malt Crusher, together with the Furniture belonging to *Mary Wellings*, who is giving up the business and leaving the premises.....”

THE HOTEL

PENSNETT

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Pearson [1854]

HUCKLEBERRY FINN'S

Waterfront West, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

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[1999]

JOINERS ARMS

Round Oak, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

F Preston [1858]

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Brierley Hill Advertiser 27/2/1858 - Advert

“Money Society Of A New Principle / £1 to £100, on Personal Security, on Wednesday Evenings / Every information at the Offices, next door to Mr. Waldron’s, Locks Lane; or of *F. Preston*, JOINERS ARMS, Round Oak, Brierley Hill / H. Waldron, Treasurer / *F. Preston*, *Secretary*.”

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H. WALDRON, Treasurer,
F. PRESTON, Secretary.

Advert 1858

JOLLY COLLIER

Park Street, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Henry Harper [1858]

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It had a beerhouse license.

Brierley Hill Advertiser 6/11/1858

“A beerhouse keeper, named *Henry Harper*, of the JOLLY COLLIER INN, Park Street, Brierley Hill, was summoned at the instance of Supt. Mills, for wilfully allowing gaming in his house.

The only witness called to substantiate the charge was a young man named Richard Grazebrook, a chainmaker, who deposed that on the evening of the 23rd ult, he was at the defendant’s house, and in an upstairs room he saw some men playing at cards for various sums; he went to the house again on the 25th, when he also saw gaming going on, but said that on the last-named day the men who were playing on hearing the defendant coming upstairs put the cards into their pockets.

The Bench imposed a fine of 10s, and costs, for each offence, amounting to £1 19s 6d, from which 7s 6d was awarded to the informant.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 24/12/1858

“*Henry Harper*, landlord of the JOLLY COLLIER beerhouse, in Park Street, Brierley Hill, was summoned for unlawfully keeping a pit for the purpose of cock fighting. It appears that information was received by the police that a cock fight would take place at the defendant’s house on Monday the 13th inst. Accordingly, between one and two o’clock on that day, PC Higgs, having previously considerably altered his personal appearance by blacking his face and assuming the garb of a collier, went in the house in company with another constable in plain clothes. Defendant was standing at the door, and he instantly recognised the constable in plain clothes, and gave an alarm to the assembled cock fighters within. PC Higgs, however, immediately ran upstairs, and there saw thirty or forty men witnessing a battle between a red and a black cock. As soon as they discovered the police were in the room they bolted by every possible means of egress the room afforded. The name of five, however, were ascertained in addition to the landlord, and they were accordingly summoned for being present at such an exhibition. PC Higgs also produced one of the cocks which he succeeded in capturing.

The Bench fined *Henry Harper*, the landlord, 20s and costs; and the other five, John Harper, Benjamin Lawley, Jeremiah Hickman – to whom the cock produced belonged – William Shakespeare, and John Aston, 2s 6d and costs.”

JOLLY COLLIER

18, Bromley, (Bromley Lane) / Mullett Street, (Brettell Meadow), PENSNETT

OWNERS

J. Millward, Dudley

North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd. [1900]

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1909)

LICENSEES

William John Bluck Snr. [1864] – **1871**;

William Bluck Jnr. (**1871 – 1875**);

Richard Jarvis (**1875 – 1879**);

Elijah Baker (**1879**);

Joseph H Holloway (**1879 – 1882**);

James Henry Parfitt (**1882 – 1883**);

Cornelius Parfitt (**1883 – 1902**);

William Barnett (**1902**);

William Morris (**1902 – 1903**);

Julius Garratt (**1903 – 1904**);

John Wellings (**1904 – 1921**);

Humphrey Wellings (**1921 – 1930**);

John Neath (**1930 – 1932**);

James Herbert Careless (**1932 – 1935**);

Charles Edward Banks (**1935 – 1937**);

Ernest Albert Grainger (**1937 – 1938**);

Sydney Griffiths (**1938 – [1940]**)



1994

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It was originally called the VINE until 1877.

It had a beerhouse license.

William Bluck, beer retailer, Bromley. [1864]



2007

1871 Census

Bromley Lane – VINE INN

[1] *William Bluck* (66), beerhouse keeper, born Kingsland, Herefordshire;

[2] *Sophia Bluck* (40), wife, born Dudley Port;

[3] *Mary A. Bluck* (4), daughter, born Kingswinford;

[4] *Ann Bluck* (12), granddaughter, born Kingswinford:

1881 Census

Bromley Lane – JOLLY COLLIER INN

[1] *Joseph H. Holloway* (25), glass cutter and publican, born Kingswinford;

[2] *Hannah Hollway* (24), wife, born Dudley;

[3] *Walter H. Holloway* (3), son, born Kingswinford;

[4] *Selina C. Holloway* (1), daughter, born Kingswinford;

[5] *Ada Holloway* (6 weeks), daughter, born Kingswinford:

Cornelius Parfitt married Maria Lowe.

1891 Census

Bromley – JOLLY COLLIER INN

- [1] *Cornelius Parfitt* (29), beerhouse keeper, born Pensnett;
- [2] Maria Parfitt (30), wife, born Wordsley;
- [3] Edith Parfitt (7), daughter, scholar, born Bromley;
- [4] William Parfitt (4), son, scholar, born Bromley;
- [5] James Parfitt (1), son, born Bromley;
- [6] Elizabeth L. C. Parfitt (2 months), daughter, born Bromley:

County Express 25/8/1900

“On Tuesday the annual licensing sessions were held for the Kingswinford and Wordsley division were held at the FOLEY ARMS HOTEL, when the licensing justices were: Mr. Henry Smith (chairman), Colonel J. B. Cochrane, Messrs. G. K. Harrison, J. S. Evers-Swindell, W. H. Stuart, T. Clulee, and W. Corbett.....

Mr. Garrard, of the North Worcestershire Breweries Limited, applied for sanction to carry out certain alterations to the JOLLY COLLIER, Pensnett, and as no objection was raised, the justices sanctioned the request on condition that the boundary wall at the rear of the house was raised to eight feet. Superintendent Spendlove added that the alterations were needed and these when effected, would only make it a ‘tidy’ house....”

1901 Census

18, Bromley

- [1] *Cornelius Parfitt* (40), beer retailer, born Pensnett;
- [2] Myra Parfitt (41), wife, born Wordsley;
- [3] Edith Parfitt (16), daughter, born Pensnett;
- [4] William Parfit (13), son, born Pensnett;
- [5] James Parfitt (11), son, born Pensnett;
- [6] Emily Parfitt (10), daughter, born Pensnett;
- [7] Victor Parfitt (8), son, born Pensnett;
- [8] Mary Ann Parfitt (6), daughter, born Pensnett;
- [9] Lily Parfitt (4), daughter, born Pensnett:

Julius Garratt, beer retailer, Pensnett. [1904]

Indenture dated 28/10/1909

“All that plot of land heretofore part of certain land called Brettell Meadow situate at Bromley Lane containing in the whole 600 square yards more or less. And also those three messuages or dwelling-houses with outbuildings and appurtenances thereto erected and built upon the said plot of land or some part thereof all which said messuages and premises are now used as a public-house and known as The JOLLY COLLIER.”

John Wellings, beer retailer, Bromley. [1912]

A wine license was granted on 3rd February 1936.

[1986]

Closed

It became Acorn Dance Studios.

It was demolished in 2007.

KINGS ARMS

58, (37), Brettell Lane, Silver End, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Mrs. M. Hammond, Cobden Street, Wollaston
Elwell, Williams
Smith and Williams

LICENSEES

John Smith [1834] – [1835]
John Webb [1845] – [1851]
Mrs. Elizabeth Webb [1851] – [1870]
William Williams [] – **1870**;
James Brace Rhodes **(1870 – 1879)**;
Joseph Morris **(1879 – 1885)**;
Mary Ann Morris **(1885 – 1887)**;
Edward Cooper **(1887 – 1896)**;
Mary Ann Cooper **(1896 – 1901)**;
David Round **(1901 – 1908)**;
Thomas Henry Palmer **(1908 – 1909)**;
Edwin Tyrer **(1909 – 1910)**;
Frances Susannah Wood **(1910 – 1914)**;
William Benjamin Wood **(1914 – 1915)**;
Thomas Stephen West Good **(1915 – 1917)**;
Samuel Bratt [] – **1916** tenant
Thomas Henry Dulson **(1917 – 1920)**;
Emily Agnes Shirt **(1920 – 1921)**; manager
Charles Perks **(1921)**;



Licensee William Benjamin Wood

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37, Brettell Lane [1892], [1896], [1904], [1912]
58, Brettell Lane [1916], [1921]

1851 Census

Brettell Lane

- [1] *Elizabeth Webb* (45), widow, licensed victualler, born Ludlow;
- [2] Henry Webb (17), son, tram turner, born Kingswinford;
- [3] Jane Webb (16), daughter, barmaid, born Kingswinford;
- [4] Fanny Webb (12), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [5] William Jones (11), visitor, scholar, born Ludlow;
- [6] James Suttey (59), lodger, carpenter, born Rockbeer, Devonshire:

1861 Census

Brettell Lane – KINGS ARMS INN

- [1] *Elizabeth Webb* (55), widow, licensed victualler, born Ludlow;
- [2] Henry Webb (27), son, iron roller, born Kingswinford;
- [3] Fanny Hampton (22), daughter, married, born Kingswinford;
- [4] Clara Ashton (4), granddaughter, born Kinver:

James Brace Rhodes was also a mineral water manufacturer.

Stourbridge Observer 12/4/1873

“Mary Ann Lowe, a good looking young girl, was placed in the dock charged with stealing 2s 6d in silver, and a pair of sleeve links, on the 3rd ult., the property of *James Rhodes*. Mr. Waldron defended. Joseph Hancox, of the Thorns said that he went into prosecutor’s house and called for a pint of ale. Gave a girl a half crown, and received threepence in change. Could not say who the girl was. *Ann Rhodes*, landlady of the KINGS ARMS, Brettell Lane, said she heard someone at the till, and went into the bar. Asked the prisoner what she wanted. She said threepence, out of the sixpence for a pint of ale. Had previously put into the drawer a shilling and two sixpences, with some copper. Missed the shilling and two sixpences shortly after. There was no half crown in the till. Saw the prisoner going upstairs, she had nothing in her hand, but an old stocking. In a short time went upstairs again and found a white stocking under one of the door mats. There was in the stocking a pair of sleeve links, a half crown, and a shilling. Prisoner tried to take the stocking off her, and struck her in the mouth. Witness gave 1s 6d for the links some years ago. She said to her ‘now you have the money you can’t swear to it; but you may to the links.’ Prisoner struggled with witness and the latter was nearly exhausted. Cross-examined: Prisoner has authority to draw ale and receive money. I did find a half crown in the draw after. Can’t say whether it was the half crown she is charged with stealing. I afterwards had a half crown for my two shillings and threepence put into the till. I did try to search prisoner. Did not tear her dress. George Ballover did go upstairs and caught hold of the prisoner’s wrists to break her hold. Did not see Ballover strike the prisoner and knock a tooth out. The Bench did not think there was sufficient evidence to convict, and cautioned prisoner to be more careful in future.”

1881 Census

Brettell Lane

- [1] *Joseph Morris* (36), publican, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Mary Ann Morris* (28), wife, born Wall Heath;
- [3] *Ellen Cotterell* (18), domestic servant, born Brownhills:

1891 Census

37, Brettell Lane – KINGS ARMS INN

- [1] *Edward Cooper* (39), licensed victualler, born Wordsley;
- [2] *Mary Ann Cooper* (36), wife, born Wall Heath;
- [3] *Louisa Cotterill* (18), general servant. Born Brockmoor:

1901 Census

37, Brettell Lane – KINGS ARMS

- [1] *David Round* (29), innkeeper, born Langley;
- [2] *Sarah Round* (38), wife, born Pensnett;
- [3] *Florence Edmonds* (19), general servant, born Harts Hill:

1911 Census

37, Brettell Lane – KINGS ARMS INN

- [1] *Frances Susannah Wood* (51), license holder, public house, born Baddesley Ensor, Warwickshire;
- [2] *Annie Atkins Wood* (24), daughter, assisting in the business, born Baddesley Ensor, Warwickshire;
- [3] *Mary Alice Wood* (20), daughter, assisting in the business, born Baddesley Ensor, Warwickshire;
- [4] *Elizabeth Nellie Wood* (17), daughter, assisting in the business, born Baddesley Ensor, Warwickshire;
- [5] *Ernest Stanley Wood* (13), son, school, born Hurley, Warwickshire;
- [6] *Henry Wood* (12), son, school, born Hurley, Warwickshire;
- [7] *Winnie Wood* (9), daughter, born Hurley, Warwickshire;
- [8] *Ivy Wood* (4), granddaughter, born Hurley, Warwickshire:

County Express 2/12/1916

“At Brierley Hill Police Court on Monday, before Messrs. S. G. Dudley, W. J. Hinton and G. Fred James, six charges were heard against *Samuel Bratt*, the tenant of the KINGS ARMS INN, Brettell Lane. (1) with unlawfully supplying liquor to Thomas Higgs for consumption on his premises, each liquor having not been ordered and paid for by the person supplied, contrary to the provisions of the Liquor Control Orders in force in the Midlands, (2) with permitting drunkenness, (3) that between 9.30 and 11.5 p.m. he supplied Thomas Higgs with liquor, (4) supplying Eliza Higgs between these hours with liquor, (5) with permitting Thom. Higgs to consume liquor on his premises between these hours and (6) a similar offense in respect of Eliza Higgs.

Ruth *Bratt*, wife of *Samuel Bratt*, was charged with supplying between 9.30 and 11.5 intoxicating liquor to Eliza Higgs, and further with supplying liquor to Eliza Higgs to be consumed on the premises between these hours.

Samuel Bratt pleaded not guilty to all the charges, and Mrs. *Bratt* stated that she supplied Mrs. Higgs with one drink between half past eight and nine o'clock.

Mr. J. Walter Clulow prosecuted for the chief constable and Mr. J. T. Higgs (Messrs. Higgs and Son) defended.

Mr. Clulow said on Saturday night, October 21st, at 11.5, PC Webb had a conference at a point near the KINGS ARMS INN, with PC Lycett. Just before Lycett arrived Webb saw the front door of the licensed house open, a person looked up and down, and directly afterwards a man left by the side door. Webb and Lycett went to the door and knocked several times, and after a few minutes delay *Bratt* came to the door and opened it. Webb told him what he had seen, and that he was suspicious that someone else was in the house and that something wrong was going on. In the front kitchen was a mug three parts full of beer. In the back kitchen they saw Mrs. *Bratt*, the landlords wife, sitting at a table, and opposite to her was Thomas Higgs. In front of him was a mug three parts full of beer. On the couch was Eliza Higgs, his wife, lying down. Her hair was hanging over her shoulders, one of her shoes was off, and apparently she was in a state of advanced drunkenness. On the table opposite Mrs. Higgs there was a glass containing whisky. In the centre of the table were three empty stout bottles and some empty mineral water bottles. *Bratt* in reply to Webb, said Higgs and his wife were friends. Webb asked Higgs if that was his beer, and his reply was ‘Yes, the landlord has treated me to it.’ Webb spoke to Mrs. Higgs, who then got off the couch, staggered, and caught hold of the table to support herself. When Webb called *Bratt*’s attention to the woman, Mrs. Higgs said: ‘I am not drunk, I am ill; this is what I have been drinking,’ and picked up one of the mineral bottles, said: ‘I have only a quarter of whisky which Mrs. *Bratt* treated me to.’ Webb picked up the glass and passed it to Lycett; it contained whisky, and Mrs. Higgs admitted it was hers. Asked how he accounted for the woman being drunk, *Bratt* said: ‘They are friends of mine; they came in about 8.30 and at closing time we asked them to stay to supper. You cannot expect them to have supper without a drink. I drew a pint of ale before 11 o’clock, and him and me have been drinking it together.’ *Bratt* promised to get the two off the premises, whereupon the two constables left, and the landlord fastened the door. Afterwards Webb kept the house in view for 20 minutes, during which time no one came out. Webb went to the door again, and heard a bustle as though someone was being pushed along the passage. Presently *Bratt* opened the door and Webb remarked that he had not seen the people leave the premises but, *Bratt* said they had gone. Webb expressed himself not satisfied. Mrs. *Bratt* said, ‘They are not here.’ Lycett and Webb searched the house, and in a room upstairs, full of lumber, lying upon some rugs behind the door apparently asleep was Mrs. Higgs in a drunken condition. They got her downstairs, and then in the presence of the landlord, she said ‘I have got Mrs. *Bratt* to blame for this, she got me drunk and she pushed me upstairs when the police officers knocked the door.’ They brought her to the police station, and she was locked up and charged. Sgt. Challinor afterwards saw defendant and told him about the complaint respecting the woman being drunk on his premises. *Bratt* repeated about the two Higgs being friends, and also said that they did not pay for anything, that Mrs. Higgs did not have any intoxicating drink of any sort, and that Thomas Higgs had three or four drinks of ale. *Bratt* further stated that he had no idea that Mrs. Higgs was upstairs until the police came a second time. Concluding, Mr. Clulow said that his learned friend having heard the nature of the evidence to be given, might think it advisable to advise his client what to do under the circumstances.

Mr. J. T. Higgs said that before the case commenced he had suggested to his client that he should plead guilty to the charge of permitting drunkenness. This would shorten the matter subject of his making an explanation of the circumstances.

Mr. Clulow said the more serious cases were those under the Liquor Control Order and he felt bound, on behalf of the chief constable, to proceed with at least the first of these cases.

PC Webb gave evidence in keeping with Mr. Clulow’s opening statement. Thomas Higgs stated that the landlord treated him to the drink in the pint cup, which was three parts full when witness entered the back kitchen; and *Bratt* stated they could not expect these people to have supper without having a drink, further that he drew the ale before 11 o’clock. Witness also gave evidence as to the events on his second visit, and to *Bratt*’s subsequent statement that

he did not know Mrs. Higgs had gone upstairs.

PS Challinor deposed to seeing *Bratt* and gave evidence to the statement he made; and PC Haywood and PS Tunnicliffe stated Mrs. Higgs was drunk when taken by Webb to the police station.

Mr. J. T. Higgs said *Bratt* held a temporary permit at this house. He had held a former license for 16 years without conviction or complaint; he was of excellent character, and the police themselves were thoroughly satisfied as to this when he entered into possession, as a tenant, last September. As the tenant he had invested his savings in buying the fittings and fixtures at the house. After the conviction recorded in this case he would not be allowed to remain, so that he would be a considerable loser by what happened on the night of October 21st. Why were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Higgs on the premises after closing time? Under the Liquor Control Order no one could get less than a bottle of spirits out of doors. Sometimes for reasons of illness it was necessary for people to get spirits, and the proper way to do so was to get a doctor's certificate. Mrs. Higgs had been in delicate health for some time, and he had a doctor's certificate to say so. She frequently suffered from fainting fits. Her husband took her for a walk on this Saturday. She had been up all the previous night with a woman who was ill, and as she was evidently in a weak and cold state Mr. Higgs took her into the KINGS ARMS INN, a house she had never previously entered in her life. Mrs. *Bratt* gave her more whisky than perhaps she ought to have had in her state of health; at all events she collapsed through illness. They allowed her to lie down in their kitchen and provided her with a sandwich. She had nothing to drink beside one glass of whiskey. They did the best they could under the circumstances, and hoped to make her better. Doubtless they had made a mistake, but there was no desire to do wrong.

The Bench said they had no doubt about the offences being committed. For permitting drunkenness *Bratt* would be fined £4 and £2 2s solicitor's fee; and in the case of treating Thomas Higgs, *Bratt* would also be fined £10 and £2 2s, solicitor's fee. In the other cases they ordered payment of the costs, 4s 6d in each case. The total fines and costs were £19 17s.

Mr. Dudley, chairman of the Bench, said the magistrates desired him to express their view that they did not consider the owners of the house the least responsible for these infringements of the law, and for which the tenant had been found guilty.

The Magistrates Clerk: The experience of the magistrates is that the owners are very careful about their tenants;— I think I ought to add that.

Mr. Dudley: Yes

Mr. W. H. Smith (of Messrs SMITH AND WILLIAMS) mentioned that the temporary permit held by *Bratt* expired next Monday, and asked for the directions of the Bench.

Mr. Dudley stated that they would not transfer the license to *Bratt*, but if the firm presented another man on Monday it would be treated as an emergency application.

Thomas Higgs (46), blacksmith, 42, Silver Street, Brierley Hill, was then charged with consuming intoxicating liquor in the KINGS ARMS INN on October 21st between 9.30 and 11.5 p.m. and further with being on licensed premises during prohibited hours at 11.5 p.m.

Mr. Clulow prosecuted, and evidence was given by PCs Webb and Lycett.

Defendant said the beer on the table was the landlord's, and he (defendant) never touched it. He also denied saying the beer was his.

Defendant fined 20s in each case.

Eliza Higgs, wife of Thomas Higgs, was then charged with (1) being drunk on licensed premises (2) consuming intoxicating liquor contrary to the Orders and (3) being on licensed premises during prohibited hours. In the first two cases she was fined 15s each, and in the third 10s."

County Express 10/2/1917

"Brierley Hill Licensing Sessions.

KINGS ARMS, Brettell Lane. Mr. H. F. Williams, for the owners asked for the renewal of this license. Supt. Johnson said a man named *Bratt*, who had held a temporary permit was fined £10 and 45s costs for supplying intoxicating liquor which was not previously paid for and also £4 and 42s costs for permitting drunkenness in November. *Bratt* was removed from the premises before case was heard, and Mr. *Dulson* had conducted the house well.

License renewed."

County Express 12/3/1921

“Adjourned Licensing Sessions Brierley Hill.....

Redundancy was the ground upon which Superintendent Rowbotham objected to the licenses of the CROSS INN, Bromley, Pensnett, and the KINGS HEAD INN, Brettell Lane, being renewed. He stated that there were fully licensed houses and three beer houses ‘on’ in close proximity to the CROSS INN. The BULLS HEAD was only 40 yards away and the FISH 210 yards. The parish had a population of 5,576, and he maintained that the house was not wanted. *Andrew Willis* was the licensee, and to him the fixtures of the house belonged. He suggested the premises could be turned into two cottages.

The KINGS HEAD, [sic] Brettell Lane, Supt. Rowbotham submitted was not wanted. Within 500 yards of it were five fully licensed houses, and one beerhouse ‘on’. This house was not so good, commodious or convenient as the other houses. The place could be made into a dwelling house or shop. The licensee was *Emily Agnes Shirt*, who managed the house for Messrs. Smith and Williams. In this case evidence was given by Mr. R. Glanville Slater, valuer and surveyor.

Both houses were referred to the compensation authority.”

The license was referred to the Compensation Authority on grounds of redundancy.

Renewal refused on 21st July 1921.

The license was extinguished on 21st December 1921.

KINGS HEAD

15, (7), (7+8), Mill Street, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Thomas Young, tailor, Halesowen

George Harley

North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd. (leased)

William Henry Simpkins (leased)

George N. Bridgewater, Victoria Brewery, Cradley Heath (acquired c.1926)

Frederick Smith Ltd. (acquired on 3rd April 1933)

William Butler and Co. Ltd.

Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

Enterprise Inns [2009]

LICENSEES

George Harley [1868] – 1890);

Arthur Shaw (1890 – 1891);

George Harley (1891 – 1892);

Thomas Larkham (1892 – 1897);

William Edward Dutton (1897 – 1898);

Joseph Raybould (1898 – 1905);

Platt Shadrach Gollings (1905 – 1908);

Ellen Alice Wall (1908 – 1909);

Henry Harley (1909 – 1911);

George Harley (1911 – 1914);

William Henry Goring (1914 – 1927);

Frederick Lawrence 'Fred' Price (1927 – 1932);

John Bedford (1932);

Joseph Morris (1932 – 1935);

Frederick John Williams (1935 – 1936);

Henry Robbins (1936 – 1949);

Bertha Robbins (1949 – 1950);

Horace Baggott (1950 – [1953])

Vera Parkes [] – 1958);

John Francis McGrath (1958 – 1959);

George Henry Teale (1959 – 1962);

Brian William Butler (1962 – 1963);

Brian Bowkett (1963 – 1964);

Dennis Arthur Greenfield (1964 – 1966);

Donald Michael Hornby (1966 – 1967);

John Thomas Bond (1967 – 1969);

Iris Tighe (1969 – 1971);

Trevor Alexander Evans (1971 – 1973);

Michael George Arnott (1973 – 1979);

Jean Patricia Arnott (1979 – [])

Jeffrey Arrowsmith [1992] – 1993);

Lynne Moriarty (1993 – 1994);

Robert Andrew Attley (1994 – 1995);

Margaret Caroline Hudson (1995 – 1996);

Rosalind Fox (1996 – [])



1996



2015

NOTES

7+8, Mill Street [1881], [1901]

7, Mill Street [1904], [1912]

8, Mill Street [1911]

15, Mill Street [1940], [2013]

It had a beerhouse license.

A wine license was granted.

It was used for boxing training.

George Harley, beer retailer, Mill Street. [1868]

1871 Census

Mill Street

[1] *George Harley* (26), publican, born Kingswinford;

[2] *Mary Harley* (28), wife, born Kingswinford;

[3] *Sarah Harley* (2), daughter, born Kingswinford;

[4] *George Harley* (1), son, born Kingswinford:

George Harley, beer retailer, 7, Mill Street. [1872]

1881 Census

7 and 8, Mill Street

[1] *George Harley* (36), publican, born Brierley Hill;

[2] *Mary A. Harley* (38), wife, born Brierley Hill;

[3] *Caroline Harley* (14), daughter, scholar, born Brierley Hill;

[4] *Frederick Harley* (9), son, scholar, born Brierley Hill;

[5] *Mary A. Harley* (7), daughter, scholar, born Brierley Hill;

[6] *Phebey Harley* (5), daughter, scholar, born Brierley Hill;

[7] *Joseph Harley* (4), son, scholar, born Brierley Hill;

[8] *Henry Harley* (2), son, born Brierley Hill;

[9] *Walter Harley* (4 months), son, born Brierley Hill;

[10] *Sarah Longford* (66), grandmother, born Brierley Hill;

[11] *Clara Longford* (16), niece, born Brierley Hill:

1901 Census

7+8, Mill Street

[1] *Joseph Raybould* (40), publican, born Brierley Hill;

[2] *Selina Raybould* (40), wife, born Brierley Hill;

[3] *Nellie Raybould* (16), daughter, born Warrington;

[4] *Hannah Raybould* (14), daughter, born Brierley Hill;

[5] *Richard Raybould* (11), son, born Brierley Hill;

[6] *Thomas Raybould* (9), son, born Brierley Hill;

[7] *Beatrice Raybould* (6), daughter, born Brierley Hill;

[8] *Elsie Raybould* (4), daughter, born Brierley Hill;

[9] *William Arnett* (40), boarder, ironworks labourer, born Brierley Hill:

County Express 5/10/1901

“Benjamin Montgomery, young man, Oldbury Road, Smethwick, was charged with assaulting *Joseph Raybould*, landlord of the KINGS HEAD INN, Mill Street, Brierley Hill, on August 12th. Mr. J. Clulow prosecuted. Complainant stated that on August 12th defendant came to his house and solicited an order for mineral waters. Witness told him he could not oblige him as he had ordered from another firm. Montgomery persisted in asking for an order, and his conduct towards the customers was not good, and he wanted to fight witness, who told him to

behave himself. Defendant struck witness in the mouth, knocking him on his back, and then rushed from the house, got in his conveyance and drove away. When witness tried to get up he found his left ankle broken, and he had been medically attended ever since. He never attempted to strike defendant.

Ernest Scriven and William Green corroborated.

Defendant said *Raybould* invited him into the yard to have three rounds, and as witness was going defendant pushed his hat off and kicked it to the ceiling. Then three or four rushed at him, and he had to strike and clear off.

The Stipendiary said he altogether disbelieved the defendant's version. He fined defendant 40s and costs, or a month."

Joseph Raybould, beer retailer, 7, Mill Street. [1904]

1911 Census

8, Mill Street – KINGS HEAD

[1] *Henry Harley* (32), fitter, born Brierley Hill;

[2] *Edith Harley* (32), wife, married 9 years, born Tansey Green:

George Harley, beer retailer, 7, Mill Street. [1912]

William Henry Goring was also a brewer. [1921]

Fred Price was born in 1888, in Brierley Hill.

He played football for Aston FC, Wellington Street Citadels, Dudley Town, Wolverhampton Wanderers (1912 – 1920), Port Vale, and Newport County. He played at right half and outside right. He retired in 1922. He died c.1955.

See also BIRD IN HAND, and OLD BUSH.

Auction catalogue 25/10/1932

"Just off the centre of the town occupying a large area of land with approach from the rear, adjacent to the fair ground and situate at the Bus Terminus to Lye and District.....

On the Ground Floor – front smoke room with bay window, bar smoke room or vaults, back smoke room with approach from Vaults and private entrance, lounge communicating with bar, sitting room with range, scullery fitted with glazed sink, h and c water, china pantry.

On the First Floor – Spacious club room with separate approach, three well proportioned bedrooms, bathroom fitted with Lavatory, Basin, h and c water, WC.

In the Basement – Two cellars with rolling way.

In the large open yard with double gateway approach over party side approach and entrance from Cottage Street is 4-stall stable, four WC's and Urinal.

The property is held under management (Manager: *Mr. J. Bedford*)."

A full license was granted on 25th April 1951.

London Gazette 12/10/1993

"*Arrowsmith, Jeffrey*, unemployed lately carrying on business as Licensee of the KINGS HEAD Public House, Mill Street Date of Filing Petition – 23rd September 1993...."

It was a lot in the CPBigwood auction at Villa Park in September 2013.

[2015]

KINGS HEAD

136, (68), Commonsides, PENSNETT

OWNERS

James Henry Parfitt

Frederick William Jones, Oxley House, New Oxley, Wolverhampton [1936]

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. [1946]

Avebury Taverns [2002]

LICENSEES

Mary Turley [1834] – [1835]

Mrs. Mary Addenbrook [1845]

James Hughes [1849] – [1850]

Jane Hughes [1851]

James Wilkes [1854]

James W Hughes [1861] – [1865]

James Wilkes [] – **1865**);

John James (**1865** – []

John Glover [] – **1867**);

James Henry Hughes (**1867** – [1870]

William Hughes [] – **1869**);

James Baker (**1869** – **1883**);

James Henry Parfitt Snr. (**1883** – **1920**);

James Henry Parfitt Jnr. (**1920** – **1935**);

Horace Westwood (**1935** – **1937**);

Cecil John Sweetman (**1937** – [1938]

John Stokes [1940]

Edward Danks [] – **1949**);

Martin Joseph O'Brien (**1949** – **1954**);

William Leonard Chambers (**1954** – **1956**);

John Henry Taylor (**1956** – []

Michael Anthony Armstrong [1996]

NOTES

68, Commonsides [1901], [1912], [1940]

136, Commonsides [1999]

Brierley Hill Advertiser 15/8/1857

“An inquest was held on Saturday last, before W. H. Phillips, Esq, at the KINGS HEAD INN, Commonsides, on the body of James Reece, an infant, fourteen days old, the son of James Reece, a puddler. On the Tuesday evening previous the mother of the deceased, while undressing him, perceived that he bled from the navel and although every care and attention was shown him, the bleeding continued till Friday morning, when death ensued.

Verdict – Died from Natural Causes.”

1861 Census

Commonside – KINGS HEAD

- [1] *James W. Hughes* (57), widower, licensed victualler, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Mary E. Hughes* (24), daughter, office clerk, born Staffordshire;
- [3] *James N. Hughes* (23), son, house servant, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Agnes N. Hughes* (20), daughter, house servant, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Daniel P. P. Hughes* (16), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Emanuel Hughes* (14), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Mary Ann Lovell* (18), servant, born Dudley:

Henry Hughes was executor to *James Wilkes*.

James Wilkes died in 1865.

1881 Census

Commonside – KINGS HEAD

- [1] *James Baker* (74), licensed victualler, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Harriet Baker* (74), wife, born Coventry;
- [3] *Sarah Baker* (23), granddaughter, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Rebecca Cooper* (39), domestic servant, born Kingswinford:

1891 Census

Commonside – KINGS HEAD INN

- [1] *James Parfitt* (37), publican, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Mary E. Parfitt* (30), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Sarah Parfitt* (64), mother, widow, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *James H. Parfitt* (5), son, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Gilbert Parfitt* (4), son, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Morris Parfitt* (1), son, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Florence Smith* (15), domestic servant, born Kingswinford:

1901 Census

68, Commonside

- [1] *James H. Parfitt* (47), licensed victualler, born Pensnett;
- [2] *Mary Parfitt* (39), wife, born Pensnett;
- [3] *James Parfitt* (14), son, born Pensnett;
- [4] *Gilbert Parfitt* (13), son, born Pensnett;
- [5] *Maurice Parfitt* (12), son, born Pensnett;
- [6] *Dolly Parfitt* (9), daughter, born Pensnett:

County Express 6/4/1901

“Thomas Harris, of Gornal, was charged with being disorderly in the KINGS HEAD INN, Commonside, on March 25th, and with refusing to quit. *James Henry Parfitt*, landlord, said the defendant fought with a man named Mason, and would not go until the police were fetched. By Superintendent Spendlove: It was election day, and the defendant was one of ‘the imported gentlemen of Gornal.’

Defendant was fined 2s 6d and costs.

Thomas Mason, also of Gornal, was charged with a similar offence. Defendant, who was described as ‘another gentleman of Gornal,’ was fined 2s 6d and costs.”

County Express 30/11/1901

“On Tuesday evening a supper was held at the KINGS HEAD INN in connection with the recently-played benefit match. Some 33 sat down to a repast well served by the host, Mr. *J. H. Parfitt*. Following the drawing of the cloth, it was announced that the proceeds of the match had amounted to £7 10s, and that a friend had made this up to £8, this being the sum by which two invalids, Dudley Pearson and Thomas Baker, would benefit. Messrs. W. and T. Shakespeare, W. Westwood, W. Jones, J. Morris, J. Gould, and others contributed to the harmony of the evening, which was throughout was very enjoyable.”

A team from here took part in the Pensnett and Bromley Crib League. [1946]

It had a successful darts team in the 1950's.

London Gazette 28/6/1996

“*Armstrong, Michael Anthony*, Publican, of KINGS HEAD, 136, Commonsidge Date of Bankruptcy Order – 10th June 1996.....”

[2001]

It closed on 31st March 2002 (?) and was put up for sale.

It was severely damaged by arsonists in August 2003.
Demolished



1994



1997

LABOUR IN VAIN

Sun Street, Brockmoor, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

George Pearson, Oldswinford
John Pearson, maltster and beerhouse owner, Brierley Hill

LICENSEES

John Davies [1871] – **1891**);
Mrs. Druscilla Davies (**1891 – 1903**);
Thomas Reynolds (**1903 – 1910**);
George Allen (**1910 – 1912**);
Ernest Ellerton (**1912**);
Frederick Moorhouse (**1912 – 1929**);
Raymond Hemming (**1929 – 1930**);
Samuel James Staves (**1930 – 1931**);
Albert Edward Willetts (**1931 – 1932**);
Thomas Horton (**1932**):

NOTES

It was formerly the RISING SUN.

It had an ante-1869 license.

Brierley Hill Cricket Club and Brockmoor Harriers FC. played at the rear.

John Davies = John Davis

1871 Census

Brockmoor (The Moors) – RISING SUN INN

- [1] *John Davis* (58), farmer and publican, born Witton, Birmingham;
- [2] *Druscilla Davis* (55), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] Thomas Davis (20), son, glassmaker's apprentice, born Kingswinford;
- [4] Elizabeth Davis (16), daughter, assistant in house, born Kingswinford;
- [5] Ann Davis (14), daughter, born Kingswinford:

Stourbridge Observer 2/12/1871

“*John Davis*, landlord of the LABOUR IN VAIN, Brockmoor, was charged by Superintendent Mills with permitting drunkenness in his house, on the 20th of November.

Police-constable Goodfellow said that about six o'clock he visited the defendant's house. Went into one of the rooms. A number of persons was there, and it was in disorder. Went into another room, and saw two men drunk. Called the attention of the defendant to it, who said there had been some rabbit coursing, but the men were not drunk. Mr. Spooner said of the cruel things rabbit coursing was the worst. A number of rabbits have been tied up, and then let loose, and a number of dogs are set after them. One catches hold of the rabbit by the tail and another by the head, and so tear the rabbit to pieces. He considered it a most cruel thing to do, and he should try and make him keep his house better.

Defendant was then fined £5 and costs, and £5 more for not producing his certificate; but intimated to defendant that if he produced his certificate he would not fine him the second £5.”

Stourbridge Observer 5/10/1872

“*John Davis*, LABOUR IN VAIN, Brockmoor, who was shown to have been fined £5 for permitting drunkenness, was cautioned and granted his license.”

Mrs. Druscilla Davies, beer retailer, Brockmoor. [1896]

County Express 21/7/1900

“On Sunday the members of Court ‘Lily of the Moor,’ at the LABOUR IN VAIN, Brockmoor, had their annual parade. The members met in regalia at the Court-house, and headed by the Brierley Hill Excelsior Band, under Mr. Shakespeare, paraded via Sun Street, High Street, Brockmoor; John Street, Dudley Street, High Street, Brierley Hill; and Moor Street, to the Primitive Methodist Chapel at Moor Street.....”

County Express 12/10/1901

“James Wall, young man, Hulland, Brockmoor, and William Millichip, of the same address, were summoned for refusing to quit the LABOUR IN VAIN, Brockmoor, on September 30th, and Wall was also charged with assaulting Thomas Reynolds.

It appeared that Reynolds managed the house for an old lady named Mrs. *Davies*. On this night Wall and Millichip, with three or four other youths, went to the LABOUR IN VAIN suffering from the effects of excessive drinking, and were refused further supply and were told to go. Wall and Millichip were obstinate and remained behind, and upset the quiet of the house. When Reynolds attempted to eject them, Wall gave him a hard blow in the mouth, making blood flow. Wall contended that he did not assault Reynolds and that he and his friends created no disturbance.

Millichip did not appear to the summons, and a warrant for his arrest was ordered. Wall was fined 5s and costs for refusing to quit, and 10s and costs for the assault.”

County Express 8/3/1902

“A meeting in connection with the Brierley Hill Cricket Club was held on Tuesday evening, at the club-house, the LABOUR IN VAIN, when Mr. R. L. Edwards presided, the attendance including Messrs. J. Clare, R. Martin, T. Clare, W. Lamb, Fullwood, etc. It was decided to hold the annual meeting at the HORSE SHOE HOTEL on March 25th, and also resolved that a smoking concert should follow the business meeting. The club considered the question of paying members’ subscriptions, which was fixed at 7s 6d, and it was further resolved to run a first and second eleven in the coming season, this being a new departure, but one which the officials contemplated would considerably strengthen the club financially and numerically. An increase of membership was reported, and it was announced that an attractive list of cricket fixtures had been arranged for the season. The meeting also decided to circularise the townspeople, asking for a more liberal measure of support.”

Thomas Reynolds, beer retailer, Sun Street. [1904]

George Allen, beer retailer, Sun Street. [1912]

Frederick Moorhouse was a fast bowler for Warwickshire (1900 – 1908).

Plans were approved, for improvements to the sanitary arrangements, at the adjourned Licensing Meeting, on 4th March 1930.

The license was referred to the Compensation Authority on 7th March 1932.

License renewal was refused on 26th July 1932.

£1,200 compensation was paid on 24th December 1932.

The license was extinguished on 31st December 1932.

LAMP

1, Fenton Street, (Felton Street), BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Joseph Arimithea Skidmore
Atkinson's Brewery (acquired c. 1897)
J. F. C. Jackson Ltd. (Dudley) (acquired c. 1930)
Darby's Brewery (acquired c. 1937)

LICENSEES

William Boyd [1861] - **1865**);
Mrs. Ann Boyd (**1865 - 1868**);
Daniel Holloway (**1868 - 1870**);
Joseph Arimithea Skidmore (**1870 - 1898**);
George Henry Allen (**1898 - 1901**);
Thomas Bradford (**1901 - 1902**);
William Henry Lyndon (**1902**);
Samuel Wilkes (**1902**);
Harry Hill (**1902 - 1903**);
Charles Thomas Harper (**1903 - 1906**);
William Hall (**1906 - 1907**);
Benjamin Chambers (**1907**);
Benjamin Andrews (**1907 - 1909**);
William Hall (**1909 - 1911**);
George Frank Kirk Wheatley (**1911 - 1914**);
Samuel Dawes (**1914 - 1915**);
Charles Thomas Harper (**1915 - 1922**);
George Ernest Northcliffe (**1922 - 1928**);
Leonard Hawkins (**1928 - 1929**);
William Barwell (**1929 - 1930**);
Leonard Hawkins (**1930 - 1932**);
Samuel Melbourne (**1932 - [1940]**)

NOTES

Felton Street [1865]

It had a beerhouse license.

William Boyd, beer retailer, Fenton Street. [1861]
He was described as a retailer of beer, Fendon Street. [1862]
He died c. 1864.

Stourbridge Observer 10/11/1866 - Advert

“To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. Detheridge, on Tuesday, the 13th day of November, 1866

All that substantially built, Freehold Old-licensed Public House, called the LAMP TAVERN, situated in Fenton Street, Brierley Hill, comprising Tap Room, Bar, Parlour, Cooking Kitchen, Cellaring, Club Room, three lofty Bed Rooms, Brewhouse, with Malt Room over; Stable, Coalhouse, Piggeries, and other Outbuildings, Garden enclosed with brick wall; and well supplied with Hard and Soft Water, now in the occupation of Mrs. *Ann Boyd*.

And also all that Freehold Dwelling House adjoining.....”

Stourbridge Observer 25/5/1867

“William Stringer was charged by *Ann Boyd* with assaulting her on the night of the 13th inst. Complainant said she was a widow, and kept the LAMP TAVERN, Brierley Hill. On the above date defendant came to her house and tried to kick her, and used threatening language.

In answer to the Bench, complainant said the defendant wanted to pay his addresses to her.

For the defence, Stringer said he did not threaten her or try to kick her. Complainant was a lone woman in business, and he was in a similar predicament. He merely called to have a pint of ale to refresh himself, and to give his horse some refreshment, and so on. It had been rumoured that he went to court the complainant for the purpose of making her his partner, and getting her goods; but he had plenty of goods of his own, and a good home. The only thing wanting was a partner. He left the cat in the house when he left.

[What relevance this had, I have no idea!]

The Bench: You don't go that way to get a partner. You should use other means than threatening to kick.

Defendant said he did not wish her any harm, and was then bound over in his own recognisances in £20, to keep the peace for six months, and also ordered to pay 12s 6d costs.”

Stourbridge Observer 1/6/1867

“At the Petty Sessions, on Thursday last, before I. Spooner, Esq, Stipendiary, William Stringer, cartman, of Quarry Bank, was charged by *Ann Boyd* with assaulting her on the 23rd ult. He was further charged with wilfully breaking a door, her property, on the same date.

Complainant said she kept the LAMP TAVERN, Fenton Street. She had the defendant up on the previous Thursday for assaulting her, and he was bound over to keep the peace. On the same night he came to her house and called for a pint of ale, and gave her a shilling, and she gave him 9d in change. She was ironing some linen, when the defendant picked it up and threw it into her face. He afterwards struck and used very violent language to her. She had to go into another room, and fasten the door, and send for a Police-officer. Defendant broke the door. She had to repair it, and it cost her 1s.

In defence, the defendant said that he was very drunk, and did not know what he was doing. He was very sorry for what he had done.

Mr. Spooner: You have no right to go into a woman's house, and assault her. For the assault I fine you 10s and costs; in default 14 days; and order you to find two sureties in £20, and yourself in £50, to keep the peace for twelve months. For the wilful damage I fine you 1s, and order you to pay the damage done (1s), and costs; in default seven days imprisonment.”

1881 Census

1, Fenton Street – LAMP TAVERN

[1] *Joseph A. Skidmore* (45), licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;

[2] *Charlotte Skidmore* (53), wife, born Sutton, Herefordshire;

[3] *Mary Thompson* (23), general servant, born Brierley Hill;

[4] *Joseph Stoner* (45), boarder, scenic artist, born Liverpool;

[5] *Dorothy Stoner* (9), boarder, theatrical performer, born Derbyshire:

1891 Census

1, Fenton Street – LAMP TAVERN

[1] *Joseph Skidmore* (55), licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;

[2] *Sarah Jane Skidmore* (47), wife, born Birmingham;

[3] *Ellen Ellerton* (17), general servant, born Brockmoor:

1901 Census

1, Fenton Street – LAMP TAVERN

[1] *George H. Allen* (37), builder, contractor and licensed victualler, born Kingswinford;

[2] *Bertha Allen* (38), wife, born Kingswinford;

[3] *Frederick V. Allen* (7), son, born Kingswinford;

[4] *Gertrude Ryder* (16), general servant, born Kingswinford:

Tipton Herald 25/4/1903

“An inquest was held yesterday (Friday) at the LAMP TAVERN, Fenton Street, Brierley Hill, before Mr. T. A. Stokes (Coroner), to inquire into the circumstances attending the death of *Elsie May Shakespeare*, aged 1 year and 8 months, of Parkes Street, who was killed by a tramcar on Wednesday last.

Mr. A. Stewart appeared for the Dudley and Stourbridge Electric Traction Company.

Evidence was given that about two o’clock on Wednesday deceased ran across the road in front of a passing car, and was knocked down and killed.

A verdict of Accidental Death was returned. The jury attached no blame to anyone, but suggested that jacks should be provided to lift the cars in case of similar accidents happening. They also were of opinion that the buffer on the cars should be lowered.

Mr. Stewart said he would inform the company of the suggestions the jury had raised.”

Tipton Herald 13/6/1903

“.....In the application for the transfer of the LAMP TAVERN, Fenton Street, Brierley Hill, to *Charles Thomas Harper*, the outgoing tenant, *Harry Hill*, had to be summoned before he would appear before Court as required by the new Act. When asked the reason he had caused the company so much trouble, he replied that he understood they were to write to him, and that the application would be made on Monday next.

Mr. King (magistrates’ clerk): Have you any objection to the transfer?

Hill: No, I haven’t.

This is the first case in the district where the outgoing tenant has had to be summoned before he would appear before the Court.”

1911 Census

1, Fenton Street

[1] *William Hall* (65), licensed victualler, born Lye;

[2] *Sarah F. Hall* (56), wife, married 10 years, born Haywood, Lancashire:

George Frank Kirk Wheatley was known as Frank.

It was sold at auction on 14th October 1929 for £2,575.

It closed on 21st August 1973.

LAYS INN

11, The Leys, Brockmoor, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Frederick Scriven
Mary Scriven

LICENSEES

William Scriven [1868] – **1882**;
Maria Louisa Scriven (**1882 – 1883**);
Luke Allchurch (**1883 – 1890**);
Frederick Scriven (**1890 – 1900**);
Mary Scriven (**1900 – 1901**);
Walter William Madeley (**1901**);
Alfred Walker (**1901 – 1902**);
Reuben Jones (**1902 – 1905**);
Samuel Edward Bradley (**1905 – 1907**);
Mrs. Phoebe Hartshorne (**1907 – 1926**);

NOTES

11, The Leys [1911]

It was originally called the CHURCH TAVERN.

It had a beerhouse license.

William Scriven, beer retailer, Brockmoor. [1868], [1870], [1872]

1871 Census

Brockmoor

- [1] *William Scriven* (43), glass maker and beerhouse, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Maria Louisa Scriven* (40), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Frederick Scriven* (15), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *H. John Scriven* (13), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Robert Scriven* (11), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Owen Scriven* (8), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Sidney Scriven* (4), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [8] *Lizzy Scriven* (4 months), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [9] *Mary Ann Sheriff* (15), domestic servant, born Kingswinford:

1881 Census

Brockmoor – Public House

- [1] *William Scriven* (53), glass blower and publican, born Brockmoor;
- [2] *Maria Scriven* (50), wife, born Brockmoor;
- [3] *Frederick Scriven* (25), son, glass maker, born Brockmoor;
- [4] *Harry John Scriven* (23), son, glass maker, born Brockmoor;
- [5] *Robert Scriven* (21), son, hair dresser and boot maker, born Brockmoor;
- [6] *Owen Scriven* (18), son, pupil teacher, born Brockmoor;
- [7] *Sidney Scriven* (14), son, pupil teacher, born Brockmoor;
- [8] *Elizabeth Scriven* (15), general servant, born Brockmoor:

The name was changed to THE LAYS. [1882]

1891 Census

High Street – The LAYS INN

- [1] *Frederick Scriven* (35), glass maker and innkeeper, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Mary H. Scriven* (35), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Sarah E. Scriven* (8), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Edith M. Scriven* (7), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Frederick W. Scriven* (5), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Florence M. Scriven* (3), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Horace Scriven* (6 months), son, born Kingswinford;
- [8] *Jane Grainger* (18), general servant, born Darlaston:

1901 Census

11, The Leys – The LAYS INN

- [1] *Walter W. Madeley* (29), colliery clerk and innkeeper, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Margaret Madeley* (28), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Florence E. Adams* (3), daughter, born Brettell Lane;
- [4] *Walter R. Adams* (1), son, born Pensnett;
- [5] *Mary Bennett* (20), servant, born Pensnett:

1911 Census

11, The Leys

- [1] *Harry Hartshorne* (43), reverse steel mill engine driver, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Phoebe Hartshorne* (40), wife, married 13 years, licensed victualler, born Brockmoor;
- [3] *Alice Phillips* (16), domestic servant, born Brockmoor:

Mrs. Phoebe Hartshorne, beer retailer, The Leys, Brockmoor. [1912]

Phoebe Hartshorne was also a brewer. [1914], [1923]

The license was referred to the Compensation Authority on 1st March 1926.

Confirmed on 28th June 1926.

The license was extinguished on 31st December 1926.

LION

High Street, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Turley [1860]
William Hollomby [1870]

NOTES

Brierley Hill Advertiser 20/11/1858

“In accordance with a notice issued on Tuesday, a public meeting was held on Wednesday evening last, at the LION INN, Brierley Hill, to consider the high price of gas in this district.

The proceedings were announced to conference at seven o’clock; but it was eight o’clock before a sufficient number had assembled to commence proceedings

On the proposition of Dr. Walker, seconded by Mr. English, Mr. Burbury was called to the chair.....”

Stourbridge Observer 9/7/1870

“Ann Parsons was summoned for being drunk on the 29th ult, and refusing to quit the LION INN, Brierley Hill, when requested.

William Hollomby said that the defendant came into his house drunk. She did not call for any ale, but had some of two men that were in.

The Stipendiary said that complainant was encouraging her to drink; which he ought not to do, and dismissed the case.”

Check RED LION

LION HOTEL

240, (51), High Street, PENSNETT

OWNERS

Edward Griffiths, Pensnett
George Elwell, Delph (leased)
Elwell, Williams (acquired c.1904)
Smith, Williams (acquired c.1916)
Jullia Hanson and Son Ltd. (acquired on 2nd July 1934)

LICENSEES

Thomas Kemp [] – [1856]
Thomas Wright [1856]
Samuel King [1856] – **1857**)
William King [] – **1858**);
Enoch Lovatt (**1858** – []
Henry Savage [1860]
Henry Brown [1861] – [1862]
Henry Lloyd [1868] – [1870]
John Hayward Candlin [1871] – **1875**);
William Evans (**1875** – **1878**);
Mary Furness (**1878** – **1879**);
Joseph James Gee (**1879** – **1880**);
Joseph Smith (**1880** – **1883**);
Francis Adams (**1883** – **1889**);
Herbert Smith (**1889** – **1900**);
Charles Nixon (**1900** – **1901**);
William Saint (**1901** – **1902**);
George Frederick Stanton (**1902** – **1903**);
William Samuel Greenaway (**1903** – **1923**);
Horace Joseph Harry Watson (**1923** – **1924**);
Frederick Harris (**1924** – **1926**);
Ethel Worton (**1926** – **1929**);
William Henry Hughes (**1929** – **1931**);
Joseph Hubert Jones (**1931** – **1932**);
William Mills (**1932** – **1933**);
Emma Mills (**1933** – **1934**);
John Neath (**1934** – **1935**);
William Thomas Baggott (**1935** – **1938**);
Mrs. Eliza Maud Baggott (**1938** – **1954**);
Simeon Middleton (**1954** – **1955**);
Joseph Bradford Bond (**1955** – **1956**);
Edward James Harvey (**1956** – **1958**);
Nellie Shakespeare (**1958** – **1959**);
George Francis Rogers (**1959** – **1963**);
Phyllis Elizabeth Narroway (**1963** – **1964**);
Florence Martin (**1964** – **1965**);
James Andrews (**1965** – **1975**);
Joseph Abner Jones (**1975** – **1982**);
George Anthony Fox (**1982** – **1983**);

UNRESERVED SALE,
LION HOTEL, PENSNETT,
NEAR DUDLEY.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, BY

MR. LOVATT, on Monday next, June 9th, 1856, the whole of the STOCK-IN-TRADE, comprising Brewing Utensils, Show Barrels, Strong Iron-bound Casks, Fire-pull Beer Machine, Brass Chandeliers, Copper Kitchen, Tables, Bedsteads, Feather Beds, Chest of Drawers, Mahogany hair-seated Sofa, Excellent Eight-day Timepiece, and other effects, belonging to Mr. Thomas Kemp, who is giving up the business.

Sale to commence at Eleven o'clock in the morning.

Catalogues may be had at the place of sale, or at the Auctioneer's Office, High Street, Pensnett.

Several Old-Licensed Public Houses to Let; apply to the Auctioneer.

TO BE LET, the LION HOTEL, opposite St. Mark's Church, Pensnett. The above well-known Old-Licensed House, and extensive Premises, situated in a populous and thriving neighbourhood, and where a good paying business can be done. To parties about entering the Public Business, this presents a favourable opportunity. No Fixture or Stock to be taken to. Rent and Payments low. Parties inclined to take the Premises may do so at a low figure.—For particulars apply to Messrs. Robinson and Fletcher, Solicitors, Dudley; or Enoch Lovatt, Builder and Auctioneer, High Street, Pensnett.

TO BE SOLD,

A HANDSOME SETTER DOG, Liver and White, warranted properly Broke, 4 years old, and may be tried by any respectable person, the present owner having no further use for him.—Apply to Mr. Samuel King, Lion Hotel, Pensnett.

Adverts 1856

John Henry Williams (1983 – 1984);
 Charles William Read Tilley (1984);
 Peter William Friend (1984 – 1985);
 Andrew Oliver Hunter (1985);
 Alan Jones Baines (1985);
 Kevin Peter Johnson (1985 – 1986);
 Ernest Joseph Wilson (1986 – 1990);
 Joyce Sally Green-Morris (1990 – 1991);
 Ross Whittingham (1991 – 1992);
 Patrick George Buttle (1992 – 1993);
 Sukhdev Singh (1993 – 1994);
 David Allan Greenaway (1994 – 1995);
 Patricia Askew (1995 – [])



NOTES

51, High Street [1904], [1912], [1940]
 240, High Street [1991], [1996], [1997], [1999]

LION INN [1877]
 LION HOTEL [1904], [1912], [1916], [1921], [1940]
 LION HOTEL and Wine Vaults [1934]

Brierley Hill Advertiser 7/6/1856 - Advert

“Unreserved Sale, LION HOTEL, Pensnett, near Dudley, To Be Sold by Auction, by Mr. Lovatt, on Monday next, June 9th, 1856, the whole of the Stock In Trade, comprising Brewing Utensils, Show Barrels, Strong Iron-bound Casks, Five-pull Beer Machine, Brass Chandellors, Copper Kitchen Tables. Bedsteads, Feather Beds, Chest of Drawers, Mahogany hair-seated Sofa, Excellent Eight-day Timepiece, and other effects, belonging to Mr. *Thomas Kemp*, who is giving up the business.....”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 5/7/1856

“*Joseph Guest*, of the SWAN INN, Pensnett, *Thomas Wright*, of the LION HOTEL, Pensnett, and *John Holloway*, of the SHINGLERS ARMS, Brockmoor, were severally charged with having their houses open after hours, on Sunday, June 22nd, and fined 10s each and expenses.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 19/7/1856 - Advert

“To Be Let, the LION HOTEL, opposite St. Mark’s Church, Pensnett. The above well-known Old-Licensed House, and extensive Premises, situated in a populous and thriving neighbourhood, and where a good paying business can be done. To parties about entering the Public Business, this presents a favourable opportunity. No fixtures or Stock to be taken to. Rent and Payments low. Parties inclined to take the Premises may do so at a low figure.....”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 25/10/1856 - Advert

“To Be Sold, A Handsome Setter Dog, Liver and White, warranted properly Broke, 4 years old, and may be tried by any respectable person, the present owner having no further use for him. – Apply to Mr. *Samuel King*, LION HOTEL, Pensnett.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 13/6/1857

“*Enoch Guy* and *William Taylor* were charged at the instance of *Samuel King*, of the LION HOTEL, Pensnett, with being drunk and disorderly and committing a breach of the peace at his house on Sunday night, the 31st ult. Fined 5s each.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 31/10/1857 - Advert

“Unreserved Sale at the LION HOTEL, Pensnett, near Dudley.

To be Sold by Auction by Enoch Lovatt, on Monday, November 2nd, 1857, Household Furniture, and other effects; comprising Mahogany Tables, Oil Paintings, Mahogany hair-seated Sofa, Three Eight-day Clocks, Mahogany Stand Table, Feather Beds, Windsor and other Chairs, Brewing Utensils, Four-wheel Waggon, Excellent Phaeton, Store Pigs Quantity of Hay, Excellent Lathe, and a large lot of other effects, belonging to Mr. *Samuel King*, who is leaving the neighbourhood in consequence of having taken to the NOAHS ARK Liquor Vaults, near the HORSE SHOE INN, High Street, Brierley Hill.....”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 4/12/1858 - Advert

“To be Let, that well known house, the REINDEER INN, situated at Harts Hill, Brierley Hill. The stock to be taken at a fair valuation.

For further particulars apply to *E. Lovatt*, Auctioneer, LION HOTEL, Pensnett, or on the premises.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 24/12/1858

“On Monday afternoon last, at about three o’clock, a child named Thomas Moggs, three years of age, was found drowned in a well situate near the dwelling house in which his parents reside at Pensnett. The little child was seen playing about only an hour previous, and the only supposition by which the accident can be accounted for is that the well – like many others in this district – was left without any sufficient protection round the top, and that the child fell in and was drowned, not having strength enough to give a sufficiently loud alarm to ensure assistance. An inquest was held on Wednesday last, before W. H. Phillips, Esq, (Deputy Coroner), at the LION HOTEL, Pensnett, (Mr. *Lovatt*’s), and the verdict returned was Found Drowned, not sufficient evidence having been obtained to show how the deceased got into the well.”

1861 Census

High Street

- [1] *Henry Brown* (32), victualler and tailor, born Ludlow;
- [2] *Ellen Brown* (27), wife, born Warwick;
- [3] *Ellen Deborah Brown* (3), daughter, born Stratford on Avon:

Stourbridge Observer 4/3/1865

“David Shaw was charged by the landlord of the LION INN, Pensnett, with refusing to leave his house when requested to do so.

Police-constable Bradley proved that he was sent for to turn defendant out of the house, and he refused to go. He was obliged to put him out by force. Ordered to pay 5s costs.”

Stourbridge Observer 15/4/1865

“On Saturday last, a fatal accident occurred to a young man, named William Meredith. It appears that he was in employ at Messrs. R. Mills and Co.’s pits; deceased fell down a pit about 100 yards deep, and was killed on the spot. An inquest was held on Monday last at the LION HOTEL, before W. H. Phillips, the deputy coroner and jury, and a verdict of Accidental Death was returned.”

Dudley Herald 1/8/1868

“Married 30th ult. at Aston Church William Peers of Wolverhampton to Hannah Maria, eldest daughter of *Henry Lloyd*, LION HOTEL, Pensnett.”

Dudley Herald 1/5/1869 - Advert

“To be let, that old licensed public house, the LION INN, opposite the church, Pensnett. Fixtures belong to landlord. Valuation to suit customer.”

John Candlin = John Caudler = John Candler

1871 Census

High Street

- [1] *John H. Candlin* (42), licensed victualler, born Shropshire;
- [2] *Sarah Candlin* (41), wife, born Staffordshire;
- [3] *Jane Candlin* (18), daughter, born Pensnett;
- [4] *Ellen Candlin* (7), daughter, born Pensnett;
- [5] *Albert Candlin* (6), son, born Pensnett;
- [6] *Hannah Candlin* (5), daughter, born Pensnett;
- [7] *Robert Candlin* (3), son, born Pensnett;
- [8] *Elizabeth Greenwood* (74), visitor:

Stourbridge Observer 13/5/1871

“A coroner’s inquiry into the cause of death of *Zachariah Pearson* (55), was held on Saturday, before *W. H. Phillips*, at the LION HOTEL, Pensnett. In attendance during the inquest were *Mr. Greenway* and *Mr. J. Hughes*.

The first witness called was *John Handley*, one of the sufferers with the deceased at the time of the inundation. He stated that he was still engaged in the Nine Locks Pit, and for a long time he and *Pearson* had worked together. They were occupied in ‘heading’. On the previous Wednesday deceased and a boy named *Sankey* were working in an air-levelling. *Pearson* was making everything safe for the boy to draw the slack away from him. He told witness there was no room for him to work, so he would have to play. As he was going up the shaft he heard some one cry out that *Pearson* was killed. He went down again, and found that a large quantity of coal had come in from the side, and owing to the position his mate was in whilst at work his head was crushed between his legs. In his opinion the place was thoroughly safe to work in. At the time of the accident the doggy (*Holt*) was down the pit, and he and others attempted to get out the deceased alive. He should not have hesitated to work in the place if it had been his turn, or there had been room for two. No blame could be attached to any one. The ‘headway’ was too small to admit of timbering, but, if wanted, there was plenty of timber in readiness. Two trees had also been taken down by witness, at *Pearson*’s request.

By the Coroner: That was the third inquest since the inundation. There had been two upon the bodies of miners who were shut up in the pit with him, and one upon a rescuer of the party.

Timothy Sankey (13) said that on the above date the defendant was picking the place with his pike in order to make room for two trees, when the coal fell upon him and crushed him to death. He had not heard *Pearson* say anything about the place being unsafe, or anyone else.

John Pearson, son of the deceased, who was with him when the mine was flooded, said he could blame no one for the accident, and had never heard his father complain of the pit, or its management.

The Coroner here remarked that there seemed to be a fatality about the pit, and to ease the public mind it would be desirable if *Mr. Greenway*, the responsible agent, would say how many persons were employed in the pit.

The reply of *Mr. Greenway* was that there were between 120 and 130.

To another question of the Coroner, *Mr. J. Hughes* answered that an allowance would be made to the widow and the children under a certain age, and that there would also be a gathering in the pit for the next six months.

After a very brief deliberation, the jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.

A public subscription on behalf of the family of the deceased has been started.”

London Gazette 26/3/1875

“The Bankruptcy Act, 1869. In the County Court of Worcestershire, holden at Stourbridge. In the Matter of Proceedings for Liquidation instituted by *John Hayward Candlin* formerly of the LION INN Licensed Victualler..... “

Dudley Herald 2/9/1876

“*William Evans*, LION fined 20s and costs for being drunk and refusing to quit the licensed premises of *Mrs. Wright*, VINE INN, New Street, Dudley.”

Evening Express 15/1/1881 - Advert

“Housekeeper Wanted for a small house; age about 35; one from the country preferred. – Address, *J. Smith*, LION HOTEL, Pensnett.”

Evening Express 5/2/1881

“On Friday night an inquest was held at the LION HOTEL, Pensnett, near Dudley, on the body of Mr. David Smith, bootmaker, Pensnett. On Wednesday morning he was seen to leave his house and go into a workshop at the back of the house. It was thought that he had gone there to repair some shoes. Shortly afterwards one of the members of the family, on going into the shop, found Smith suspended by a rather slender cord from a beam. He was at once cut down, but was found to be dead. Deceased had been in a desponding state for some time past. A verdict of ‘Suicide while in a state of temporary insanity’ was returned.”

1881 Census

High Street – LION HOTEL

[1] *Joseph Smith* (32), publican, born Chester;

[2] *Mary Ann Smith* (30), wife, born Bradley:

1891 Census

Road, Pensnett

[1] *Herbert Smith* (52), ebony(?) engineer and publican, born Kingswinford;

[2] *Sarah Smith* (48), wife, born Dudley;

[3] *Sarah Smith* (28), daughter, assistant school mistress, born Kingswinford;

[4] *William Smith* (16), son, iron moulder, born Kingswinford;

[5] *Herbert Smith* (6), son, born Kingswinford;

[6] *Sarah Brasian* (19), domestic servant, born Kingswinford:

County Express 6/1/1900

“Sick and Draw Clubs.....

LION HOTEL, Pensnett.– At the annual meeting of the Pensnett Sick and Draw Club, about 30 members attended. Mr. T. Griffiths was voted to the chair and Mr. T. Pearson to the vice-chair. A dividend of 16s 1½d per member was declared. The remainder of the evening was spent in harmony, to which Messrs. E. Fletcher, jun., T. Hyde, G. Knight, E. Foley, W. Chrimes, J. Hall, J. Norris, and A. Norris contributed. Mr. J. Hyde was accompanist.”

County Express 22/12/1900

“By the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. *Nixon*, of the LION HOTEL, a good number of friends sat down to supper on Wednesday week. After a capital spread, Mr. J. S. Shinner and Mr. Thomas Griffith were voted to the chair and vice-chair respectively. A splendid concert was given by the following gentlemen: Messrs. Morris, Hyde, Griffiths, Hall, Edwards, and Shinner. At the conclusion a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. and Mrs. *Nixon*, and an enjoyable gathering terminated.”

A team from here took part in the Dudley and District Air-Gun League. [1903]

1911 Census

High Street – LION HOTEL

[1] *William Samuel Greenaway* (41), licensed victualler, born Pensnett;

[2] *Annie Elizabeth Greenaway* (39), wife, married 3 years, assisting in business, born Pensnett;

[3] *Miriam Greenaway* (17), daughter, school, born Pensnett;

[4] *Joseph Horace Greenaway* (16), son, school, born Pensnett:

Conveyance dated 2/7/1934

“LION HOTEL and Wine Vaults situate in High Street, Pensnett aforesaid with the brewhouse stabling and outbuildings bounded in front by High Street at the back and on one side by property of William Samuel Greenaway and on the other side by Bell Street.”

William Thomas Baggott died in 1938.

A Provisional Removal Order to a new building was granted in 1951.

A team from here won the Darby and Joan darts contest, held at the Miners’ Institute, in June 1965.

Demolished and rebuilt.

New house opened on 26th July 1965, by Councillor Miss E. K. Pearson.

James Andrews was married to Dorothy.

It was refurbished in 1987.

Lion Pigeon Club based here. [1988]

[2001]

It was renamed POET'S CORNER [2003]

[2011]

Closed

It was demolished in 2012.

A supermarket was built on the site.

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MARKET VAULTS

107, (42), High Street, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

James Holcroft, Red Hill, Norton
Worcestershire Brewing and Malting Co. (acquired c.1897)
Kidderminster Brewery Co. Ltd. (acquired c.1914)

LICENSEES

Mrs. Sarah Dudley Sedgley [1860] – [1872]
Thomas Wood Snr. [1872] – **1877**);
James Wood (**1877 – 1879**);
Harry Herbert Brown (**1879 – 1881**);
Hubert Le Bas (**1881 – 1884**);
George Henry Batham (**1884 – 1887**);
Thomas Whitehouse (**1887**);
Joseph Share (**1887 – 1897**);
Mary Lucy Share (**1897 – 1898**);
William Knott (**1898 – 1899**);
Samuel Mobberley (**1899 – 1901**);
Richard Clarke (**1901 – 1902**);
David Thomas Holt (**1902 – 1904**);
Richard Banks (**1904 – 1905**);
Richard Llewlyn Province (**1905 – 1907**);
John Davies (**1907 – 1910**);
Mrs. Dora Davies (**1910 – 1918**);

NOTES

42, High Street [1870], [1872], [1881], [1891], [1904], [1912]
107, High Street [1916]

It was known as the BOARD until 1895.

MARKET HALL VAULTS [1900]

It had a six day license.

Mrs. Sarah Dudley Sedgley, spirit vaults, High Street. [1860]

1861 Census

High Street

- [1] Sarah D. Sedgley (57), widow, liquor merchant, born Dudley;
- [2] Sarah A. Sedgley (27), daughter, born Dudley;
- [3] Mary Sedgley (24), daughter, born Dudley;
- [4] Helen Sedgley (15), daughter, born Dudley;
- [5] Charlotte A. Sedgley (28), daughter in law, born Pendlebury, Lancashire;
- [6] Samuel D. Sedgley (10 months), grandson, born Chorlton upon Medlock, Lancashire;
- [7] Jane Smithyman (16), general servant, born Dudley;
- [8] Ann Hayward (14), general servant, born Kingswinford:

S. Sedgley, wine and spirit vaults, High Street. [1865]

Mrs. Sarah Dudley Sedgley, wine and spirit vaults, High Street. [1868]

Mrs. Sarah Dudley Sedgley, wine and spirit vaults, 42, High Street. [1870], [1872]

Evening Express 17/3/1881

“Henry Herbert Brown, who keeps a liquor vaults in High Street, Brierley Hill, was summoned for selling intoxicating liquors during prohibited hours. It was, however, admitted by Police-superintendent Woollaston that the summons should have been for selling without a license. Mr. Homfray (Messrs. Homfray and Holberton) appeared for the defence. The facts were somewhat singular. On Saturday, at fifteen minutes past midnight, a travelling theatrical company were removing their properties from the Town Hall, when, by an accident, a man’s leg was fractured. Drs. Walker and Ashmead were summoned, and it was stated that they ordered some brandy to be procured for the injured man. Defendant, who only holds a six days’ license, and which had therefore expired at midnight, was called up, and supplied the brandy required, for doing which he was now summoned by the police. Mr. Homfray referred to a decision in the Queen v Llewellyn, showing that a publican was bound to supply sick travellers with stimulants.

Mr. Boughey: But the defendant had no license. Why did they not go to a chemist?

Chief-superintendent Woolaston said he did not wish to press the case, but the defendant told the officer he should supply the liquor in spite of him, and would do so again.

Mr. Homfray said defendant was sorry for having spoken hastily at the moment.

Chief-superintendent Wollaston then agreed to withdraw the summons.”

1881 Census

42, High Street

- [1] Harry Herbert Brown (30), publican, born Blackford, Hampshire;
- [2] Elizabeth Brown (30), wife, born Marston, Oxfordshire;
- [3] Edith Brown (6 months), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] Elizabeth W. Porter (24), barmaid, born Coleford, Gloucestershire;
- [5] Ellen Bird (16), general servant, born Stourbridge:

Hubert Le Bas = Herbert Le Bas

A seven day license was granted in 1884.

Joseph Share = Joseph Shore

1891 Census

42, High Street

- [1] Joseph Share (29), licensed victualler, born Quarry Bank;
- [2] Mary Lucy Share (26), wife, born Bromley;
- [3] Sarah Ann Young (22), domestic servant, born Dennis Park:

Joseph Share died in 1897.

County Express 1/9/1900

“*Samuel Mobberley*, landlord of the MARKET HALL VAULTS, High Street, Brierley Hill, was charged with selling intoxicating liquor to a drunken person on the 6th ult. Mr. Clulow prosecuted and Mr. Waldron defended. The facts as given in evidence were that on the afternoon in question, Police-constable Mountford saw a man named Rodger staggering along the road near Round Oak, and finally he went into the FORTUNE OF WAR INN. He did not stay there long, as the landlord turned him out. Rodger proceeded towards Brierley Hill, and turned into the MOUNTAIN DAISY, a public-house in Dudley Street. Before he got there he was seen by Police-sergeant Murphy, as well as Police-constable Mountford, and they saw him ejected by Mr. Brownhill, the landlord. At the corner of Level Street, he spoke to Police-sergeant Murphy, and took 2½d out of his pocket and asked for another ½d to be able to get some drink. The sergeant ordered him away and the man went. Shortly after, at 3.25pm, he was seen by Police-sergeant Murphy and Police-constable Bucknall to go into the defendant’s house, and at 3.40 the officers went into the house. Rodger was sitting on a stool near a table, on which in front of him there was a pint cup containing ale. The sergeant drew the landlord’s attention to the drunken condition of the man and said he had been ejected from other public-houses that afternoon, and he asked why he had supplied him. He replied: ‘Yes! Well, he is decent, and I did not know he was drunk.’ Mobberley then ordered Rodger to leave, and in doing so the man nearly fell, but was held up by the counter. Before he left he said ‘This is my cup,’ and picked it up and drank ale. As Rodger refused to go away he was locked up, and when searched it was found he had only ½d upon him.

Mr. Waldron, for the defence, said they were not charged with permitting drunkenness; if they had been then the time the man was on the premises would have been an important factor. The question was whether a sale took place or not, and he should produce evidence to prove that no sale took place. He thought it rather singular that the police should have allowed the man to go into the house after seeing him ejected from other houses, and one would have thought it would have been a neighbourly act on the part of the sergeant, if he had warned the landlord when he saw Rodger go into the house. Unfortunately that did not take place, and probably it would have been better if it had. The man was a tramp and went in with a penny whistle, which he immediately laid on the counter. A man named Langford was in the house, and Ridge engaged him in conversation with him. Rodger begged a piece of twist tobacco off this man, and while he was smoking it the police came in. He did not ask to be supplied with anything, and he was not supplied with anything. Mr. Mobberley, the landlord, said he had been in the trade for 25 years, and had never had a conviction against him. Rodger came into the house straight enough, and conversed all right. He did not ask for anything to drink and he was not supplied with anything. John Langford, a bricklayer from Birmingham, said Rodger was not drunk. He was not drunk, and was not supplied with anything. Witness supplied Rodger with a piece of twist tobacco, and while he was smoking it the police came in. Witness told the police Rodger had not been supplied with drink. John Langford, Junior, also gave evidence.

Defendant was fined 5s and costs, solicitor’s fee of £2 2s was allowed. The fine and costs amounted to £3 8s 6d.”

County Express 29/9/1900

“Adjourned Licensing Sessions.- The only business at these adjourned sessions was the case of *Samuel Mobberley*, of the MARKET VAULTS, Brierley Hill. Mr. Williams represented Mr. Mobberley.

Superintendent Spendlove said the case was adjourned from the annual licensing meeting pending proceedings against the license-holder, and since then a man and been fined for being drunk on his premises. *Mobberley* had never kept a public-house properly since he had known him, and for a long time objected to him. Ultimately witness withdrew his objection, and he succeeded in holding a license at Kidderminster. Then he came to Brierley Hill, and had been convicted. He objected to the renewal of the license.

Mr. Williams said defendant had had notice to leave, and his time expired in December.

The license was renewed till December.

Mr. Williams said he ought to say Mr. *Mobberley* had been in the trade for 25 years, and had only been convicted once.

Mr. Spendlove: Perhaps I ought to say he was lucky.”

1901 Census

42, High Street – MARKET VAULTS

[1] *Richard Clarke* (49), publican, born London;

[2] *Harriet E. Clarke* (40), wife, born Kidderminster;

[3] *George Williams* (19), barman, born Brierley Hill;

[4] *Maggie Silcox* (19), general servant, born Brierley Hill:

County Express 19/2/1916

“Brierley Hill Licensing Sessions...

Thomas Henry Dulson, licensee of the HOPE AND ANCHOR, King William Street, Amblecote, applied for the transfer of the full license now held at the MARKET VAULTS, High Street, Brierley Hill, to the HOPE AND ANCHOR, a beer house. Mr. J. T. Higgs appeared for the applicant, and also for the owners of the HOPE AND ANCHOR; Mr. J. W. Clulow opposed on behalf of Messrs. Mitchell and Butlers, owners of the UNICORN INN, and Mr. James Round owner and licensee of the SWAN INN, Brettell Lane.

Mr. Higgs said the MARKET VAULTS was next door to another fully-licensed house, and could reasonably be done without; and his clients were prepared to sacrifice it if the full licence was transferred to the HOPE AND ANCHOR, Amblecote. He believed there was one license in Amblecote to something like every 133 of the population, and that ratio might be deemed high, but if this application was granted there would be no increase in number. The HOPE AND ANCHOR was in the most populous part of Amblecote.

Thomas H. Dulson said he had been asked for spirits on many occasions at the HOPE AND ANCHOR. Witness produced a petition signed by upwards of 100 householders in near proximity to his house in favour of the application. By Mr. Clulow: He had been at the HOPE AND ANCHOR for nearly three years and did not know that within a quarter of a mile there were 12 spirit houses:- Mr. Clulow suggested that the UNICORN was only 106 yards distant, the SWAN 360, the DUDLEY ARMS 448.

Applicant said he had no idea of these distances, neither had he recollection of the WOODMAN being closed in 1907 and the BOARD in 1913. Prior to going to Amblecote he had been at the EAGLE, Turner's Lane. Witness's mother had a fried fish shop next to HOPE AND ANCHOR, but although he had assisted in that business he had no pecuniary interest in it. His mother resided with him.

Mr. Arthur T. Butler, architect, said there was a large number of private houses near the HOPE AND ANCHOR, including about 150 in King William Street. There was no licensed house in this street, Vale Street, or Dennis Street. From the ordnance map he found the UNICORN INN (licensee *Louis Hercy*) was 165 yards from the HOPE AND ANCHOR, the RED LION 250 yards, and the GLASSMAKERS ARMS over 500. Witness presented plans he had prepared to enable to be made in every way suitable, and which the owners were prepared to carry out. The alterations would involve a considerable sum and would, in his opinion, bring annual value of the premises to £28. The plans would reduce the drinking area by 60 feet super.

Mr. Fisher, representative of the Kidderminster Brewery Coy., Ltd., owners of the HOPE AND ANCHOR and MARKET VAULTS consented on their behalf of the application. The gross annual value of the HOPE AND ANCHOR was £20 and the net rateable £17.

Mrs. *Davies*, tenant of the MARKET VAULTS, also consented to the transfer.

In reply to Mr. Clulow, witness said Mrs. *Davies* only paid a small rent.

Mr. Clulow: £4 per year?

Witness: Yes, but there were other considerations in the agreement, the rent is small.

Mr. Clulow: The fact is she pays £4 a year rent?

Witness: Yes.

The Clerk (Mr. W. W. King) asked the rent actually paid for the HOPE AND ANCHOR. Mr. Fisher replied there was no actual rental, it was under the company's management.

Mr. Clulow submitted there was no evidence to justify the change. For a population of 1,992 in a given area around the HOPE AND ANCHOR, there were 12 full licenses, 7 beer licenses, and 1 grocer's license. Was there in view of the attitude of the Government, and in light of the Board of Control Orders, the slightest necessity for this transfer? The great desire was to decrease as far as possible the facilities for the consumption of liquor during the war. Even in normal times it would not be a good thing to grant this concession, for concession it was. In 1905 he applied for the removal of the full license of the WOODMAN, Dennis Park, and it was granted, but it was not confirmed at Stafford. In 1907 it was granted account and confirmation was made but only because in addition to the abandonment of the license the surrendered a beer license near the gas works. Here there was no offer to reduce the licenses in Amblecote.

The Bench refused the application.”

County Express 9/2/1918

“Brierley Hill Licensing Sessions.....

The Clerk asked Supt. Tucker if there were any licenses which he suggested should be referred to the adjourned licensing meeting.

Supt. Tucker said he had been round the district and suggested that there were two houses that might be referred. One the MARKET VAULTS, High Street, Brierley Hill. In the case of the MARKET VAULTS this was a fully licensed house, and there were 17 licensed houses within 200 yards of it.

The Clerk: The MARKET VAULTS is next door to the GOLDEN EAGLE HOTEL?

Supt. Tucker: Yes:

The Clerk: And if you compare the two, which is the better structure?

Supt. Tucker: The GOLDEN EAGLE certainly.

Supt. Tucker asked for the renewal of the MARKET VAULTS license to be put back in order that it could be considered at the adjourned licensing meeting whether it should be reported for compensation.

The Bench adjourned the renewal with this object.

County Express 9/3/1918

“Brierley Hill Adjourned Licensing Sessions.....

Objection was also taken on the ground of redundancy, to the renewal of the license of the MARKET VAULTS, High Street, Brierley Hill, tenanted by Mrs. Dora Davies.

Supt. Tucker said this house was next door to the GOLDEN EAGLE HOTEL, which had much better accommodation.

The house was tied to the Kidderminster Brewery Co. Ltd. Within a radius of 500 yards there were 23 other licensed houses, several being within 100 yards.

Supt. Tucker gave the usual details as to trade, etc.

Mr. W. H. Thompson appeared for the tenant and the company offered no objection to the house going. The £650 which had been mentioned he thought reasonable although the house stood in their books at £2,500.

Mr. W. Wickham King (justice's council) said there was always a preliminary meeting of the compensation authority at which they considered the houses proposed to be taken. If they decided that the compensation for any house would be too large they simply threw it out; it would therefore be beneficial to all if Mr. Thompson's company would be prepared to now sign an agreement, as one of the conditions of the reporting of the house for compensation, to accept £650.

Mr. Thompson agreed, and the Bench referred the house for compensation.”

The license renewal was refused on 3rd July 1918.

The license was extinguished on 28th December 1918.

MAYA BAR

Waterfront, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Dean Cartwright [2003]
Sean Robert Weir [2007]

NOTES

[2008]



2008

MINERS ARMS

149, Dudley Road, Round Oak, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Mrs, Sarah Woodcock
Littleton Wood [c.1840]
William Henry Tandy
Alfred Tandy
Ansells Ltd.
Pubmaster [1996]

LICENSEES

Samuel Beddall [1864] – **1881**;
Elizabeth Beddall (**1881 – 1887**);
William Henry Tandy (**1887 – 1904**);
Alfred Tandy (**1904 – 1914**);
Mrs. Annie Tandy (m. Amphlett) (**1914 – [1940]**)
Joyce Morris (**1995 – [1996]**)
Georgina Young (**1996**)

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

Wolverhampton Chronicle July 1839

“MINERS ARMS, Round Oak, Brierley Hill. To be sold brewing utensils executors of the late Mrs. Sarah Woodcock.....”

Home brew house. [1941]

Samuel Beddall, beer retailer, Round Oak. [1864], [1865], [1868], [1870], [1872]

Brierley Hill Advertiser 16/10/1869 - Advert

“Wanted – Servant Girl about 14/15 years old. Mr. S. Beddall, MINERS ARMS, Round Oak.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser July 1871 - Advert

“Wanted, a servant girl of good character – Apply Mr. S. Beddall, MINERS ARMS, Round Oak, Brierley Hill.”

1881 Census

Round Oak

- [1] Samuel Beddall (60), publican, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] Elizabeth Beddall (36), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] Sarah E. Beddall (6), daughter, scholar, born Brierley Hill:

William Henry Tandy, beer and wine retailer, Round Oak. [1904]

William Henry Tandy married Elizabeth Beddall in 1887.
He was an ex-ironworker.
He died in 1909.



Alfred Tandy was the son of *William Henry*.
He ran a soup kitchen for the benefit of striking miners' families in 1912.
He issued tokens from here.
He was a brewer.

Annie Tandy married Mr. Amphlett in April 1918.

The Chronicle 9/2/1996
Shooting here [6/2] – David Morris (46) was killed. He was the husband of the licensee, but did not live on the premises.

It closed in 1997.
It was converted into a fish and chip shop.



1995

MITRE

141, (59), High Street, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Elwell, Williams (acquired c.1901)
Smith, Williams (acquired c.1916)
Julia Hanson and Son Ltd. (acquired on 2nd July 1934)

LICENSEES

John Beddall [1870] – 1895);
Elizabeth Beddall (1895 – 1903);
Harry Brown (1903 – 1912);
Harold Heath (1912);
John Kidd (1912 – 1914);
Edwin Beddall (1914 – 1920);
Martin Arthur Oliver (1920 – 1923);
Leslie John Gardiner (1923);
Frederick Dudley (1923 – 1925);
Frederick Oliver Miles (1925 – 1926);
George William Irwin (1926 – 1927);
Thomas Harry Bunce (1927 – 1931);
Ernest George Clark (1931);
Joseph Mitchell (1931 – 1934);
Walter Male (1934 – [1940])
George Frederick Froggatt (1945 – [1958])
Reg Corbett [pre 1966]

NOTES

59, High Street [1881], [1891], [1901], [1904], [1911], [1912]
141, High Street [1940]

It had a beerhouse license.

John Beddall, beer retailer, High Street. [1870], [1872]

1881 Census

59, High Street – MITRE INN

- [1] *John Beddall* (42), innkeeper, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Elizabeth Beddall* (40), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Eliza Hickman* (20), general domestic servant, born Dudley;

1891 Census

59, High Street

- [1] *John Beddall* (52), licensed victualler, born Brockmoor;
- [2] *Elizabeth Beddall* (50), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Sarah A. Smith* (19), servant, born Brampton Bryan (?), Herefordshire;

1901 Census

59, High Street – MITRE INN

[1] *Elizabeth Beddall* (60), widow, beer and wine retailer, born Brierley Hill;

[3] *Polly Cartwright* (28), niece, born Brierley Hill;

[3] *Rebecca Cartwright* (13), niece, born Brierley Hill;

[4] *Jane Cole* (28), general servant, born Durham:

County Express 28/12/1901

“Christmas day was attended with a painful occurrence at the MITRE INN, High Street, where a family party had gathered. Shortly after eight Mrs. Susan Field, aged 62, of Pearson Street, was sitting on a couch when, without the slightest warning, slipped from her seat and expired before medical aid could be procured. Dr. Taylor was summoned, but could only pronounce life extinct. Mrs. Field had appeared in her usual health during the day, and had not complained of feeling unwell.”

Harry Brown, beer retailer, 59, High Street. [1904], [1912]

1911 Census

59, High Street – MITRE INN

[1] *Harry Brown* (45), publican, born Brierley Hill;

[2] *Lillian Brown* (39), wife, married 14 years, assisting in the business, born Brierley Hill;

[3] *George Harry Brown* (13), son, school, born Brierley Hill;

[4] *Nora May Brown* (9), daughter, school, born Brierley Hill:

Arthur Martin (sic), beer retailer, 141, High Street. [1921]

Conveyance dated 2/7/1934

“All that piece of land situate in High Street Brierley Hill aforesaid containing in front of High Street ten yards one foot and six inches and in the whole four hundred and sixty-five square yards bounded on one side by property late belonging to William Mark Rollinson on the other side by property of _____ And Also All Those two messuages or dwelling-houses with the outbuildings and garden thereto erected on the said plot of land one of which is a public house called the MITRE INN in the occupation of *Mitchell* and the other a Wine and Spirit shop in the occupation of the Vendors.....”

Reg Corbett was married to Pat.

MOUNTAIN DAISY

170, Dudley Road, (Dudley Street), BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Mrs. Eliza Pargeter [1864] – [1872]
Isaiah Pargeter [1872]
Sidonia Pargeter [] – **1873**);
Isaiah Pargeter (**1873 – 1887**);
Phoebe Ann Pargeter (**1887 – 1890**);
Charles Edward Brownhill (**1890 – 1902**);
Mrs. Phoebe Ann Brownhill (**1902 – 1911**):

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MOUNTAIN INN [1873]

It had a beerhouse license.

Eliza Pargeter, beer retailer, Dudley Road. [1864], [1865], [1868], [1870]

Mrs. Eliza Pargeter, beer retailer, 170 Dudley Road. [1872]

Stourbridge Observer 20/4/1872

“*Eliza Pargeter* was charged with having on the 18th inst, permitted drunkenness in her house. Police-constable ____ said on the above date, about 10am, he was passing defendant’s house, in Dudley Road, Brierley Hill, and he saw a man come out of the house very drunk. He asked if they had filled him any drink, and the daughter said, ‘Yes.’ The defence was that the man had been at work all night, and he only had a pint of ale, and a little ale overcame him. Defendant was fined £1 and costs.”

1881 Census

170, Dudley Street

- [1] *Isaiah Pargeter* (46), puddler(?) in iron works, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Pheobe A. Pargeter* (36), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Thomas Clayton* (18), boarder, labourer in iron works, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Hannah Boden* (13), visitor, scholar, born Brierley Hill:

Timothy Brownhill, son of *Charles*, went to join his father in the United States c.1885. *Charles* returned, and *Timothy* qualified as a lawyer in Oregon.

1891 Census

170, Dudley Street – MOUNTAIN DAISY

- [1] *Charles E. Brownhill* (53), innkeeper, born Dudley;
- [2] *Phoebe A. Brownhill* (46), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Vincent J. Pargeter* (8), stepson, scholar, born Brierley Hill:

1901 Census

170, Dudley Street – MOUNTAIN DAISY

- [1] *Charle Edward Brownhill* (63), beerhouse keeper, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Phoebe Ann Brownhill* (55), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Vincent Isaiah Pargeter* (18), stepson, shoemaker, born Brierley Hill:

County Express 22/3/1902

“The annual dinner of the sick and draw club held at the MOUNTAIN DAISY, Dudley Road, was held on Saturday, Mr. W. Elcock presiding, and Mr. W. Thompson being in the vice-chair. The following gentlemen contributed to a pleasant evening: Messrs. D. Dunn, sen., D. Dunn, jun., Mallen, Crumpton, Boyton, Reuberry, and Thompson. A vote of thanks to the host and hostess closed the proceedings.”

The license renewal was refused on 28th February 1910.

The license was extinguished on 28th January 1911.

Demolished

MOUTH OF THE NILE

Church Street, (High Street), BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

James Pagett [1822] – [1835]

Mark Pagett []

NOTES

It stood opposite the OLD NEW INN.

James Pagett, retailer of beer, Brierley Hill. [1835]

Closed

Demolished

NAGS HEAD

Brockmoor Green, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William Truman [1849]

NELSON

54, Dudley Street (Road), Round Oak, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Eli Holds
North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd. [1903]

LICENSEES

Samuel Cook [] - **1858)**
John Aston [1861]
John Arthur Jones [1868] - **1871);**
John Hunt (**1871 - []**
William Dawes [] - **1871);**
John Aston (**1871 - 1875);**
Henry Holding (**1875 - []**
Thomas Palmer [] - **1879);**
John Thompson (**1879 - 1881);**
Joseph Henry Bache (**1881 - 1882);**
John Holds (**1882 - 1883);**
Sarah Whitehouse (**1883 - 1884);**
Harry White (**1884 - 1885);**
Abraham Crew (**1885 - 1886);**
Eli Holds (**1886 - 1889);**
John Walker (**1889 - 1890);**
Harriet Hopson (**1890 - 1893);**
George Edward Pearson (**1893 - 1897);**
William Bytheway (**1897);**
Eli Holds (**1897 - 1899);**
George Henry Shaylor (**1899);**
Mary Jevon (**1899 - 1900);**
Beatrice Annie Jevon (**1900);**
Thomas Darby (**1900);**
William Philip Hickin Jones (**1900);**
Richard Woodward (**1900 - 1901);**
George Abbotts (**1901 - 1902);**
Henry Mundon (**1902);**
Nehemiah Holds (**1902 - 1903);**
Nehemiah Holds Jnr. (**1903 - 1904);**
John Woodhall (**1904 - 1905);**
Nehemiah Holds (**1905 - 1906);**

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Brierley Hill Advertiser 11/12/1858 - Advert

“Sale at the NELSON INN, Round Oak, Brierley Hill. To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. W. Hawkins, on Monday, December 30th, 1858, the whole of the Public House Fixtures, Screens, Boiler, Casks, part of the Household Furniture, and effects, belonging to Mr. *Samuel Cook*, who has taken to an Old-Licensed Public House at Oldbury, and has no further use for the same.....”

John Aston, beer retailer, Dudley Street. [1861], [1862], [1864], [1865]

London Gazette 2/3/1869

“John Arthur Jones, of the NELSON INN, Dudley Street, Brierley Hill Innkeeper and Tailor, adjudicated Bankrupt on the 21st day of January 1869. An Order of Discharge was granted by the County Court of Worcestershire, holden at Stourbridge, on the 24th day of February 1869.”

John Aston, beer retailer, 54, Dudley Street [1872]

1881 Census

54, Dudley Road – NELSON

- [1] Joseph Henry Bache (22), retailer of beer, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] Martha Ann Bache (22), wife, born Harts Hill;
- [3] Joseph Charles Bache (1), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] Sarah Ann Bache (52), widow, mother, annuitant, born Birmingham;
- [5] Jane Fullwood (13), sister in law, scholar, born Harts Hill:

1891 Census

54, Dudley Street – NELSON INN

- [1] Thomas Hopson (39), labourer, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] Harriet Hopson (30), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] Harriet Hopson (13), daughter, scholar, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] Elizabeth Hopson (6), daughter, scholar, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] Thomas Hopson (3), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [6] Albert Hopson (2), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [7] Joseph Hopson (11 months), son, born Brierley Hill:

1901 Census

54, Dudley Street

- [1] Richard Woodward (50), labourer, ironworks, born Birmingham;
- [2] Elizabeth Woodward (42), wife, born Manchester;
- [3] Charles Woodward (20), son, labourer, ironworks, born Weedon, Northamptonshire;
- [4] Eliza Woodward (18), daughter, born London;
- [5] Sarah Woodward (17), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [6] William Woodward (16), son, horse driver, born Staffordshire;
- [7] Richard Woodward (14), son, horse driver, born London:

County Express 7/12/1901

“On Monday evening Mr. T. Allen Stokes (coroner) held an inquest at the NEW INN, Dudley Road, Brierley Hill, relative to strange circumstances connected with the death of Mr. Frederick Shanstone Smith (34), of South Villa, Bent Street, Brierley Hill, which event happened somewhat suddenly on the previous Friday. It is stated that Mr. Smith came from Manchester in the summer and entered into partnership in a local glass works, and acted as commercial traveler.

Mrs. Harriet Smith, wife of the deceased, stated that her husband on Thursday night complained of pains in the head at half-past ten, and went to bed at eleven o'clock. For his supper he had bread and butter and a glass of beer. On Friday, the 29th, he got up shortly before eight and complained of his head again. After having a cup of tea and bread and butter he went to the glass works of Messrs. Smart and Smith, Wallows Street, in which her husband was a partner. Just before ten o'clock he returned home, and had a cup of tea and some buttered toast. He was immediately taken sick, and vomited a great many times during the morning, and was troubled by diarrhea. She sent for Dr. Taylor, but he was away at the time, and could not be reached there until just as her husband was expiring.

The Coroner: Why didn't you send for another doctor? – Witness: I did not think he was so ill.

Was he not exhausted? – Yes.

Dr. G. K. Gifford gave evidence to having made a post mortem examination of the body. There were no external marks of violence, and the internal organs were healthy with the exception of the stomach and the upper part of the small intestine, which gave evidence of acute irritation. The stomach contained about a pint of deeply blooded fluid,

and he was of the opinion that death was due to irritant poisoning, the nature of which he was unable to determine. He had preserved the contents of the stomach for further examination should the coroner think it necessary. In answer to the jury, Dr. Gifford said it was possible that it was ptomaine, but he would not like to say for certain; it was not arsenical.

Mrs. Smith was then recalled, and said her husband had had a little corned beef a few days before, and on Thursday he was at Birmingham, and had dinner and tea with his brother at Smethwick. She and her late husband had lived very happily together, and never had a mis-word.

Dr. Gifford added that the dark red fluid in the stomach was rather against ptomaine poisoning.

A Juryman: Do you think it possible that he had a dose of poison? – Dr. Gifford: There was some poison, but I cannot say what it was.

The Coroner said he thought it necessary under the conditions to adjourn the enquiry for the contents of the stomach to be sent to the county analyst for further investigation.

Dr. Gifford said the only question was as to whether it was mineral poisoning.

By a Juryman: He did not think it was common poison.

The inquest was then adjourned for a week, and the contents of the stomach were sent to the county analyst on Tuesday.”

County Express 14/12/1901

“The congregation worshipping at the Wesleyan Chapel, Bank Street, on Sunday night, were the witnesses of a painful occurrence. Mr. William Carroll (77), a tailor, of Bank Street, attended the chapel, and some twenty minutes after his arrival he was standing in his pew whilst a hymn was being sung, when he suddenly, without the slightest warning, fell to the pew floor. Some of the chapel officials were quickly to his assistance, and he was conveyed to the vestry, but death had already occurred, and some little time later the body was conveyed home. The service was not postponed; in fact, so carefully did the officials proceed about their work the large majority were unaware until service was close that death had occurred in their midst. PC Dale, who lives in Bank Street, was fetched, and the body conveyed home, whilst the service was proceeding.

On Monday Mr. T. Allen Stokes (coroner) held an inquest on the body at the NEW INN, Dudley Road. Martha Carroll, widow of deceased, stated her husband would have been 78 years of age on New Year’s day. On Sunday her husband attended the Wesleyan Chapel three times, to the morning service, at the afternoon adult class, and also to the evening service. At about three minutes to six he left his home for chapel and he was brought home dead at about seven o’clock. During Sunday he seemed better and more comfortable than he had for some time. Previously he suffered from sciatica. Thomas Derricote, carpenter, 38, Bank Street, deposed to seeing deceased hurrying along the approach to the chapel. Deceased remarked to witness that he was a little late, and immediately proceeded to the front part of the chapel where he sat. After a prayer a hymn was sung, and during the singing deceased fell to the floor of the pew, and died almost immediately he was taken to the vestry.

A verdict of ‘Death by Natural Causes’ was returned.....”

Nehemiah Holds, beer retailer, 54, Dudley Road. [1904]

The license renewal was refused on 18th June 1906.

The license was extinguished on 19th September 1906.

Indenture dated 28/10/1909

“..... And also all that messuage tenement or dwelling-house erected and built upon the said plot of land formerly used as a public-house and known as The NELSON INN with the brewhouse and outbuildings belonging there-to.....”

NEW INN

Round Oak, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Charles Holds [1868]

John Holds [] - **1871**);

James Jackson (**1871** - []

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Stourbridge Observer 19/9/1868

“At the Petty Sessions, on Thursday last, before I. Spooner, Esq, Charles Green and Charles Hill was charged with stealing a sovereign, the property of *Charles Holds*.

Complainant said he lived at Round Oak, and kept the NEW INN. On the 5th September the two prisoners, another man, and a female, called for two bottles of ginger beer and a glass of ale. A man now in prison threw down a half sovereign to pay for it. I gave him in change 9s 6³/₄d. The man after said to me he did not want the change, but offered to change me a sovereign. I thanked him, and the man gave me 9s and a half sovereign, and I gave him a sovereign. The men at once drank the ginger beer and ale and left, saying they had to get a post office order, and picked up my half sovereign, and left. On Sunday last the prisoner Hill called at my house and said he was sorry I had lost the half sovereign, and if he had been in work would have paid me again.

Mr. Addison cross examined at some length to show that the two prisoners were not in the house, and that the case had been brought before the Dudley Magistrates and dismissed, but the witness denied it.

Catherine *Holds*, wife of complainant corroborated his evidence. Green was sentenced to six months' imprisonment, and Hill committed to the Sessions. There was a second charge against them, and they were committed to take their trial on the second charge.”

[See also STORES, Harts Hill, Dudley.]

NEW INN

166, New Street / Queen Street, (High Street), QUARRY BANK

OWNERS

Moses Stevens
Henry Stevens
Julia Hanson and Son Ltd. (acquired c.1932)
InnsPired Pubs and Taverns (acquired in 2001)
Black and White Pub Company [2006], [2008]

LICENSEES

Joseph Attwood Jnr. [1845] – [1850]
John Sidaway [1851] – [1854]
Peter Price [1858] – [1860]
John Aston [1862]
James Smith [1864] – **1866**);
William Evers (**1866** – []
Thomas Jones [] – **1868**);
Thomas Williams (**1868** – []
Thomas Bradley [] – **1869**);
James Billingham (**1869**);
Amos Dunn (**1869** – []
William Weaver [1870] – **1876**);
Moses Stevens (**1876** – **1911**);
Henry Stevens (**1911** – **1932**);
Robert Llewelyn Robinson (**1932** – **1933**);
Clara Robinson (m. Sandford) (**1933** – [1938]
Joseph Yardley [1940]
Ernest Heath []
David William 'Dave' Cooper (**2001** – [2008]

NEW INN, QUARRY BANK.
TO be LET, and may be entered upon immediately, the above well-accustomed Old Licensed PUBLIC-HOUSE and Premises, now doing a very good Business.
For further particulars, and to treat for the same, apply to the Landlord, Mr. F. Price, or to Mr. H. Detheridge, Auctioneer, Brierley-Hill.

Advert 1858

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High Street [1911], [1912]
166, New Street [1901], [1940], [1996], [1998]

Brierley Hill Advertiser 15/3/1856

“On Wednesday last, an inquest was held at the NEW INN, Quarry Bank, before T. M. Phillips, Esq, and a respectable jury, of whom Mr. E. Paskin was the foreman, to inquire into the cause of death of David Taylor, horse nail maker, of Quarry Bank, aged 20 years, and who was found dead in the road near the above Inn, on Monday morning last. The circumstances under which the deceased had met with his death has caused a great sensation in the neighbourhood, and a crowd of people surrounded the house during the sitting of the coroner. After the jury were sworn they proceeded to view the body, which lay at the above Inn.

The first witness called was a boy named Thomas Brown, aged 15 years, who said he lived with his father and mother at Quarry Bank, and did not know the deceased, that he had been out with his parents, and was going home about half past three o'clock on Monday morning last, when he saw the deceased lying in the road, a little distance from the house they were in; he was lying straight out, with his face upwards and his head towards the middle of the road. Deceased was dressed; I did not speak to him, but walked up to him and took hold of his hand – it was cold. His father and mother then came up, they both laid hold of his hands and said he was dead, and told me to call the

landlord of this house up. I did so, and he told me to go and tell the police. I went and called police constable William Millington up, who went with me to the place where the deceased lay. The police constable examined the body and found a stab on the left breast. The officer unbuttoned his jacket, waistcoat, and shirt; there was a good deal of blood on the shirt. It was not a very large wound. Did not observe any marks on the body. There was a cut on the left side of his chin, and his left ear was cut. Had never seen the deceased before.

William Millington, police officer, sworn, said I am stationed at Quarry Bank, and know deceased well; he was 20 years of age, and resided with his father, at Quarry Bank. I last saw the deceased alive on Sunday afternoon about 3 o'clock, in company with Joseph Raybould, William Grosvenor, and two others whose names I did not then know; they were all perfectly sober. I did not see the deceased again until called for by Brown, a little after 3 o'clock on Monday morning, who said a man lay dead in the road just below this house. I then came and found deceased lying about 4 yards from the footpath, and about 15 yards below this house; he was lying on his back with his hands on his stomach, and stretched out, his head towards the middle of the road; he had the clothes on I now produce. I obtained a light and then examined the body, and found him to be quite dead and cold. The coat was buttoned over. There was no blood on his hands. I unbuttoned his coat, waistcoat, and shirt, and then discovered a wound which appeared to have been caused by some sharp instrument. On close examination I found a wound on the top of the left ear; a cut a little above the left ear, similar to the one on the chest; a slight cut on the left side of the chin; and a slight bruise on the right side of his head. There was a quantity of blood on the ground where he lay, and there was a cut through the left side of the coat, waistcoat and shirt, exactly over the wound. There was an appearance of scuffling at the place where the body lay. I assisted to remove the body into this house, where it now lies. From information I received I apprehended Joseph Chivers, at Quarry Bank, about six o'clock the same morning, about 200 yards from his own house. I said I apprehend you for being in the affray last night, assaulting several persons, and causing the death of David Taylor. He said he was there, but they gave it us worse than we gave it them. I asked him who he meant by us, and he said his father and brother. I took him to the station at Brierley Hill; he was sober. Joseph Morris, sworn, said I am a forgerman, and live at Mount Pleasant, in this Parish. I knew the deceased, and last saw him alive about half past twelve, on the night of Sunday last, in the road at Quarry Bank, about 15 or 20 yards below this house, in company with Samuel Grosvenor, William Bangham, Joseph Raybould, Herbert Foxhall, Joseph Chivers, and his brother Josiah. Joseph Chivers was threatening and asking the deceased why he ran the cart against his door. Taylor denied having done so, and his companions denied having meddled with the cart. My wife and daughter, as well as myself, know one of the party was down, but could not tell who. A regular fight ensued between the parties, and just at that time the father of the two Chivers came down, and joined the fight. There was a good scuffle. Two women then came, and one of them said follow them and give them some more. Joseph Chivers then ran to the deceased and knocked him down, and fell on him with one knee. Whilst on the ground deceased called out murder. Joseph Chivers said you b——, I'll murder you. He was on him for four or five minutes, he got off him, and came within about 2 yards of me, and said, I'll stop the b—— hooting murder. I left Taylor on the ground. As soon as Chivers left the deceased, I moved away, and saw no more of him; his companions ran away. I saw the Chiverses turn in home, but did not speak to them, but went directly home. I did not see anything in the Chiverses hands.

By the Foreman – Taylor said he is murdering me, and hooted murder.

Joseph Raybould sworn, – and I am an underhand puddler, and reside at Hammer Bank, in this Parish. I left Stourbridge about a quarter to 11, in company with the deceased, Samuel Grosvenor, Bangham and Foxhall. We walked through Quarry Bank; and when we had got a short distance, Joseph Chivers came and collared me, and said, I believe you are the young man who has knocked the cart about; I said it was not me, and he said I was a liar, it was you. I told him to go and ask Grosvenor and Foxhall, he went to them and said something. I then said to Joseph Chivers, I think I shall have you up in Brierley Hill next Thursday for this, when he replied, that if I said any more he would give me his fist; I told him a second time, when he knocked me down and fell upon me; he said he would knock my brains out; I called out, and Taylor and Bangham came up, I asked them to take the man off me; as soon as I was up, he set about the other two, and a scuffle ensued; when I got up, I was so badly hurt that I could scarcely stir. Chivers knocked deceased down with his fist, and tumbled on top of him; it was so dark I could not see. Taylor hooted murder, I should say Chivers was on deceased five minutes; Chivers got off the deceased and joined his father and brother. I heard Chivers's mother say, Oh! Joseph, I fear you have killed him, and Chivers said, if I have not, I will. I did not see Chivers go again to the deceased, nor did I see the deceased again alive, deceased was in perfect health before Chivers struck him, and was quite sober. Cross examined by Mr. Burbury, who appeared on behalf of the Chivers – did not see anything sharp in any ones hand – do not know whether deceased got up after Chivers had knocked him down – only heard murder called once – woman who was shouting down, said Joseph, I think you have

killed him, when he said, if he had not, he would. I was standing about 5 yards from Chivers at that time, I was 20 yards behind the deceased when.....

Herbert Foxhall, sworn, said I am a shale maker and live at Quarry Bank. I was walking down Quarry Bank on Sunday night about 12 o'clock in company with the deceased, Grosvenor, Raybold and Bangham. I saw a cart in the road; Taylor picked up the shafts and the cart ran about one yard. We all ran down the road, and Joseph Chivers and his brother came out of his house and followed us. They overtook Raybold first; they caught him and collared me, and Joseph Chivers accused me of running the cart about; Raybold said I'll have you at Brierley Hill for accusing me of a wrong thing. They then knocked Raybold down and kicked him, when he called out murder. Taylor and Bangham had run about 50 yards further down the road, but came back when they heard Raybold shout murder. When they came up they asked Joseph Chivers and his brother why they struck Raybold; Bangham was then struck and he went away; they also struck Grosvenor and deceased. They both then set about deceased and knocked him down, and I saw Joseph Chivers give him one kick, but cannot say where. Grosvenor and myself went back and took Joseph Chivers off the deceased. I did not hear deceased speak at all, or call out murder. I was perfectly sober. I thought I was the last left on the ground; it was so dark and foggy I could not see.

Superintendent W. Mills, sworn, said from information I received, I apprehended Joseph Chivers sen, and his son Josiah, at the house of Joseph Chivers, and charged the older person with being in company with his two sons, between twelve and one o'clock on Monday morning last, at Quarry Bank, and assaulting David Taylor so as to cause his death. The elder Chivers said all I can say about it is that myself and two sons, Joseph and Josiah, were in this because a little after twelve o'clock, when we heard somebody wheeling the cart about, and Joseph and the other went out. I heard a disturbance, and soon after left and went to the place, and saw them fighting with some other men.

Thomas Bloomer, sworn, said I am a horse nail maker and live just opposite to where the occurrence took place. I was in bed at the time, and should think it was between twelve and one o'clock; my wife awoke me and said there was a dreadful noise and several persons hooting murder. I directly opened the window and asked what was the matter, but no one answered. I heard a scuffle as though several persons were fighting. I knew Joseph Chivers by his voice, he said I have given him Bangham; I've given the b_____ hooting murder; then a woman said, yes, it is our Joe, he has had his wife confined, and they have been running the cart against the door. It was foggy, I could not seem to discern a person a few yards off; I did not know that any one was murdered.

The Coroner here said he should order a post mortem examination of the body to be made by Mr. Norris, surgeon, and adjourn the inquest.

Mr. Norris said that he was engaged at Stafford Assizes on several cases. It would be uncertain which day he would be enabled to place the result of his examination before the jury. The inquest was then adjourned until Tuesday, he 25th instant, to be held at Mr. *Paskin's* ROYAL OAK INN, Quarry Bank, at two o'clock in the afternoon."

Brierley Hill Advertiser 29/3/1856

"The adjourned inquest on the body of David Taylor, who was killed at Quarry Bank, on the morning of the 10th, was held at Mr. *Edward Paskin's*, ROYAL OAK INN, Quarry Bank, on Tuesday last, March 25th, before T. M. Phillips Esq. The names of the Jurymen were called and answered to. The only additional witness called was Mary Ann Morris, who, on being sworn, said – I am the wife of Joseph Morris, a puddler, living at Quarry Bank. On Monday evening the 10th of March, at about half past one o'clock, I and my husband were returning homewards, and on arriving near the NEW INN, Quarry Bank, I heard a noise, and saw some men standing on the opposite side of the road. One of the men accused the others of ramming a cart against his door. Several voices denied having done so. They began to fight in the middle of the road. I believe they were all in a scuffle. I saw a man whom they called Joseph Chivers knock another man upon the ground. I heard him then say, 'I'll murder the b——.' He was upon him about five minutes. The deceased exclaimed, 'Oh, he is murdering me,' and gave one groan. When the man got off the other he walked up towards his own house, a distance of about 200 yards. We walked behind him. I then went home with my husband. I should say that a quarter of an hour or twenty minutes elapsed from the time I first saw the men until the deceased was knocked down. I did not see any one touch the deceased but the man who fell upon him.

The evidence of the former witnesses having been read over, that of Mr. W. L. Norris, surgeon, was received, and was similar in effect to that already published.

The Coroner shortly observed to the Jury that he would read to them the law upon the subject of murder and manslaughter, and it would be for them to judge whether or not they believed Joseph Chivers, jun, were guilty of murder, or manslaughter. The law upon the subject was 'Manslaughter is the unlawful and felonious killing of another without any malice, express or implied, as whereupon a sudden quarrel two persons fight and one kills the

other, or where a man provokes another by some personal violence and the other immediately kills him.' Now, a quarter of an hour elapsed from the time Mrs. Morris first saw the people on the contrary side of the road, and heard them squabbling and quarrelling until he (Joseph Chivers) struck the deceased, and knocked him down. If they believe that that was the occasion on which the fatal blow was given, then Joseph Chilton was guilty of murder, because it was presumed there elapsed a sufficient time for him to have become perfectly collected in the interval of a quarter of an hour. The provocation was certainly very great, when they considered that the man's wife had been confined, and was then, he (the Coroner) supposed, in a dangerous state. He (Joseph Chivers) went out of his house in a great passion. Whether he thought the parties were merely pushing the cart against the door, or whether he thought they were breaking into the house, he (the Coroner) could not say. Mr. Norris believed the cut upon the chest was the cause of death, occasioned by some sharp instrument.

A Juror: I should say, for my own part, that he is guilty of murder.

The Coroner: You will consider your verdicts yourselves.

Several Jurors expressed themselves of opinion that the prisoner (Joseph Chivers) was guilty of murder.

The Coroner and other strangers then withdrew. After a consultation of about an hour's duration, the Coroner was requested to return to the room, and after a further consultation of twenty minutes, the strangers were admitted, when it was announced that the verdict of the Jury was one of wilful murder against Joseph Chivers. The witnesses were bound over, and the proceedings then terminated. We understand that a strict search has been made on Joseph Chivers's premises, but that no instrument likely to have inflicted the fatal blow could be found."

Joseph Chivers was sentenced to 15 years transportation for manslaughter.

Brierley Hill Advertiser 16/5/1857

"W. H. Phillips, Esq, deputy coroner. Held an inquest on Wednesday last, at the NEW INN, Quarry Bank, on the body of a boy named George Joiners, aged four years, son of working people. The lad was left by his mother playing in the house with other children on the 7th inst. A short time only elapsed before she returned, when she found him enveloped in flames. Assistance was rendered, but he had received such injuries as to cause his decease on the following day. Verdict Accidental Death."

Brierley Hill Advertiser 8/8/1857

"An inquest was held on Tuesday last before W. H. Phillips, Esq, at the NEW INN, Quarry Bank, touching the death of Richard Davies, a boy aged ten years and seven months. The deceased died on Saturday last from the effects of injuries received on the head by a stone thrown by a young man named Joseph Davies. The details of the case were given in our last. The jury considered that the stone was not thrown with a malicious intent, and returned a verdict accordingly."

Brierley Hill Advertiser 2/1/1858 - Advert

"NEW INN, Quarry Bank. To be Let, and may be entered upon immediately, the above well accustomed Old-Licensed Public House and Premises, now doing a very good business.

For further particulars, and to treat for the same, apply to the Landlord, Mr. *P. Price*, or to Mr. Detheridge, Auctioneer, Brierley Hill."

Brierley Hill Advertiser 7/8/1858 - Advert

"The NEW INN, Quarry Bank. To be Disposed of by Private Treaty the License, Goodwill, and Possession of the above Old-licensed Public House, the Stock, Brewing Plant and Fixtures to be taken at a valuation – rent and payments low....."

London Gazette 26/3/1869

"*Thomas Jones*, now living in lodgings at Mrs. Lane's, Brettell Lane Licensed Victualler, Dealer in Tobacco, and Wheelwright, adjudicated bankrupt on the 3rd day of December 1868. An Order of Discharge was granted On the 24th day of March 1869."

Stourbridge Observer 19/2/1870

“William Hines, James Billingham and Alfred Billingham were charged with assaulting Samuel Hughes, on the 17th inst, at Quarry Bank.

Mr. Waldron appeared for the complainant, who said: I am a miner. On the above date was at NEW INN public house saw the defendant there. It was about half past eleven. Left the house about ten minutes after defendant. When I went out I saw Hines, who struck me twice on the mouth. The other defendants were close to him. Started home, defendants followed me. James Billingham struck me, and knocked me down. Whilst I was down they all kicked me. They cut my head in several places. I went to the Police Station the same night covered with blood.

By the Bench: Had been quarrelling in the house about the fighting. Did not fight in the house.

Joseph Pearson said: I live at Quarry Bank. On the above date was passing the NEW INN, and saw Hines strike Hughes twice. Saw all three of the defendants kicking him whilst he was on the ground. James Billingham struck complainant on the back of the head with some instrument.

Samuel Watts said: I live at Quarry Bank. Was by the NEW INN on the above date, and saw the defendants kicking complainant on the ground. I remonstrated with them, and James Billingham struck me and knocked me down.

Police-constable V. Breton said complainant came to the Police Station, and was in a sad state; his head was cut in two places, and he complained of being hurt internally.

Hines said he had a stand up fight with complainant. Both of the other defendants said they had never struck a blow.

Mr. Spencer said they had been guilty of an assault unworthy of an Englishman. James Billingham was fined £3 and costs; in default two months. The other defendants £2 and costs; in default six weeks.

Samuel Hughes was charged with assaulting Esther Billingham on the same date, at the same time and place.

Complainant said she was at the NEW INN, and on coming out defendant struck her and knocked her down. James Billingham corroborated complainant.

Mr. Spooner said it was shameful for women to come into Court to tell such falsehoods. He should dismiss the case.

James Watts was charged with stealing a hat belonging to the defendant Billingham.

Mr. Spooner dismissed this case also. Mr. Waldron defended in both cases.”

Stourbridge Observer 5/11/1870

“*William Weaver*, landlord of the NEW INN, Quarry Bank, was charged by Superintendent Mills with permitting drunkenness in his house, on the 24th ult.

Police-constable Grady said he visited the defendant’s house on the above date, at half past two, and found from forty to fifty persons in the house, not more than 5 of whom were sober. Some were making a great noise by bawling and dancing, and others lay down fast asleep.

Defendant denied the charge, and called a witness to prove that no one was drunk; and that he was in the house from eight to eleven o’clock.

The Bench gave defendant the benefit of the doubt, and dismissed the case.”

Stourbridge Observer 6/4/1872

“*William Weaver*, landlord of the NEW INN, Quarry Bank, was charged with keeping a disorderly house on the 26th untimo. Police-constables Lavin and Hughes proved the case, and the defendant was fined £5 and costs and ordered to produce his certificate or the alternative of being fined £5.”

Stourbridge Observer 5/10/1872

“The adjourned Licensing Sessions for the petty sessional division of Kingswinford was held on Monday last, at the Brierley Hill Police Court *William Weaver*, NEW INN, Quarry Bank, who was fined during the year, £5 for an offence, was cautioned and his license granted him.”

1881 Census

High Street – NEW INNS

[1] *Moses Stevens* (43), licensed victualler, born Quarry Bank;

[2] *Elizabeth Stevens* (41), wife, born Kington, Herefordshire;

[3] *Ellen Stevens* (18), daughter, born Quarry Bank;

[4] *Emma Stevens* (16), daughter, dress maker, born Quarry Bank;

[5] *Henry Stevens* (13), son, scholar, born Quarry Bank;

[6] *Isaiah Stevens* (10), nephew, scholar, born Quarry Bank:

1891 Census

High Street – NEW INNS

- [1] *Moses Stevens* (53), widower, publican and brewer, born Quarry Bank;
- [2] *Mary E. Stevens* (19), niece, born Eardisland, Herefordshire;
- [3] *Martha Robins* (18), domestic servant, born Quarry Bank;
- [4] *Jane E. Price* (8), granddaughter, scholar, born Quarry Bank:

County Express 12/5/1900

“On Wednesday evening a presentation was made at a dinner, at the NEW INNS, to Mr. J. King, the former sexton of Christ Church, Quarry Bank.....”

County Express 21/7/1900

“Mrs. Stevens, wife of Mr. Moses Stevens, of the NEW INNS, High Street, died on Monday, and the news of the event called forth great sympathy throughout Quarry Bank and district. For some months she had been under the care of Dr. White, suffering from a complication of diseases, and little hope was entertained of her recovery. The funeral took place on Thursday afternoon at the parish church, and there were many manifestations of sincere respect for the departed and sympathy with the widower and family. Many floral tributes were sent. The Rev. T. J. McNulty officiated.”

County Express 13/10/1900

“On Monday Mr. T. Allen Stokes (coroner) held an inquest at the NEW INN, High Street, respecting the death of Daniel Homer (62), chainmaker, of Birch Coppice. The evidence showed that on the previous Friday morning the deceased got up at a quarter to six, telling his wife that he was going into the garden. As he did not return, the wife, at about half-past six went to search for him, and was horrified to discover her husband hanging by a rope from a beam in the chainshop near the house. She raised an alarm, and a man named John Hyde, of High Street, Quarry Bank, cut the body down, life being extinct. Police-constable Lawson was fetched, and the body removed into the house. It was stated that for some twelve months the deceased had suffered from fits, and had been somewhat strange at times. A verdict of ‘Suicide during Temporary Insanity’ was returned.”

1901 Census

166, High Street – NEW INN

- [1] *Moses Stevens* (63), publican and brewer, born Quarry Bank;
- [2] *Lizzie Price* (18), granddaughter, barmaid, born Quarry Bank;
- [3] *Eva Price* (14), granddaughter, born Quarry Bank:

County Express 1/6/1901

“The ‘Rose in June’ Lodge of the Order of Druids held their annual dinner and meeting on Monday at the house of Mr. *Moses Stevens*, the NEW INNS. Dr. Tibbetts, Mr. Frank Webb, C.C., Mr. M. Stevens (treasurer), and Mr. Joseph Westwood (secretary) were present. The head officer of the lodge presided, and the report for the past year was of a very satisfactory nature. Dr. Tibbetts delivered an address on the important work of friendly societies. Mr. Whiley gave a ventriloquial entertainment, and was deservedly applauded. The host was accorded a vote of thanks for his excellent catering.”

County Express 27/7/1901

“Quarry Bank Association For The Prosecution Of Felons. The annual dinner of the above association was held on Wednesday evening at the NEW INN, Quarry Bank, when a company of 38 sat down to the repast admirably served by the host, Mr. Moses Stevens.....”

County Express 15/2/1902

“On Monday, Amos Crundall (56), a labourer, of 41, Birch Coppice, died suddenly. It appears that for several years the deceased suffered from a weak heart, and at eleven o’clock on Monday morning he had a fit of vomiting and died in half-an-hour.

An inquest on the body was held by Mr. T. A. Stokes on Wednesday, at the NEW INN, High Street, and a verdict of ‘Death from Natural Causes’ returned.”

M. Stevens, brewer and licensed victualler. [1911]

1911 Census

High Street – NEW INN

- [1] Henry Stevens (43), licensed victualler, born Quarry Bank;
- [2] Frances Stevens (22), wife, married 2 years, born Cradley, Worcestershire;
- [3] Clarence E. Stevens (11), son, school, born Quarry Bank;
- [4] Vernon Stevens (8), son, born Quarry Bank;
- [5] Mary Worton (16), domestic servant, born Cradley, Worcestershire;
- [6] Jack Stevens (7 months), son:

Henry Stevens was chairman of Brierley Hill and District Licensed Victuallers' Association. [1921]
He was also a beer retailer of Cradley Forge. [1912]

David Cooper was a former engineer.
He was born c.1952.

He was managing director of the Black and White Pub Co. [2008]

It closed in 2011.

It was converted into housing. [2015]



1997



Ex Pub 2015



2007

NEW STAR

High Street, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Isaac Richards [1860]

NEW WELLINGTON

Brettell Lane, Silver End, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

John Davies [1851]
James Walker
John Bolton (acquired in November 1860)
Henry Bolton (acquired on 27th April 1887)
Joseph Paskin Simpkins (acquired on 26th April 1919 for £3,000) [1928]
J. P. Simpkins
Greenhall Whitley
Clive and Pat Burke [1992]

LICENSEES

Samuel Edge [1822] – [1829]
John Webb [1834] – [1841]
Thomas Davis [1845]
John Bolton [1849] – **1884**);
Henry Bolton (**1884 – 1919**);
Joseph Paskin Simpkins (**1919 – 1939**);
Frederick Dennis Simpkins (**1939 – 1980**);
Reg Hooper [1977] ?
Paul Francis Fielding (**1980 – 1982**);
Kenneth Edward Bevon (**1982 – 1984**);
Janet Spencer (**1984**);
Juvenal Caires Gouveia (**1984 – 1986**);
Mark Evans (**1986 – 1987**);
Thomas Hall (**1987**);
John Charles Fleetwood (**1987 – 1991**);
Clive David Burke (**1991 – []**)
Kath Richards [1992]

NOTES

It was situated in front of the Simpkins brewery.

WELLINGTON ARMS [1822], [1829]
FOLEY ARMS [1835], [1845], [1857], [1858], [1860], [1868], [1872], [1901], [1904], [1940], [1982]
DUDLEY ARMS [1916]

1841 Census

Brettell Lane

- [1] John Webb (45), publican;
- [2] Elizabeth Webb (35), wife;
- [3] Henry Webb (7), son;
- [4] Jane Webb (6), daughter;
- [5] Fanny Webb (3), daughter;

FREEHOLD PUBLIC HOUSE,
DENNIS PARK, BRETTLE LANE.
TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, BY
MR. DETHERIDGE, on MONDAY, the 10th
day of November, 1856, at the house of Mr. John
Bolton, the FOLEY ARMS INN, Brettell Lane, afore-
said, at Six o'clock in the Evening, subject to conditions:—
All that FREEHOLD PUBLIC HOUSE, known by
the name of "The Leamington Brewery Stores," situate in
King William Street, Dennis Park, Brettell Lane, in the
Hamlet of Amblecote, in the parish of Oldswinford, and
occupied by Mr. W. M. Salmon, at a rent of £18 a year.
The House comprises Parlour, Tap Room, Kitchen, and
Bar, Pantry, excellent Cellaring, Six Bed Rooms, Yard,
Garden, Coal House, and other Outbuildings, being also
well supplied with hard and soft water, the whole occupying
640 square yards of land.
Part of the purchase money may remain as a mortgage
on the property.
For further particulars apply to the Auctioneer, or at the
offices of Mr. Jaston Homfray, Solicitor, both of Brierley-
Hill.

Advert 1856

Wolverhampton Chronicle 9/7/1845

“Sale. FOLEY ARMS INN, Brettell Lane also for sale with stable, piggeries, outbuildings, yard, garden and appurtenances in the occupation of Mr. *Thomas Davis*.”

It was advertised to let in the Wolverhampton Chronicle of June 1846.

John Bolton was the son of Edward.

He married Sarah Plant in 1839.

He was living next door to the pub at the 1841 Census, where he was described as a miner

He was also a builder. [1868], [1870], [1872]

He was described as a timber merchant. [1865], [1873], [1884]

1851 Census

Brettell Lane

[1] *John Bolton* (36), innkeeper, born Cirencester;

[2] *Sarah Bolton* (39), wife, born Kingswinford;

[3] *Margaret Bolton* (8), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;

[4] *Emma Bolton* (6), daughter, born Kingswinford;

[5] *John Bolton* (4), son, born Kingswinford;

[6] *Henry Bolton* (2), son, born Kingswinford:

Brierley Hill Advertiser 17/5/1856

“On Monday last 160 of the members of No.2 Lodge of the Stourbridge Independent Order of Odd Fellows held their anniversary at the house of Mr. *John Bolton*, FOLEY ARMS INN, Brettell Lane, and after receiving the dividend, £25 10s, they partook of an excellent dinner, served up in the usual good style by the much respected host and hostess, and the evening was spent in the most convivial manner.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 16/8/1856

“On Sunday last a little boy, named *Thomas William Morris*, was found drowned in the canal near the FOLEY ARMS, Brettell Lane. Deceased was last seen alive about one o'clock, and on being missed search was made, when his body was found in the canal near his father's house, between three and four o'clock the same afternoon. An inquest was held on the body before T. M. Phillips, Esq, coroner, on Tuesday, and a verdict of Found Drowned was returned.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 6/6/1857

“On Whit Monday the members of No.2 Lodge of the Stourbridge Order, numbering 181 members, held their anniversary at the house of Mr. *John Bolton*, FOLEY ARMS INN, Brettell Lane, when after receiving a dividend of £88, being the surplus over the year's expenditure, leaving £510 as a standing fund, they proceeded to partake of an excellent dinner, which was served up by the respected Host and Hostess in their usual good style.....”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 22/8/1857

“About ten o'clock on Thursday evening last, the body of a boy, named *John Haynes*, aged six years, son of a blacksmith, of Brettell Lane, was found dead in the basin of a canal, inside Mr. *Wheeley's* hoop mill, at Brettell Lane. Deceased was last seen alive, playing at the side of the water, by his brother, at seven o'clock the same evening, and being missed shortly afterwards a search was instituted, and he was found as described.

The inquest will be held at the FOLEY ARMS INN, Brettell Lane.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 5/6/1858

“Unreserved Sale at the FOLEY ARMS INN, Brettell Lane.

To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. *Detheridge* Household Furniture.....”

1861 Census

Brettell Lane

- [1] *John Bolton* (45), licensed victualler, born Cirencester;
- [2] *Sarah Bolton* (52), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Margaret Bolton* (18), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Emma Bolton* (16), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *John Bolton* (14), son, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Henry Bolton* (12), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Rhoda Plant* (54), sister in law, unmarried, born Kingswinford:

Stourbridge Observer 1/8/1868

“A suicide of most extraordinary character took place on Monday forenoon on the bank of a couple of clay pits belonging to Mr. John Wheeley, of Brettell Lane. Some of the persons there employed noticed a strange man come across the fields to the place, and pick up a vessel containing what is locally called ‘Blue Billy’, a concoction of oil, grease, and gas tar, used for lubricating the wheels of trollies, &c. He raised the can as if he were going to drink from it, when he was cautioned by a woman not to do so; but he told her it was quite immaterial to her whether he drank or forebore to drink. Having said so, he took a prolonged draught before anyone could interfere, and was soon thereafter prostrate on the ground. Mr. Pearse, surgeon, Brierley Hill, was sent for, and he applied the stomach pump. It was soon evident that the poor fellow could not live; and he was conveyed to the FOLEY ARMS public house, Brettell Lane, whence he was subsequently taken to the Union. There he died some time afterwards. No one knows anything of the deceased, who was evidently a tramp, and all the enquiries of the police have failed to elicit any information respecting who he is or where he comes from. He was about the middle height, slightly made, wore a beard, and had the appearance of an Irishman. For some days past he has been seen in the neighbourhood, and all who have seen him describe his conduct as very strange. It is evident that the deceased was not responsible for his actions.

An inquest was held on Thursday last at the Union, before Mr. Phillips, deputy Coroner, when it was proved in evidence that Mr. Pearse, surgeon, pumped out of deceased stomach three quarters of a pint of tar. The Jury returned a verdict that deceased died from the effects of drinking a quantity of tar and oil.”

1871 Census

Meeting Lane

- [1] *John Bolton* (54), licensed victualler, born Cirencester;
- [2] *Sarah Bolton* (53), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Margaret Bolton* (27), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Emma Bolton* (25), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Harry Bolton* (21), son, builder, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Rhoda Plant* (60), sister in law, unmarried, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Sarah Hopkins* (30), domestic servant, born Worcester:

Stourbridge Observer 16/11/1872

“On Saturday last a little boy named Thomas Baker, aged 5 years and 10 months, went out to play as usual on the afternoon, about half past three o’clock. Later in the afternoon, a man who was passing near Meeting Lane Bridge, saw a cap floating in the water, and George Withy, and the deceased’s father commenced to drag the canal, and found the body at half past eleven the same night, and removed it home. An inquest was held on the body at the FOLEY ARMS, Brettell Lane, on Tuesday, before Mr. Phillips, Deputy Coroner, and a verdict was returned of Accidental death.”

1881 Census

Brettell Lane

- [1] *John Bolton* (64), victualler and timber merchant, born Cirencester;
- [2] *Sarah Bolton* (69), wife, born Brettell Lane;
- [3] *Henry Bolton* (31), son, builder, born Brettell Lane;
- [4] *Sophia Bolton* (28), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Rhoda Plant* (71), sister in law, unmarried, born Brettell Lane;
- [6] *Mary Morris* (16), domestic servant, born Kinver:

Sarah Bolton died in 1881.

Henry Bolton was born in 1848.

1891 Census

FOLEY ARMS – Brettell Lane

- [1] Henry Bolton (42), licensed victualler, born Brettell Lane;
- [2] Sophia Bolton (39), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] Mabel S. Bolton (9), daughter, scholar, born Brettell Lane;
- [4] Edith V. Bolton (7), daughter, scholar, born Brettell Lane;
- [5] John H. Bolton (5), son, scholar, born Brettell Lane;
- [6] John Bolton (74), father, widower, living on own means, born Brettell Lane;
- [7] Elizabeth Randle (18), general domestic servant, born Wordsley;

Sophia Bolton died in 1894.

John Bolton died in 1901.

1901 Census

Brettell Lane – FOLEY ARMS

- [1] Henry Bolton (53), widower, licensed victualler, born Brettell Lane;
- [2] Mabel S. Bolton (19), daughter, born Brettell Lane;
- [3] Edith V. Bolton (17), daughter, born Brettell Lane;
- [4] John H. Bolton (15), son, born Brettell Lane;
- [5] Clara Ann Blount (23), general servant, born Shropshire;

County Express 30/11/1901

“We notified last week the disappearance from Quarry Bank of a servant girl. The letter she wrote to her father, telling him that she was going to do away with herself, proved only too correct, and on Saturday at noon her body was found in the canal by Bowen’s brickyard, Brettell Lane. The inquest upon the body was held by Mr. T. A. Stokes (coroner) at the FOLEY ARMS INN, Brettell Lane, on Monday afternoon. Mr. Walker was the foreman of the jury, and Mr. G. F. James appeared for the deceased’s relatives.

Mr. John Kent, father of the deceased, was the first witness. He said he was a bricklayer, living at 13, Bridgnorth Road, Wollaston. The deceased, his daughter, was aged 18, and she had been for some seven months a domestic servant at Quarry Bank vicarage. On Wednesday morning he received from her the letter which the coroner now produced, and he could identify the writing as hers. She was at home on Monday the night before her disappearance, and appeared cheerful and bright as usual. Immediately after receiving the letter he went to Stourbridge police station and Quarry Bank vicarage. The next he saw of his daughter was when her dead body was dragged from the canal on Saturday.

The Coroner read the letter, which was written in pencil. It ran as follows:—

My dear Mother, Father, Sister and Brother, – I am sorry, but I am going to do away with myself. I am guilty of what has been done. I am tired of life, and I am going to drown myself. Sorry, but I have a very good Master and Mistress McNulty, and a very good friend Miss Hetty McNulty. They have been good to me. But never mind; don’t trouble about me. Bury me anyhow. Tell my sister and brother to take care of themselves. I am doing away with myself before I would disgrace them. I am very much troubled this last few months about one thing or another. Hope the Lord will forgive me for what I am going to do. Have my things; do what you like. Sorry to part, but I am going; my character is gone; I have disgraced myself. It is too late. Do forgive me. My temper is the worst of me. I have gone as far as I could. Hope we will meet again. Dear mother, don’t trouble about me; my time is come. Sorry to leave a good place; I have spoiled myself now. Sorry to part with my friends and all my relatives. Forgive me, and ask Mr. McNulty to forgive me. I am writing this in a coffee house in Mill Street; I must say good-bye. Lord, forgive me! – Your daughter, Lillie.

Added to the letter was another sheet of paper containing the following:— ‘I can’t tell you what I done it for, I am troubled. Don’t trouble about me. Let me be forgotten forever. Amen, I know it’s wrong of me to do this, but I am better dead than alive. Now Lord forgive me for I have done. Amen.’

Mr. G. F. James to Mr. Kent: Was any accusation made to you against the girl as to theft when you saw Mr. McNulty on Wednesday? – None whatever.

No charge was brought forward to you at all? – No, sir; Mr. McNulty said she was mad.

Mary Brooks, a fellow servant of the deceased at the vicarage, said on Tuesday afternoon she was going upstairs when Lily stopped her at the top, pulling her back as she was passing, and fumbling at the back of her dress. She then put her hand under her arm and tickled her, and tried to push her over the staircase. Witness's back was toward Lily, but she felt her fumbling again at her dress, and she was certain she put something in her pocket, though she took no notice of it at the time and went to do her work. Soon after Mrs. McNulty came to her and said, 'Polly, I am going to make you turn your pocket out and Lily hers.' Witness went to turn her pocket out, and there she found a ring in it. She said 'Please, Ma'am. I know who put that ring in my pocket, it was Lily when she was playing with me on the stairs.' Shortly after the mistress called her into the dining room, and Lily was sitting there looking at the floor. Witness said, 'Lily, it was you who put that ring in my pocket, and you can't deny it'; and Lily got up and said, 'My dear child, I have done for myself. I am off. Good-bye all.' She went out of the dining room and away.

Miss Henrietta McNulty, eldest daughter of the vicar, said on Tuesday evening week Lily, the deceased girl, came to her and said, 'Miss Hetty, there is a ring of yours in Polly Brooks's pocket.' Her mother then called the two servants into the dining room, and the ring (a diamond one) was found in Polly's pocket. After a while Polly said Lily must have put it there. Lily appeared very agitated, and went to her bed room, making no reply whatever. Mrs. McNulty and herself went upstairs to Lily, and she came down again with them into the dining room. Polly told them how Lily had put the ring in her pocket, and Lily went out saying, 'My dear girl, I am done for, good-bye all.' Miss McNulty described how she and Mrs. McNulty endeavoured to get the girl to stop. They induced her to come back into the house, but she finally insisted upon going.

Mr. James: Was the reason that you were so anxious to keep her because she was a good girl? – We were afraid that she would go. We knew that a sister of hers left her home some years ago, and we were afraid she would disappear, run away to Birmingham, or something like that.

Had she been a good servant? – Oh yes, we liked her.

There were no complaints against her? – No, none. She was happy, and we liked her.

PC Lawson, of Quarry Bank, said on Tuesday night the vicar came to the station, and advised him how the servant had left. Witness went in search of her, and telephoned to the Stourbridge police who sent Sergt. Davis to the parent's house to see if she had come home. She was not there, nor at the grandmother's house at Brettell Lane. On Thursday witness with PC Bagnall dragged the canal at Level Street, and on Friday at Brettell Lane, but could not find her.

William Henry Gennard, labourer, of Potter Street, Brierley Hill, gave evidence as to finding the body.

PC Tetlow said the spot where the body was found was 500 yards from the girl's grandmother's. He searched the body, and in the dress pocket found amongst other things some pages of foolscap paper.

Miss McNulty recognised these pages as leaves of an old Girls' Friendly Society book, used in the kitchen in ironing. The Coroner read the following:– 'My dear mother – I am going to do away with myself.'

PC Tetlow continuing said there were no marks of violence on the body, and no marks of a struggle on the canal bank.

The jury returned a verdict of suicide whilst temporarily of unsound mind; and asked the coroner to express their heartfelt condolence with the deceased girls' father and family. The Coroner also made some remarks upon the viewing of bodies, which are reproduced elsewhere."

AND

"The funeral of Lily Kent, whose sad death by drowning is reported on page 6, took place on Thursday afternoon, the Rev. G. Gilbanks officiating. A crowd of people gathered in the churchyard, and along the short route from the house the cottagers' blinds were all drawn....."

AND

"At the conclusion of an inquest held at the FOLEY ARMS, Brettell Lane, one of the jurymen remarked that he thought the time a suitable one for them to add their protest against the viewing of the bodies by juryman.

Mr. T. Allen Stokes, the coroner, said he had no doubt the gentlemen present had seen and would continue to see from time to time protests in the daily papers against the practice. As he had told other juries, something would undoubtedly be done concerning the matter at the coroners' meeting to be held in London towards the end of the year. But, till an Act of Parliament had been passed altering the present laws, no coroner had the power to excuse jurists from viewing the body. It was a barbarous custom, he agreed, and he thought it should be left to the discretion of the coroner as to whether the jury need view the body or not."

1911 Census

Brettell Lane

[1] *Henry Bolton* (63), widower, licensed victualler, born Brettell Lane;

[2] *John Bolton* (25), son, assisting in the business, born Brettell Lane;

[3] *Edith Violet Bolton* (27), daughter, assisting in the business, born Brettell Lane;

[4] *Eugene Chance* (18), general servant, born Stourbridge:

Henry Bolton was also a brewer. [1914]

He married *Sophia Edwards*, at St. Michael's Church in Brierley Hill, in 1880.

She was the daughter of *John Edwards*, carpenter. She died in 1894.

He died in 1930.

County Express 11/3/1916

"On Tuesday, Mr. T. A. Stokes (coroner) held an inquest at the FOLEY ARMS, Brettell Lane, into the death of a man who had expired in the high road on Saturday, and as to whose identity there had been some doubt, but who had been identified that morning as a boatman, named Beresford, whose brother lived in Lodge Road, Oldbury.

Mr. Fred Field was foreman of the Jury.

PS Tunnicliffe, who had charge of the inquest, said the Oldbury police had told him that the man at Oldbury was satisfied from what he had been told that deceased was his brother, Thomas Beresford. He had been travelling about the country, singing on the roadside, and very frequently in gaol for one offence or another.

The Coroner: A vagrant? – Witness: Yes, a notorious character. So far as the brother could tell he was 61 or 63 years old.

Samuel Timmins, boatman and carter, 12, Newtown, Brockmoor, stated that from what he had heard he came to the FOLEY ARMS that morning and identified the deceased. He used to call him Charles Beresford - he answered to Charles.

The Coroner: I suppose he would answer to most things? – Witness: Yes.

Witness had known the deceased for 23 years.

Met him from time to time? Yes: sometimes in His Majesties hotel - (laughter). The last time he saw him was on December 11th.

The Coroner: If you called him Tom do you think he might have answered? Yes.

He didn't work very hard or frequently? He was what you might call a knockabout chap - he did a bit of boating now and then.

The Coroner said that was the evidence of identity, and must ask the jury if they were satisfied that the man was Thomas Beresford.

The jury expressed themselves satisfied.

Edward Bennett said he saw the man on Saturday afternoon in the road just above. It looked as if he had some raw ham in his hand. He had just been eating a piece and it had got fast, and he had put a finger in his mouth, pulled it out, and cast it into the gutter. He did not appear ill.

By Dr. Ellis: He was retching and coughing rather than vomiting.

PC Lycett said he was sent for at 3.13, and found that the man who had been placed against a wall in a sitting position, was dead. He removed him to the FOLEY ARMS, the man was warmly dressed, he had on a double-breasted brown overcoat, a double-breasted jacket, a waistcoat, and two shirts.

Dr. Ellis, who had made a post mortem examination said the body was fairly well nourished. There was some dropsy in both legs. Deceased had very serious heart disease. The stomach was full of partially digested food, he had had a big meal of cold pork and bread - very unsuitable for such a man. Death was due to heart disease, but all the organs were unhealthy, and he should think the man had lived a hard life.

A verdict of Natural Causes was returned."

County Express 21/6/1919

"The transfer of the license of the FOLEY ARMS HOTEL, Brettell Lane, was effected on Monday at the Police Court, the new licensee and owner being Mr. *Joseph Simpkins*.

The Clerk to the justices (Mr. W. W. King) mentioned that the license had been held by Mr. *Harry Bolton* for a great number of years.

The Bench sanctioned plans for extensive improvements to the premises."

County Express 7/2/1920

“Licensing Sessions At Brierley Hill....

Mr. J Rowbotham, supt. of police presented his report During the year ending 31st December 1919 Five plans for alterations to premises had been passed during the year, and in one case, the FOLEY ARMS, Brettell Lane, had not been carried out.

Mr. *J. P. Simpkins*, licensee of the FOLEY ARMS INN, Brettell Lane told the Bench of the difficulty there was in getting the work, which was of an extensive character, carried through.

In answer to the Bench Superintendent Rowbotham said there would be no harm done if the house was left as it now was.

The Clerk (Mr. W. W. King) said the Bench thought the current sanctioned plan should be cancelled, and then Mr. *Simpkins* could, when he was able to get the work done, make another application for approval.

Mr. *Simpkins* agreed, and the Bench directed accordingly.”

It was popular with the workmen at Roberts and Cooper, Brettell Lane Ironworks. [1928]

Bilston and Willenhall Times 27/1/1934

“The annual meeting of the Brierley Hill and District Licensed Victuallers’, Brewers’, Wine and Spirit Merchants’ and Beer Retailers’ Association was held at the FOLEY ARMS HOTEL, Brettell Lane, Brierley Hill, on Thursday of last week. There were present Mr. Samuel Jones (president), Mr. C. F. Moore (vice-chairman), Mr. J. P. Simpkins (treasurer), Mr. W. Dyer Drakeford (secretary), Mr. Alf. Fradgley (auditor), Messrs. Henry Johnson, S. Melbourne, J. Cope, J. H. Parrish, A. Workman, J. H. Hobson, Roland Batham, E. J. Adey, B. Wilkinson, F. Webster and J. H. Dawes.

..... The most notable event of the year was the reduction of the beer tax conceded by the last Budget, but while times were certainly a little better it must not be forgotten that both beer and spirits were still very much overtaxed, and it was their duty to agitate for a reduction to a more reasonable level. Again there ought to be a reduction in the cost of licensed victuallers’ and beer retailers’ licenses, as the cost at present was based on conditions which prevailed when the trade was good and the hours of sale very much in excess of what they were now. It was the duty of every license holder to join a trade protection association, and he made an earnest appeal to them to come in, as it was not fair for the few to bear the cost of an organization which was working for the benefit of the whole.....”

The Dennis Brewery was built in 1934 to replace the home brewery here.

Joseph Paskin Simpkins was treasurer of the Brierley Hill and District Licensed Victuallers’ Association. [1935]

The brewery was demolished.

Paul Fielding was married to Linda.

It was renovated at a cost of £50,000.
It reopened in October 1984.

Juvenal Gouveia was married to Linda.

Mark Evans was married to Pat.

John Fleetwood was married to Pam.

It was renamed the NEW WELLINGTON in October 1992.

Kath Richards was married to Nigel.

Dudley Chronicle 24/4/2014

“A burglar who broke into pubs across the Black Country, stealing money from pool tables, gambling machines, jukeboxes, and charity tins, has been jailed for six years.

Trevor Hollis targeted seven pubs in Dudley, Stourbridge, Brierley Hill, and Coseley in less than two weeks, at night, or in the early hours of the morning. In some cases the landlords or licensees were on the premises.

Hollis, aged 32, of Cheshire Street, Market Drayton, was arrested at the NEW WELLINGTON pub, Brettell Lane, Brierley Hill on November 14, 2013. The landlord had been in bed in a flat above and was woken by a loud bang, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

Police arrived to find Hollis hiding behind the bar. When they ordered him to stand up, a large amount of cash fell out of his pockets. He had also caused hundreds of pounds worth of damage.....”

[2015]



Advert 1984



2008



2015

NOAHS ARK

High Street, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Samuel King (1857 - [1858])
Samuel Inston [1860] - [1861]
Joseph Bridgens [1862]

NOTES

Brierley Hill Advertiser 31/10/1857 - Advert

“Unreserved Sale at the LION HOTEL, Pensnett, near Dudley.

To be Sold by Auction by Enoch Lovatt, on Monday, November 2nd, 1857, Household Furniture, and other effects; comprising Mahogany Tables, Oil Paintings, Mahogany hair-seated Sofa, Three Eight-day Clocks, Mahogany Stand Table, Feather Beds, Windsor and other Chairs, Brewing Utensils, Four-wheel Waggon, Excellent Phaeton, Store Pigs Quantity of Hay, Excellent Lathe, and a large lot of other effects, belonging to Mr. *Samuel King*, who is leaving the neighbourhood in consequence of having taken to the NOAHS ARK Liquor Vaults, near the HORSE SHOE INN, High Street, Brierley Hill.....”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 31/7/1858

“Stealing Money at *King’s* Liquor Vaults. Emma Jones, a young woman, late servant at the above house, High Street, Brierley Hill, was charged with stealing the sum of £1 16s 6d, the money of her employer.

Prosecutor stated that he took the prisoner into his service as servant of all work on Wednesday the 17th of July. On Monday the 19th he placed £8 in silver, in £1 packets, in a drawer in his bedroom, locked it up, and gave the key to his wife. On Tuesday he went to the drawer for the purpose of putting some more silver in when he missed one of the packets. On Friday he went again and put £2 more of silver in the drawer; again locked it up, and gave the key to his wife. Amongst the silver, however, on this occasion, he placed a marked half crown. When he went to the drawer on Saturday he missed four shillings and the half crown he had marked from one packet; and a five shilling piece and 3s 6d from another packet. The prisoner, on seeing him, came down stairs, and went into the putty, remaining there some considerable time. Prosecutor afterwards sent for the police, and gave her into custody on the charge of stealing money. She asked for forgiveness, and offered to replace the money.

Maria King, wife of the prosecutor, stated that on Saturday morning last she searched the prisoner, and found £1 16s 6d sewn up in her bustle. Amongst this money was a five shilling piece, and the marked half crown.

PC Hughes stated that from information he received he apprehended the prisoner at Mr. *King’s* house on the morning of Saturday last. When charged with the offence she denied it. He searched the privy and found the key produced, which fitted the lock on the drawer where the money above alluded to was kept.

Superintendent Mills stated that the prisoner was convicted of felony at Wordsley, on the 7th of July, 1856, and was sentenced to one month’s imprisonment. She was now fully committed for trial.”

NOTICE! NOTICE!!
VOTES FOR SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE.
HIGH STREET AND PEARSON STREET,
BRIERLEY-HILL.
THE whole of the FREEHOLD LAND adjoining the Star Hotel, High-street and Pearson-street, as now staked out, situate in the most central part of Brierley-Hill, will shortly be offered for SALE by AUCTION, at the house of Mr. Samuel King, Wine and Spirit Vaults, High-street, together with FOUR HOUSES, situate at Pensnett.—Catalogue and Plans of which will be published, and ready for delivery in a few days, and any information may be obtained on application to Mr. Benjamin Beckley, Maltster, Brierley-Hill.

Advert 1858

1861 Census

High Street

- [1] *Samuel Inston* (35), innkeeper, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Lucy Inston* (35), wife, born Dudley;
- [3] *Elen Inston* (16), daughter, scholar, born Dudley;
- [4] *Elijah Inston* (13), son, scholar, born Dudley;
- [5] *William Inston* (6), son, scholar, born Dudley;
- [6] *Samuel Inston* (1), son, born Bilston;
- [7] *John Worrall* (22), unmarried, brewer, born Barrington, Oxfordshire;
- [8] *Mary Guest* (18), waiter, born Tipton;
- [9] *Maria Thorney* (14), domestic servant, born Dudley;

NOAHS ARK

Brockmoor, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Beckley [] - **1864**)

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It had a beerhouse license.

Stourbridge Observer 28/5/1864

“Police Constable John Williams deposed that on Thursday the 12th inst, at half past eleven at night he saw two men come out of the NOAHS ARK beerhouse, Brockmoor, kept by *John Beckley*, and one of them had ale in a half gallon stone bottle; he had compared his watch that night with the Brierley Hill clock, and his watch was correct time. PC (122) corroborated the previous policeman’s statement. Mr. Superintendent Mills said he would not press for a heavy fine, though the defendant had been fined before, as he had given up the beerhouse. Fined 5s and costs.”

OLD BELL

6, (7), Bell Street, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Richard Tomlinson, Kingswinford
Thompson and Son, Dudley
George Elwell Brewery, Delph
Worcestershire Brewing and Malting Co. (acquired c.1899)

LICENSEES

Joseph Richards [1845]
William Fennell [1849] – [1851]
Mrs. Mary Tomkinson [1856] – [1857]
Richard Tomkinson [] – **1858**;
Mrs. Ann Pearsall (**1858** – [1862])
Elijah Fisher [1864] – **1867**);
Thomas Moyes (**1867** – [])
John Taylor [] – **1868**);
George Compson [] – **1868**);
Joseph A Skidmore (**1868** – **1870**);
John Taylor [1870] ?
Thomas Banks (**1870** – **1872**);
Thomas Larkham (**1872**);
William Henry Hollamby (**1872**);
George Worton (**1872** – **1873**);
Thomas Dudley (**1873** – [c.1875])
Benjamin Worrall [c.1875] – **1880**);
Thomas Lloyd (**1880** – **1884**);
John Loynes (**1884**);
Charles Fletcher (**1884** – **1885**);
Emma Fletcher (**1885** – **1887**);
Elizabeth Sheldon (**1887** – **1889**);
Thomas Bloomer (**1889** – **1899**);
Edward Evans (**1899** – **1900**);
Henry J Millward (**1900** – **1901**);
Matthew Bartlett (**1901** – **1902**);
Sarah Bartlett (**1902**);
Joseph Bate (**1902**);
William Barnett (**1902** – **1903**);
Joseph Marlow (**1903** – **1904**);
William John Baker (**1904** – **1906**);

NOTES

7, Bell Street [1881]
6, Bell Street [1901]

BELL [1881]

Black Country Bugle 16/12/2004

“.....One of the favourite pubs among the colliers was the OLD BELL, at 7 Bell Street in the heart of Brierley Hill. Nestling in the shadow of St. Michael’s Church, it was noted for its beer, which was drunk in great quantities by the thirsty miners. Not surprisingly, disturbances among the sooty clientele were common. They could usually be defused by the landlord or more peaceable pals, but in 1836 what started as a petty argument was to have tragic circumstances.

Two local miners, Barker and Bagley, were drinking in the OLD BELL in the company of their ‘doggy’, or pit deputy, Dick Steadman. As the night wore on and the pints went down, tempers began to rise. Influenced by alcohol, Barker and Bagley began to quarrel, until Barker challenged his erstwhile friend, “If you’ll come out of doors I’ll knock thee to hell in a minute”. The two miners agreed to fight it out the two men edged closer to their deaths; for yawning just a few feet away from them was the mouth of a well, around ninety feet deep, which had only recently been excavated at the front of the pub. As the two men struggled an instant later the two men had fallen.....”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 15/11/1856

“On Monday evening last about eighty persons sat down to supper at the OLD BELL INN, in this town, on the occasion of presenting Mr. Willis, Sen, with with a handsome silver medal and chain. The inscription on the medal, explaining the cause of its presentation was as follows;-

‘Presented by the working area of Brierley Hill and neighbourhood, to Mr. Willis, for lowering the price of butcher’s meat in this neighbourhood.’ The evening was spent in a most pleasant manner, and the supper reflected credit on the host and hostess Mr. And Mrs. *Tomkinson*.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 13/12/1856

“An old man named Thomas Smith, was charged with assaulting Mrs. *Mary Tomkinson*, landlady of the OLD BELL INN, Brierley Hill. It appeared that Smith entered the house at eleven o’clock on Tuesday night, and called for a pint of ale. The landlady seeing he was drunk refused to supply him with any ale, he thereupon began to curse and swear and use indecent language towards her. The policeman proved to find him riotous and drunk, and Smith admitted being ‘in ale’ at the time.

The Bench inflicted a fine of 10s and costs, or one month for the assault, and 5s for being drunk.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 18/4/1857

“*Mary Tomkinson*, landlady of the OLD BELL INN, Brierley Hill, was charged by a man named Thomas Shiply with violently assaulting him. The evidence given by the prosecutor was to the effect that, on Monday morning last, he, in company with a friend, went into the kitchen of the BELL INN, and called for a pint, it was paid for by them, and so calling for another the defendant came into the room, and asked Shiply when he was going to pay something towards ‘the score that he had run up against him last summer,’ he replied that it was his intention to pay for all that was due, and no more, upon which the defendant became very violent, calling him a thief, and using other foul epithets; he asked her to sit down, and not make a bother about it; and she then threw a cup filled with hot coffee on him, the cup hitting his head, and falling on the floor, was broken. The friend who went into the house with him was called to substantiate this, but his statements were not of a very satisfactory kind, he saying that the cup broke when it struck Shipley’s head. Mr. Burbury, for the defence, alleged that the prosecutor was in the wrong, and called Ann Pearsall, sister to the defendant, who witnessed the proceedings, she asserting that the complainant not only commenced in the first incident to abuse the defendant, but that he carried it to a great extent, and threatened to resort to dangerous measures; after going on in this style for some considerable time a police officer came into the house with a voting paper, and on seeing him they decamped, saying as they passed the door, ‘ We’ll serve the b——r out for this.’

After a few minutes deliberation the Bench dismissed the case.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 15/8/1857

“On Wednesday last, W. H. Phillips, Esq, held an inquest at the OLD BELL INN, Bell Street, on the body of a middle aged man named Richard Shakespeare, alias Steadman, a miner. Deceased was killed on the Saturday previous in a pit near to Rowley, by falling from a scaffold on which he was at work cutting coals at the bottom of the shaft. When taken up he was quite dead, and both his legs were found to be broken.

Verdict – Accidental Death.”

Stourbridge Observer 3/9/1864

“Samuel Mallen was charged with assaulting *Elijah Fisher*, at the OLD BELL, Brierley Hill, on the 28th August. Complainant said that Mallen called for some brandy which was served to him, but not paid for. A companion of the defendant asked the latter to pay, when Mallen struck him on the mouth. He next turned round and broke two cups that were on the table. He then struck witness in the ribs.

Defendant stated that when he entered the public house there were some persons gambling, and a scuffle arose in consequence, during which the cups were thrown over. The plaintiff kept defendant in his house a prisoner, and would not let him go out.

A witness was called up who deposed that the row occurred on account of some betting which was going forward. The cups were broken in the melee.

The Bench dismissed the case, having previously informed the plaintiff that he was not authorized to keep any debtor a prisoner in his house.”

Stourbridge Observer 7/3/1868 - Advert

“Clearing Out Sale at the OLD BELL INN, Bell Street, Brierley Hill.

To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. H. Detheridge, on Monday next, March 9th, 1868, the whole of the Public House Fixtures and Brewing Plant, Screens, Ale Tables, Four-Pull Beer Machine, with Piping and Taps; Ale Cask, Oak 8-bushel oval Mash Tub, oval Working Tub, two strong Wood Vats, lined with Zinc; Pewter and other Measures, Gas Fitting, Lamp, Sign, Licenses, &c, with the Sitting Room and Chamber Furniture, Spanish Mahogany Centre and Oblong Tables, Sofa, Chairs, French Iron Bedsteads, Mattresses, Bed, Bed Clothes, with valuable and Powerful-toned Finger Organ, in handsome Mahogany Case; and other Effects, belonging to Mr. *Taylor*, who has taken to the DOG AND PARTRIDGE INN, High Street, Brierley Hill, and has no further use for them.....”

AND

“*John Taylor*, landlord of the BELL INN, was charged by Superintendent Mills with keeping his house open for the sale of beer on the 1st instant, during prohibited hours. Police-constable Fairbanks said he visited defendant’s house at a quarter to one o’clock. He went into the house and found five men there, two of whom pretended to be asleep. Defendant said that the men were going to sleep in the house that night, and that his house was open to accommodate strangers, and that there was no ale.

The Bench: I fine you £3, and if you come before me again, I will fine you £10.”

1881 Census

7, Bell Street – BELL INN

[1] *Thomas Lloyd* (37), licensed victualler, born Kingswinford;

[2] *Mary Lloyd* (32), wife, born Kingswinford;

[3] *James Lloyd* (11), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;

[4] *Alice Mary Lloyd* (8), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;

[5] *Frederick William Lloyd* (7), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;

[6] *Francis Lloyd* (5), son, scholar, born Middleton, Yorkshire;

[I have found a Middleton in North Yorkshire, and two in West Yorkshire.]

[7] *Ann Lloyd* (1), daughter, born Darlington;

[8] *Cecelia Holt* (15), domestic servant, born Kingswinford:

1901 Census

6, Bell Street – OLD BELL INN

[1] *Henry J. Millward* (36), publican, born Wolverhampton;

[2] *Eliza A. Millward* (22), wife, born Wednesfield;

[3] *William Lewis* (62), visitor, pit sinker, born Wrexham:

It was described in 1903 as the oldest house in the division.

The license was surrendered in 1906.

OLD BUSH

128, (67), (68), Level Street, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

John Benton

North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1896)

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1909)

LICENSEES

James Armstrong [1834]

William Sansom [1845] – [1850]

Thomas Greenfield * [1854]

Thomas Greenfield * [1860] – **1886**);

Harriet Taylor (**1886 – 1887**);

Edward Lucas (**1887 – []**)

Thomas Cartwright (**1889 – 1890**);

Joseph Benton (**1890 – 1891**);

John Benton (**1891 – 1896**);

John Weston (**1896 – 1897**);

John Davies (**1897 – 1901**);

Henry Allen (**1901 – 1903**);

Nehemiah Holds (**1903 – 1905**);

Richard Silk (**1905 – 1907**);

Thomas Brooks Grainger (**1907**);

Thomas Henry Widnall (**1907**);

Gertrude Thatcher (**1907 – 1908**);

John Edward Andrews (**1908 – 1911**);

Albert Bate (**1911 – 1912**);

Susan Jane Cooper (**1912**);

Harry Bunch (**1912 – 1914**);

John William Hughes (**1914 – 1915**);

Herbert Dunn (**1915 – 1917**);

Florence McGill (**1917 – 1922**);

Frederick Lawrence 'Fred' Price (**1922 – 1927**);

Richard Hodgkiss (**1927 – 1937**);

Frank Wheatley (**1937 – [1940]**)

D H Mason [1983]

NOTES

It was originally known as the BUSH. [1909]

68, Level Street [1871]

67, Level Street [1872], [1873], [1881], [1901], [1904], [1911], [1912]

128, Level Street [1916], [1940]

HOLLY BUSH [1858]

BUSH [1871]

Tokens were issued from here.

* probably the same person.

Brierley Hill Advertiser 28/8/1858

“Fatal Accident at the Tump Pit. A man named Amos Woodward, collier, aged 51, was killed at the above pit, situated at Bromley Lane, on Monday morning last, at about eight o’clock. It appears from all the information that can be gathered on the subject, that the deceased came to his death by severe internal and external injuries received on various parts of his body in consequence of a skip running precipitately down a decline and pinning him against the side of the pit. He was immediately rescued from his perilous position by his son William Woodward, who was standing close by at the time; but on arriving at the mouth of the pit the unfortunate man expired.

An inquest was held at the HOLLY BUSH INN, Level Street, Brockmoor, on Wednesday last, before W. H. Phillips, Esq. (deputy coroner), and a verdict of Accidental Death returned. Deceased has left a wife and nine children to bewail the fate which has added the husband and parent to the ever-increasing list of colliery victims.”

1861 Census

Level Street – The BUSH INN

- [1] *Thomas Greenfield* (50), licensed victualler, born Kidderminster;
- [2] *Harriet Greenfield* (46), wife, born Broadwater, Worcestershire;
- [3] *Mary Ann Skelding* (47), sister, widow, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Thomas Taylor* (19), nephew, gardener, born Broadwater, Worcestershire;
- [5] *Harriet Taylor* (17), niece, scholar, born Cookley;
- [6] *Elizabeth Phillips* (32), house servant, born Kingswinford:

1871 Census

68, Level Street

- [1] *Thomas Greenfield* (60), victualler, born Kidderminster;
- [2] *Harriet Greenfield* (56), wife, born Wolverley, Worcestershire;
- [3] *Mary A. Skelding* (57), sister, widow, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Harriet Taylor* (27), niece, born Wolverley, Worcestershire;
- [5] *Edgar N. Brown* (2), nephew, born Birmingham;
- [6] *Margaret Morgan* (16), domestic servant, born Kingswinford:

Stourbridge Observer 16/9/1871

“On Monday morning Henry Parry, a machine man, was engaged in numbering a number of trucks at the Round Oak Ironworks, when one of them knocked him down, and the wheels passed over his neck and killed him on the spot. The deceased was greatly respected, and he was a most trustworthy employe. Two of his sons are in the employ of the Earl of Dudley.

An inquest was held on the body on Wednesday, at Mr. *T. Greenfield*’s, the BUSH INN, Level Street, before Mr. Phillips, and after hearing the evidence a verdict of Accidental Death was returned.”

1881 Census

67, Level Street

- [1] *Thomas Greenfield* (70), widower, licensed victualler, born Kidderminster;
- [2] *Mary A. Skelding* (67), widow, sister, annuitant, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Harriet Taylor* (25), niece, house keeper, born Wolverley;
- [4] *Charlotte Peace* (20), general servant, born Woodside:

County Express 24/2/1900

“As reported in our last issue, John Hunt, 43, of Level Street, Brierley Hill was killed on Friday while at work in the Merry Hill pits, Quarry Bank. On Monday Mr. T. Allen Stokes (coroner) held an inquest on the body at the OLD BUSH INN, Level Street, Brierley Hill, Mr. W. H. Pickering, H.M. assistant inspector of mines was present, and Mr. W. S. Mobberley, solicitor, represented Messrs. Mobberley and Perry, in whose employ deceased had been.

Margaret Hunt, wife of the deceased, stated that on Friday, the 16th, her husband was brought home dead soon after dinner time.

Samuel Hurley (50), of the Hurst, stated that he and deceased were employed in Messrs. Mobberley and Perry's pits at Merry Hill, and at the time of the accident were six yards apart. Deceased was engaged taking the 'footing' from under a tree which supported the roof, so that the timber might be removed to allow the coal to be got. Just then there occurred a bit of a bump, and a cry of 'Oh' from the direction of Hunt. A loader, John Priest, shouted to witness and come and give help. They went to the deceased, and found that a piece of coal, about 1½cwt, was on Hunt's legs. This was removed, and it was found he was dead. By Mr. Pickering: Witness was well acquainted with the precise spot at which the accident happened, and so was deceased. There were two trees there, about 3ft 6in apart, one behind the other. The coal was broken a little just where the trees were propping the roof. Prickers were used in the mine for use when drawing timber, and deceased had one, to which was attached the usual long handle. The doggie had been at the spot some three hours before. Deceased was a competent man to take out trees, and had done so hundreds of times during the six or seven years he had been employed there.

The Coroner: I suppose there is no doubt that the fall was caused through the tree being taken away? – Witness: The tree 'sossed' and made the top give way.

By Mr. W. S. Mobberley: There was plenty of tools and timber to do this work with.

William Beddard, underground manager, deposed to being at the spot where deceased met with his death at 10.40 in the morning. He sounded the side in the customary manner by striking them, and there was nothing to indicate that the place was not perfectly safe. After meal time, Hunt remarked that the trees would have to come out, and witness said 'All right,' and added he would be with him in a few minutes. Witness had scarcely proceeded thirty yards when there was a cry of 'Oh.' He immediately returned, and saw that the deceased was dead, his neck being broken. A piece of coal had evidently fallen directly on to his head.

By Mr. Pickering: Deceased was accustomed to this kind of work, and though it was not necessary for witness to personally superintend the taking out of all timber, yet he always tried to be there when this sort of thing was being done. The accident was due to the tree slipping at the base, and letting the coal down unexpectedly. There was a little fracture in the roof in the morning, but nothing to lead him to suppose there was the slightest risk.

The Coroner said it did not seem anyone was to blame in the matter.

A verdict of Accidental Death was returned."

A team from here took part in the Brierley Hill and District Bowling League. [1900]

County Express 29/12/1900

"A very successful smoking concert was held at the OLD BUSH INN, Level Street, for the benefit of the widow of the late David Rowley, who is left with eight children. Mr. Thomas S. Brown presided, and made some very sympathetic and suitable remarks. The large club room was filled to excess, and the audience heartily enjoyed the entertainment provided for them. Mr. Evans gave a very clever performance with hoops and table spoons. Mr. James Isaac (violin soloist) and Mr. Garbett (amateur champion concertina player) gave some very good selections. Mr. Frank Garner delighted the audience with several humorous songs. Mr. W. McGill sang 'Queen of the earth' and 'Anchored'; Mr. John Davies (host) sang 'Alice where art thou?' and 'Ruby'; and Master Carl. A. Davies sang 'Good-bye daddy' and 'Welcome, C.I.V.'s.' Mr. Harry Davies was accompanist. The proceeds for the widow amounted to £7."

1901 Census

67, Level Street – OLD BUSH

[1] John Davies (37), public house manager, born Brierley Hill;

[2] Sidonia Davies (36), wife, born Lye;

[3] Carl Allan Davies (14), son, born Quarry Bank;

[4] Annie May Davies (8), daughter, born Quarry Bank;

[5] Ada Sharratt (17), general servant, born Brierley Hill:

Tipton Herald 22/8/1903

"Under the auspices of the National Federation of Blast Furnacemen (Staffordshire District) a meeting was held at the OLD BUSH HOTEL, Level Street, on Monday evening. There were about 20 present, most of whom were furnacemen from Messrs. Cochrane's Works, Woodside. Addresses were given by Mr. J. Longhoun, of Middlebrough (president of the Federation) and Councillor Walls, of Workington (general secretary). The meeting strongly advocated the eight hours day, and pointed out the injustices of being called upon to work 84 hours a week when their fellow workers in the North only worked 56 hours. It was impossible for them to be Christians and work 24

hours every second Sunday and 12 hours on the Saturday night preceding the other. The addresses were interesting and instructive, and were followed with a keen eye as to the advantages that were yet to be obtained. Similar meetings are being held all over the district, but unfortunately the attendance at Brierley Hill was very small.”

1911 Census

67, Level Street – OLD BUSH INN

[1] *John Edward Andrews* (34), licensed victualler, born Brockmoor;

[2] *Mary Andrews* (33), wife, married 10 years, born Brierley Hill;

[3] *Ada Parker* (11), niece, school, born Brierley Hill;

[4] *Ivy Lords* (13), foster child, school, birthplace not known;

[5] *Mary Lords* (1), niece, born Brockmoor:

Fred Price was born in 1888, in Brierley Hill.

He played football for Aston FC, Wellington Street Citadels, Dudley Town, Wolverhampton Wanderers (1912-1920), Port Vale, and Newport County. He played at right half and outside right. He retired in 1922. He died c.1955.

See also BIRD IN HAND and KINGS HEAD.

It closed pre 1994.

It became a hand made furniture outlet.

Demolished [2008]



Ex Pub 1994

OLD BUSH

220, Moor Street, (34, Moor Lane), Brockmoor, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Edward Webb, Wordsley
Worcestershire Brewing and Malting Co. (acquired c.1897)
Smith and Williams (acquired in 1916)
Julia Hanson and Sons Ltd. (acquired on 2nd July 1934)

LICENSEES

John Farmer [1834] – [1835]
James Hughes [1845]
William Worrall [1849] – [1854]
Thomas Dunn [1860] – **1878**;
Henry Martin (**1878 – 1881**);
Sampson Elwell (**1881 – 1884**);
James White (**1884 – 1890**);
William Southall (**1890 – 1898**);
George Thomason (**1898 – 1901**);
William Henry Taffley (**1901 – 1911**);
William Southall (**1911 – 1922**);
Benjamin Mallen (**1922 – 1956**);
William Arthur Harris (**1956 – 1957**);
Thomas Oswald Mason (**1957 – 1966**);
George James Barker (**1966 – 1967**);
William Arthur Dennis Humphries (**1967 – 1968**);
Stanley Clarke Withers (**1968 – 1977**);
John Lawrence McDermott (**1977 – 1978**);
John Edward Oliver (**1978 – 1980**);
Raymond Thomas Wright (**1980**);
George Evans (**1980 – 1981**);
Paul Howard Schofield (**1981 – 1982**);
John Elwell (**1982 – 1983**);
Harry Skelding (**1983 – 1984**);
Michael Kingsley Atkins (**1984 – []**)
Tony Smith (**1998 – [1999]**)



1997

NOTES

Moor Lane [1835], [1845], [1849], [1851], [1861], [1896], [1904], [1915], [1940]

BUSH [1834], [1862], [1871], [1872], [1873],[1877], [1891]

OLD BUSH [1849], [1851], [1854], [1861], [1940]

1851 Census

OLD BUSH – Moor Lane

- [1] *William Worrall* (40), glass bottle maker and licensed victualler;
- [2] *Mary Worrall* (39), wife;
- [3] *John Worrall* (13), son, glassmaker;
- [4] *William Worrall* (11), son;
- [5] *Martha Worrall* (9), daughter;
- [6] *Mary Ann Worrall* (7), daughter;
- [7] *Eliza Worrall* (5), daughter;
- [8] *Susannah Worrall* (2), daughter:

1871 Census

Moor Lane

- [1] *Thomas Dunn* (52), boatman and licensed victualler, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Margaret Dunn* (50), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Albert Dunn* (17), son, boatman, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Eliza Dunn* (16), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *Charles Dunn* (14), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [6] *Thomas Dunn* (12), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [7] *William Dunn* (10), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [8] *Alice Dunn* (6), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [9] *Henry Dunn* (40), brother, boatman, born Brierley Hill:

Stourbridge Observer 30/12/1871

“*Thomas Dunn*, landlord of the BUSH INN, Brierley Hill, was charged with having his house open during prohibited hours on the 21st inst.

Police-sergeant Breton said he visited defendant’s house on the above date before half past twelve, and saw two men come out of the house and go into the stable. There were two men in the bedrooms and four in the club room. There was a large jug and a bottle on the table, both of which contained ale.

Police-constable Goodfellow gave corroborative evidence.

Superintendent Mills asked for the case to be adjourned until next Monday week. It was adjourned accordingly.”

Stourbridge Observer 5/10/1872

“*Thomas Dunn*, BUSH INN, Moor Lane, fined £2 for keeping his house open during illegal hours, had his license renewed, after receiving a wholesome caution from the Bench.....”

1891 Census

Moor Lane – BUSH INN

- [1] *William Southall* (42), innkeeper, ___works labourer, born Wolverley, Worcestershire;
- [2] *Mary A. Southall* (39), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Clara J. Southall* (20), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Harry Southall* (6), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Marguerite Southall* (4), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Florence Dunn* (14), niece, born Kingswinford:

1901 Census

34, Moor Lane – The BUSH INN

- [1] *William H. Taffley* (30), vermin trap maker and innkeeper, born Wednesfield;
- [2] *Clara J. Taffley* (29), wife, born Willenhall;
- [3] *Minnie Taffley* (1), daughter, born Old Hill;
- [4] *Alice M. Cox* (22), servant, born Coseley:

William Taffley – see also CHERRY ORCHARD, Old Hill.

Tipton Herald 12/12/1903

“On Wednesday Mr. T. A. Stokes (Coroner) held an inquest at the OLD BUSH INN, Moor Lane, Brierley Hill, on the body of Joseph Jones (34), of No.40 The Moors, who committed suicide by cutting his throat on Sunday afternoon at his lodgings.

Mr. Thomas Chambers said he was a brother in law to the deceased, who was formerly in the Army, having served both at Gibraltar and in Australia. For the past three or four years deceased had had no occupation, and had lived on an allowance received from his father, who died about three weeks ago. He was well aware that deceased drank heavily, but he had never heard him threaten to commit suicide. On Saturday Jones said he was unwell when paying a visit to witness, and he advised him to return to his lodgings. There was no cause for him committing suicide, except perhaps the fact that he was upset by his father’s death. Witness had heard the deceased say that it would be a good thing if he were dead, but he had only treated the matter as a joke.

Elizabeth Tonks and John Tonks, with whom the deceased lodged, said that on Saturday Jones was very strange in his mind, and in consequence Mrs. Tonks hid his razor away from him. She, however, quite forgot her husband’s razor, which lay on the mantelshelf. Deceased went out for a walk on Sunday afternoon, and upon returning about five o’clock went upstairs. Soon after Mr. Tonks went to put the shutters up, and rushed in saying that the bedroom was on fire. On going upstairs Jones was found lying on the bedroom floor, with his throat cut from ear to ear. His head was almost severed from his body, and the blood from the wound was running down the stairs. Near to the deceased was found Mr. Tonk’s razor, all covered with blood. The blind was in flames, supposed to have been caused by his candle tumbling over, but these were speedily extinguished.

A verdict of Suicide during Temporary Insanity was returned.”

1911 Census

Moor Lane – OLD BUSH INN

- [1] *William Southall* (63), innkeeper, born Cookley, Worcestershire;
- [2] *Mary Ann Southall* (60), wife, married 41 years, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Marg Sharp* (24), daughter, married, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Harry Southall* (26), son, clerk general, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *Jack Sharp* (2), son of M. Sharp, born Stourbridge:

Put up for sale in September 1915:

“fronting Moor Lane and adjoining the canal, with bowling green”

It included as accommodation, a large Club Room, a Spirit Room and an enclosed yard with stables, loft, pig sties and outbuildings.

- It was withdrawn at £700.

William Southall retired in 1922.

He died on 13th October 1925.

Conveyance dated 2/7/1934

“..... OLD BUSH Inn with the land coachhouse brewhouse and outbuildings thereto belonging and also the cottage and outbuildings adjoining thereto.....”

Tony Smith was married to *Gaynor*.

Closed [2000]

It was converted into a fish and chip shop. [2008]



Ex Pub 2008

OLD CROWN

43, Brettell Lane, (Moor Lane), (Seven Dwellings), Silver End, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Joseph Fox [1890]
Harriet Fox
Harry Jeavons, Brierley Hill
Lilian Weston
Truman, Hanbury and Buxton Co. (acquired c.1935)
Alec Ernest Tolley (acquired on 26th October 1983)

LICENSEES

Nebo Cox [1822]
Francis Westwood [1829] – [1835]
John Bolton [1845]
Thomas Richards [1849] – [1854]
Joseph Done [1858]
Edwin Wright [1860] – [1865]
George Griffiths [1870] – **1872**;
Mrs. Maria Wright **(1872 – 1873)**;
Charles Dunn **(1873 – 1875)**;
John Preston **(1875 – 1876)**;
Elizabeth Holt **(1876 – 1878)**;
William Henry Cotterill **(1878)**;
David Skelding **(1878 – 1882)**;
Joseph Fox **(1882 – 1899)**;
Harriet Fox **(1899 – 1900)**;
Daniel Westwood **(1900 – 1902)**;
Thomas Henry Newnham **(1902 – 1904)**;
William Ameson **(1904 – 1908)**;
Frances Susannah Wood **(1908 – 1910)**;
Harry Jeavons **(1910 – 1932)**;
Lillian Weston **(1932 – 1936)**;
John Henry Hobson **(1936 – 1941)**;
Thomas Hardy Henry Swayne **(1941 – 1968)**;
Joseph James Turley **(1968 – 1979)**;
Alec Ernest Tolley **(1979 – [1983])**



NOTES

CROWN [1822], [1845], [1849], [1865], [1873]

Grade II listed

1851 Census

Brettell Lane

- [1] *Thomas Richards* (41), victualler, born Alveley, Shropshire;
- [2] *Elizabeth Richards* (39), wife, born Staffordshire;
- [3] *Mary Richards* (3), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Elizabeth Richards* (9 months), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Richard Richards* (75), father, widower, born Chelmarsh, Shropshire;
- [6] *James Barber* (41), lodger, blacksmith, born Witborne, Herefordshire;
- [7] *Maria Barber* (45), lodger, wife, born Severn Stokes, Warwickshire:

Brierley Hill Advertiser 27/12/1856 - Advert

“CROWN INN, Brettell Lane / The Annual Invitation Ball, will take place at the above Inn, on Wednesday, December 31st 1856. / Tickets: Lady’s 4s, Gentlemen, 5s each / Refreshments Included / A full Quadrille Band is engaged.”

Some of the injured passengers, from the fatal railway accident on 23rd August 1858, were looked after here.

1861 Census

CROWN INN

- [1] *Edwin Wright* (26), licensed victualler, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Maria Wright* (24), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Edward Griffith Wright* (4 months), son, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Emma Patrick* (16), general servant, born Kingswinford:

Stourbridge Observer 4/2/1865

“The friends of Mr. Albutt, determined not to allow the occasion of his vacating the post of Station-master and Goods Agent, under the Great Western Railway Company, which he had occupied for two and a half years, to pass without an expression of respect and approval of his courtesy, kindness, and business qualifications. Further they desired that he should take with him a memento of the esteem in which he was held in Brettell Lane.

To carry out this purpose a committee of nine gentlemen were formed, who set about the work with earnest alacrity. An appeal was made to the neighbourhood, which was responded to with pleasing spontaneity. Funds were raised, with part of which a handsome silver cup was purchased from the distinguished makers Gough and Silveston, of Birmingham, at a cost of upwards of 12 guineas.

For the purpose of presentation he was invited to supper at the old-established house, the CROWN INN, by Mr. *Wright*, on Wednesday evening last. Precisely at the hour appointed, a company of gentlemen to the number of 40, sat down to a substantial, seasonable, and sumptuous repast, which alike reflected credit on the Committee who provided it, and the worthy host who served it. After the cloth had been withdrawn, Mr. Dallow was cordially voted to the chair, and Mr. Rigby to the vice-chair.....”

1871 Census

Brettell Lane Road – Licensed victualler

- [1] *George Griffiths* (37), publican, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Elizabeth Griffiths* (41), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Elizabeth Griffiths* (14), daughter, scholar, born Worcester;
- [4] *Ann Griffiths* (8), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Edward Griffiths* (5), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Elenor Griffiths* (5 months), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Matilda Parrish* (17), general servant, born Kingswinford:

London Gazette 11/4/1873

“In the Matter of Proceedings for Liquidation instituted by *Maria Wright*, of the CROWN INN, Brettell Lane.....”

1881 Census

Brettell Lane

- [1] *David Skelding* (52), licensed victualler, born Woodside;
- [2] *Mary Ann Skelding* (46), wife, born Lye;
- [3] *James Henry Skelding* (23), son, miner, born Harts Hill;
- [4] *Isadora Skelding* (16), daughter, servant, born Amblecote;
- [5] *Hannah Perry* (10), niece, servant, born Lye:

1891 Census

43, Brettell Lane – OLD CROWN

- [1] *Joseph Fox* (49), blacksmith and licensed victualler, born Brettell Lane;
- [2] *Harriet Fox* (50), wife, born Bloxwich;
- [3] *Joseph H. Fox* (23), son, blacksmith, born Brettell Lane;
- [4] *Thora Fox* (19), daughter, barmaid, born Brettell Lane;
- [5] *George Fox* (16), son, blacksmith, born Brettell Lane;
- [6] *Martha Fox* (13), daughter, barmaid, born Brettell Lane;
- [7] *William H. Fox* (9), son, scholar, born Brettell Lane;
- [8] *James T. Fox* (7), son, scholar, born Brettell Lane;
- [9] *Cicely E. Fox* (5), daughter, scholar, born Brettell Lane:

Joseph Fox was also a blacksmith. [1892]

County Express 10/2/1900

“To Brewers, Innkeepers, Maltsters, And Other.

In making the announcement of the Sale By Auction of the Valuable Fully-licensed Inn and other properties connected therewith, as mentioned below, the Auctioneer respectfully asks those who inspect the Lot to carefully note the large number of Works, Collieries, Manufactories etc., which surround the Property on every side.

Important Sale of a very Valuable Freehold Fully-Licensed Double-Fronted Inn, Together with the Cottages and Building land thereto belonging, situate at Brettell Lane, Near Brierley Hill.

Mr. Herbert Humphries has been specially instructed to Submit To Auction at the STAR HOTEL, Brierley Hill, on Tuesday, the 27th February, 1900, at Seven o'clock, subject to Conditions of Sale to be then read:—

All that Splendidly Situated Freehold Fully-Licensed Inn and Premises, The OLD CROWN INN, immediately opposite Brettell Lane Passenger and Goods Stations, in the occupation of the Vendor (Mr. *Fox*), who is now retiring from business.

The premises stand in a unique position, and practically control a very large profitable Trade which has for many years been firmly established, making it one of the best known Houses between Brierley Hill and Stourbridge. The Accommodation comprises Three Bed Chambers, the Upper Vaults, approached from the road, 27ft by 14ft; Club Room, adjoining, 21ft by 14ft, divided by removable partition, which when opened makes the Vaults 48ft long. The lower portion comprising Bar, comfortable Smoke Room, capital Tap Room, large Private Kitchen, Pantry approached by the front and side entrances. Excellent Cellaring, with rolling way from the front, Gateway entrance to Paved Yard, Brewhouse, large Coalhouse, Malt, Hop, and Store Rooms, with Back Yard and Stabling. Together with the Dwelling house adjoining on the West side, in occupation of Mr. Walters, at an annual rental of £6 10s. Also the Three Cottages adjoining at the rear or North side, in respective occupations of Wiley, Haines, and Rowbottom, which produce £19 10s per annum, with the Wash-house and Store Room adjoining. Also, the piggeries, Outdoor Appurtenance, and a valuable piece of Building Land having an excellent frontage to the main road, the total frontage of the lot being 117ft.

The value and importance of the above lot cannot be over-estimated. Its superior position places it in the front rank of licensed properties.

Further particulars may be obtained from Mr. Mr. J. Walter Clulow, Solicitor, or the Auctioneer both of Brierley Hill.”

1901 Census

43, Brettell Lane – CROWN INN

- [1] *Daniel Westwood* (26), licensed victualler, born Quarry Bank;
- [2] *Annie Westwood* (26), wife, born Quarry Bank;
- [3] *Horace Victor Westwood* (3), son, born Quarry Bank;
- [4] *John Leonard Westwood* (2), son, born Quarry Bank;
- [5] *Margaret Cartwright* (17), general servant, born Quarry Bank:

Thomas Henry Newnham = Thomas Henry Newman

1911 Census

Brettell Lane – OLD CROWN INN

- [1] *Harry Jeavons* (45), publican, born Brettell Lane;
- [2] *Sarah Ann Jeavons* (39), wife, married 14 years, born Brockmoor;
- [3] *Beatrice Maud Jeavons* (11), daughter, school, born Brettell Lane;
- [4] *May Evelyn Jeavons* (8), daughter, born Amblecote;
- [5] *Hilda Irene Jeavons* (5), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [6] *Florence White* (20), general servant, born Brierley Hill;
- [7] *Winifred Benson* (22), general servant, born Amblecote:

Harry Jeavons was also a brewer. [1914]

'Pure Home Brew'd Ales' appeared over the doorway on the upper level, accessed via a flight of stairs from the road.

County Express 8/8/1915

"On Saturday the members of Lodge No.42 of the Black Country Miners Association were entertained to dinner by the host and hostess of their lodge, Mr. and Mrs. *Jeavons*, at the OLD CROWN INN, Brettell (sic) Lane. Mr. H. Whitehouse, from headquarters of the association, was voted to the chair, and after addressing the members moved a hearty vote of thanks to the host and hostess. Mr. *Jeavons* responded, and expressed the pleasure it gave him to entertain them. The secretary gave his report, which was very satisfactory. The remainder of the evening was spent in harmony, songs being given by Messrs. Barnbrook, Heathcote, Fellows, Cole, J. Rudge and others. Mr. Haines acted as accompanist."

County Express 8/2/1919

"Brierley Hill Licensing Sessions.....

Mr. Neild Collis applied for permission to make alterations to the OLD CROWN INN, Brettell Lane, on behalf of Mr. *Harry Jeavons*, and said if the plans were accepted the alterations would make the premises more convenient for supervision by the police and by the proprietor. The house, he pointed out, was directly opposite the Brettell Lane passenger station, and in consequence of the main road being raised when the railway bridge was erected the ground floor of the licensed house was below the level of the road. The result was that up till now the first or top floor had been used as a bar, the approach to it being by means of a wooden bridge connecting the road with the front of the house, which stood some ten or twelve feet from the pavement. It was desired to do away with this small bridge, to discontinue altogether the sale of intoxicants on the first floor, and to confine such sale to the rooms on the ground floor, which at present comprised a kitchen, bar, tap room, sitting room, and smoke room. The actual area given up was 395 square feet, and the new area 308.

Supt. Tucker expressed the view that the alterations would supply better supervision. The change would remove what had been something of a landmark, namely, the bridge giving access from the road to the upper part of the house, which was now used for the sale of liquors.

Mr. Collis mentioned that the footbridge was originally provided by the railway company and was at a later date substituted by a more ornamental one provided by the owners of the house.

The Bench approved the plans."

County Express 31/12/1921

“Dividend Clubs.....

OLD CROWN HOTEL, Bretell Lane. A dividend of £1 3s 0d was paid to the 117 members on the 22nd Inst. The club recommences on Saturday 7th. Mr. H. Jeavons is treasurer, and Mr. E. J. Plant secretary.”

[2014]



1983 (From the Simpkins Brewery)



2015



1996

OLD MANSION

81, (73), Cressett Lane, (Cressett Street), Brockmoor, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Levi Smith
Elwell, Williams (acquired c.1905)
Smith and Williams (acquired c.1916)
Julia Hanson and Son Ltd. (acquired on 2nd July 1934)

LICENSEES

Levi Smith [1868] - **1878**);
Thomas Tidball (**1878 - 1879**);
Walter Dovey (**1879 - 1880**);
Thomas Simpson (**1880 - 1885**);
Alfred Holt (**1885 - 1888**);
George Henry Carroll (**1888**);
Benjamin Beckley (**1888 - 1889**);
John Aston (**1889 - 1893**);
Matthew Jones (**1893 - 1897**);
James Obadiah Cartwright (**1897 - 1900**);
Mrs. Jemima Mann (**1900 - 1905**);
Reuben Jones (**1905 - 1908**);
Charles Henry Mansell (**1908 - 1912**);
Harry Ferguson (**1912 - 1922**);
Charles Perks (**1922**);
Eliza Perks (**1922 - 1923**);
Charles Thomas Harper (**1923 - 1924**);
Isaac Pennell Newton (**1924 - 1927**);
Frank Hill (**1927 - 1929**);
Jabez Barnbrook (**1929 - [1940]**)
Ben Lowe [1953]

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73, Cressett Lane [1901]

It had a beerhouse license.

Levi Smith, beer retailer, Brockmoor. [1868], [1870]

1871 Census

Cressett Lane

[1] *Levi Smith* (51), publican, born Kings Norton;

[2] *Hannah Smith* (47), wife, born Dudley:

London Gazette 22/8/1879

“The Bankruptcy Act, 1869. In the County Court of Worcestershire, holden at Stourbridge. In the Matter of Proceedings for Liquidation instituted by *Thomas Tidball*, late of the OLD MANSION HOUSE, Brockmoor Beerhouse Keeper, but now of Wordsley Notice is hereby given, that a First General Meeting of creditors of the above named person has been summoned on the 4th day of September, 1879.....”

Matthew Jones, beer retailer, Brockmoor. [1896]

A team from here took part in the Brierley Hill and District Bowling League. [1900]

1901 Census

73, Cressett Lane

- [1] *Jemima Mann* (56), publican, widow, born Brockmoor;
- [2] *Gregiry Mann* (30), son, tin worker, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Elizabeth Mann* (27), daughter in law, born Brockmoor;
- [4] *Winifred Mann* (21), grandson, born Brockmoor:

A team from here took part in the Elwell Williams and Company Cricket League. [1901]

1911 Census

Cressett Lane – OLD MANSION INN

- [1] *Charles Mansell* (42), beerhouse manager, born Sunderland;
- [2] *Gertrude Mansell* (33), wife, married 8 years, born Wolverhampton;
- [3] *Dorothy Mansell* (7), daughter, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] *Phyllis Mansell* (2), daughter, born Cradley Heath:

Charles Henry Mansell, beer retailer, 81, Cressett Street. [1912]

Isaac Pennell Newton was the first secretary of the Smith and Williams Bowling League from February 1925.

Plans were approved, for improvements to the sanitary arrangements, at the adjourned Licensing Meeting, on 4th March 1930.

Conveyance dated 2/7/1934

“All that messuage or dwelling-house with the outbuildings garden and appurtenances thereto belonging situate in Cressett Lane Brockmoor aforesaid now or late in the occupation of *H. Ferguson* which said messuage is used as a beerhouse and known by the sign of the OLD MANSION INN and with the site thereof contains in the whole three hundred square yards or thereabouts.....”

Ben Lowe was married to *Muriel*.

OLD NEW INN

17, (1), (1a), High Street / Bell Street, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Joseph Weston
Mary Ann Weston
William Oliver and Sons
Home Brewery (Quarry Bank) (acquired c.1914)
Smith, Williams (acquired on 9th September 1920)
Julia Hanson and Son Ltd. (acquired in 1934)
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

Thomas Tomkinson [1818] – [1829]
Richard Tomkinson [1834] – [1835]
Joseph Hall [1845]
John Baynes [1849] – [1854]
Joseph Weston [1856] – **1886**;
Mrs. Mary Ann Weston **(1886 – 1913)**;
Elizabeth Piper **(1913)**;
Edward Henry Lindsay **(1913 – 1915)**;
William Henry Bath **(1915 – 1916)**;
Richard William Wyatt **(1916 – 1921)**;
Albert Edward Bowkley **(1921 – 1923)**;
Thomas McGeorge Bell **(1923 – 1927)**;
John Henry Davies **(1927 – 1928)**;
Philip Bill **(1928 – 1929)**;
Thomas James Banks **(1929 – 1930)**;
Louisa Bradbury **(1930 – 1932)**;
Frederick Birkett **(1932)**;
Horace Clarke **(1932 – 1934)**;
Thomas Richard Beaman **(1934)**;
William Baker **(1934)**;
Gilbert Bertram Evans **(1934 – 1936)**;
Thomas Hateley Sims **(1936 – 1941)**;
William Ernest Goring **(1941 – 1951)**;
Harold Fullwood **(1951 – 1957)**;
Eliza Fullwood **(1957)**;
Harry Cowles **(1957 – 1960)**;
Harry Priest **(1960 – 1963)**;
Herbert Eric Tether **(1963 – 1980)**;
Don Stephen Jordan **(1980 – 1987)**;
Hilary Bate **(1987)**;
Joy Elaine Sivell **(1987 – 1990)**;
Iris Elizabeth Goodwin **(1990 – 1992)**;
Keiran Bulmer **(1992 – 1993)**;
Darren Lee Payton **(1993 – 1994)**;
Frank Geoffrey Griffiths **(1994 – 1995)**;
Francis Joseph 'Frank' Murphy **(1995 – [1999]**
Tracey Dawkins [2004]

THE NEW INN,

HIGH STREET, BRIERLEY-HILL.

PROPRIETOR,

J. WESTON.

HOME-BREWED ALES,

Of the Finest Quality always on Tap.

First-class Spirits and Cigars.

Advert 1881

NOTES

1, High Street [1871], [1872], [1873], [1881], [1892], [1896]
1a, High Street [1904], [1911], [1912]
17, High Street [1916], [1921], [1940], [1990], [1992], [1996], [1998], [2003]

NEW INN [1818], [1849], [1856], [1860], [1862], [1864], [1865], [1868], [1872], [1874],
[1873], [1880], [1904], [1911], [1912], [1916], [1940]
YE OLDE NEW INN [1925], [1934]
OLD NEW INN [1992], [1996], [2006]

It had a brewery at the rear.

‘The History Of Simpikiss Brewery’ by John Richards

“This was perhaps the most historic house in Brierley Hill. There were two rooms named the ‘House of Commons’ and the ‘House of Lords’. In the latter most of the local civic business was said to have been discussed by the ‘city fathers’.”

1851 Census

High Street

- [1] *John Baynes* (42), licensed victualler, born Bilston;
- [2] *Ann Baynes* (42), wife, born Bilston;
- [3] *Mary Ann Baynes* (20), daughter, at home, born West Bromwich;
- [4] *Thomas Baynes* (19), son, mill furnace man, born West Bromwich;
- [5] *John Baynes* (17), son, mill furnace man, born Sedgley;
- [6] *Sarah Baynes* (15), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [7] *Phoebe Baynes* (13), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [8] *Ellen Baynes* (12), daughter, born Sedgley;
- [9] *Joseph Baynes* (1), son, born Kingswinford;
- [10] *Francis Dempsey* (26), visitor, singer, born Manchester;
- [11] *John White* (21), servant, baker, born Gloucestershire:

Brierley Hill Advertiser 23/7/1856

“On Monday evening, March 3rd, 1856, the Amateur Gentlemen of Brierley Hill and neighbourhood, will give a Miscellaneous Concert of Vocal and Instrumental Music in the Large Room at Mr. *Weston*’s NEW INN, Brierley Hill, in aid of the Widow and Orphans of the late *John Pearson*. . . .”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 2/8/1856

“*Joseph Weston*, landlord of the NEW INN, Brierley Hill, was charged with assaulting a travelling draper, named *John Heachen*, on the 24th ult. There was a disturbance in defendant’s house when the alleged assault took place. Dismissed on paying expenses.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 15/8/1857

“*Joseph Weston*, *Isaac Hunt*, and *Charles Skidmore*, were charged with assaulting *William Holt*, on Saturday night last. The disturbance took place at the NEW INN, Brierley Hill, which is kept by the defendant *Weston*. From the evidence brought forward, it appeared that plaintiff was most at fault, and the charges were therefore dismissed.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 19/12/1857

“Grand Christmas Treat. The public are respectfully informed that a grand Ball, will take place at the house of Mr. *Joseph Weston*, NEW INN, Brierley Hill, on Monday, December 28th. 1857, under the superintendence of a Committee of Gentlemen.

Tickets, Sixpence Each.

Dancing to commence at Eight o’clock. Mr. *Moore*’s full Quadrille Band, from Stourbridge, is engaged, for the occasion. . . .”

1861 Census

High Street – NEW INNS

- [1] *Joseph Weston* (34), victualler, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Mary Ann Weston* (34), wife, born Potsgrove, Staffordshire;
- [3] *Elizabeth Weston* (7), scholar, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Sarah Baker* (17), house servant, born Belton, Staffordshire:

Stourbridge Observer 23/10/1869

“The adjourned meeting of miners took place at Mr. *Joseph Weston*’s, NEW INN, Brierley Hill, on Monday last. Mr. Breakwell was chairman, and Mr. Hickman vice chairman.

In opening the proceedings, the President spoke at considerable length. At the conclusion of his speech, the Secretary was called upon to read the replies of masters to the requests made at the last Conference.....”

London Gazette 22/7/1870

“To be Sold, pursuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, made in a cause *Rogers v Rogers* Certain freehold premises, situated in the High Street, Brierley Hill comprising a public house, known as the NEW INN, with two dwelling houses adjoining, and a public house known as the PUDDLERS ARMS, with four dwelling houses and shops adjoining, late the property of Richard Weston deceased....”

[The sale was on 25th August at the GOLDEN EAGLE.]

1871 Census

1, High Street

- [1] *Joseph Weston* (44), licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Mary A. Weston* (44), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Elizabeth Weston* (17), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Maria Shakespeare* (25), general servant, born Round Oak;
- [5] *Harriet Mason* (13), general servant, born Oldbury:

Stourbridge Observer 27/6/1874

“Last night a well-attended meeting of colliers was held at the NEW INN, Mr. Newman of Hales Owen, who presided, said he had always identified himself with questions addressing the working classes, and he felt proud to take a part in the present dispute, for he was convinced that the men had been unfairly dealt with. To submit to the masters’ terms would be a sign of a weakness, and a forgetfulness of the duty they owed to themselves, and children. Their cause was a good one, and if they held together, success was certain - (applause). They had expressed themselves willing to refer the matter to arbitration, but the masters, knowing they had a bad case, refused to have a third party. He sincerely hoped that right would prevail, and that the men would come off victorious.

Mr. E. Haden (Old Hill) was the next speaker, and in the course of his address he counselled the men to cling to the Union, and not submit to the masters’ terms. A resolution to ‘play on’ was carried unanimously.”

Ford’s Household Almanack for 1881 - Advert

“The NEW INN, High Street, Brierley Hill / Proprietor, *J. Weston* / Home Brewed Ales, of the Finest Quality always on Tap / First-class Spirits and Cigars.”

1881 Census

1, High Street

- [1] *Joseph Weston* (54), licensed victualler, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Mary Ann Weston* (54), wife, born Kidsgrove, Staffordshire;
- [3] *Joseph Weston Piper* (4), grandson, born Oldswinford;
- [4] *Maria Shakespeare* (30), domestic servant, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Harriet Mason* (23), domestic servant, born Oldbury:

Joseph Weston died in 1886.

1891 Census

1, High Street – NEW INN

- [1] *Mary A. Weston* (63), widow, licensed victualler, born Kidsgrove, Staffordshire;
- [2] *Joseph W. Piper* (14), grandson, scholar, born Amblecote;
- [3] *Tom H. Piper* (2), grandson, born Amblecote;
- [4] *Harriet Mason* (32), niece, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *Maia Shakespear* (42), general servant, born Brierley Hill;
- [6] *Louisa Turberville* (15), general servant, born Brierley Hill:

1901 Census

1a, High Street

- [1] *Mary A. Weston* (72), widow, publican, born Kidsgrove, Staffordshire;
- [2] *Joseph W. Piper* (24), grandson, clerk, born Brettle Lane;
- [3] *Tom M. Piper* (12), grandson, scholar, born Brettle Lane;
- [4] *Mabel E. Potter* (22), great niece, born Worcester;
- [5] *Marie Shakespere*, (55), barmaid, born Brierley Hill;
- [6] *Louie Turberville* (25), cook, born Brierley Hill:

County Express 2/11/1901

“On Friday se’night Mr. C. O. Gallimore, Albion Street, entertained a number of friends to supper at the NEW INN, High Street. The hostess (*Mrs. Weston*) provided an excellent spread, which the party much appreciated. Afterwards a convivial party was held, Mr. T. Clulee being in the chair, and Mr. H. Mantle being in the vice-chair. The toast of ‘Long life and happiness to Mr. and Mrs. Gallimore’ was proposed by the chairman in appropriate sentences, which were supported by the vice-chairman and most cordially received by the party. In reply Mr. Gallimore tendered his sincere thanks for the expressions of goodwill extended towards Mrs. Gallimore and himself. The other toasts were those of ‘The Hostess,’ acknowledged by Mr. J. Piper, and the ‘Chairman and Vice-chairman.’ During the evening an interesting programme was supplied by Messrs. A. Guest, Warby, Fisher, Clulee, Williams, Gough, Hunt, and Casey.”

Tipton Herald 24/7/1909

“The smoke room customers at the NEW INNS, Brierley Hill, the hostess of which is *Mrs. Weston*, paid a visit last Saturday to Bridgnorth and Morville. They were conveyed by train to the first named place, and afterwards proceeded by brake to the delightful village of Morville, where they sat down to a most tempting dinner at the local hostelry.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 27/5/1910

“The sale of the NEW INN, Brierley Hill. This Important Licensed Property, which was offered for Auction by Mr. George Sidney Gough, on Tuesday last, was withdrawn from sale, but can be treated for privately by applying to the Auctioneer at his Offices, Bank Chambers, Brierley Hill.”

1911 Census

1a, High Street - NEW INN

- [1] *Mary Ann Weston* (84), widow, licensed victualler, born Burslem;
- [2] *Maria Shakespeare* (72), domestic servant, born Brierley Hill:

Albert Edward Bowkley was an ex-boxer billed as ‘Young Sullivan’ and later a boxing referee.

A meeting was held here in February 1925 to form the Smith and Williams Bowling League.

Conveyance dated 2/7/1934

“All that messuage tenement or dwelling-house used as a public house and known by the sign of Ye OLDE NEW INN (formerly NEW INN) with the brewhouse stable yard and appurtenances thereto belonging situate at the corner of High Street and Bell Street

London Gazette /10/1992

“*Goodwin, Iris Elizabeth*, unemployed lately carrying on business as The OLD NEW INN, 17, High Street Date of Bankruptcy Order – 23rd September 1992.....”

[2006]

Closed [2007], [2015]

GRAND CHRISTMAS TREAT.
THE public are respectfully informed, that a grand BALL, will take place at the house of Mr. Joseph Weston, New Inn, Brierley-Hill, on Monday, December 28th, 1857, under the superintendance of a Committee of Gentlemen.
TICKETS, SIXPENCE EACH
DANCING to commence at Eight o'Clock. Mr. Moore's full Quadrille Band, from Stourbridge, is engaged, for the occasion.
Tickets may be had of Mr. Moore, Musical Repository, 56, High-street, Stourbridge; Mr. Bowman, High-street, Brierley-Hill; Mr. Lloyd, Hill-street, and at the Bar of the above Inn.

Advert 1857



1996



2007

OLD STAR

85, Norwood Road, (42, Sun Street), (Sun Lane), Brockmoor, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

William Pearson, Brettell Lane
Mrs. Pearson, Dudley (later of Brockmoor)
Joshua Tennant, Springsmire, Dudley
Edward Dorkins, Quarry Bank
Joshua Bell, Brickkiln Street, Quarry Bank
John Bell, 44, Hagley Road, Stourbridge
Edward Britton [1895]
Mr. Winch, Old Lion Brewery, Tipton (acquired c.1898)
Frederick Smith Ltd., Aston Model Brewery (acquired c.1920)
William Butler and Co. Ltd.
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

LICENSEES

Samuel Thompson [1835]
Thomas Baker [1867]
David Evans [1867] – [1869]
Thomas Oakes [1872] – **1873**);
Joseph Oakes (**1873 – 1877**);
William Wall (**1877 – 1885**);
Thomas Eardley (**1885 – 1890**);
Henry Cooper (**1890 – 1891**);
John Lewis (**1891 – 1893**);
Ann Bradley (**1893 – 1894**);
Thomas Bartlett (**1894**);
Henry Langford (**1894 – 1895**);
Edward Britton (**1895 – 1897**);
George Shakespeare (**1897 – 1899**);
Thomas Ellerton (**1899 – 1904**);
Louis Ford (**1904**);
George Shakespeare (**1904 – 1933**);
John Hoult (**1933 – 1956**);
David Binden (**1956 – 1957**);
Robert William Seabrook (**1957 – 1966**);
Dennys Derry (**1966 – 1967**);
John Collins (**1967 – 1968**);
David John Meese (**1968**);
Joseph Ronald Marson (**1968 – 1969**);
Derek John Rhodes (**1969 – 1970**);
Benjamin Edgar Cresswell (**1970 – 1983**);
Keith Roger David Hyde (**1983 – 1984**);
Gillian Llewelyn Hipkiss (**1984 – 1986**);
Brenda Robertson (**1986 – 1988**);
Margaret Louise Davies (**1988 – 1989**);
Malcolm Ronald Hughes (**1989 – 1997**);
James Christopher Orells (**1997 – 1999**);
Gary Wayne Adams (**1999 – []**)



1997



2015

NOTES

Sun Street [1881], [1912]
Norwood Road [1940]
85, Norwood Road

STAR [1867], [1872], [1873], [1900]
NEW STAR [1869]

It had a beerhouse license.

Stourbridge Observer 7/9/1867

“*David Evans*, landlord of the OLD STAR, was charged by Superintendent Mills with allowing gambling in his house on the night of the 20th ult. Police-constable Bladmore said that he visited the defendant’s house early in the morning, about one o’clock. He heard a number of persons playing at bagatelle. The landlord refused to admit into the room; but witness told him that he should go in. Witness went in, and saw a lot of coppers on the table with which persons were betting. There were others playing at cards.

Police-sergeant Carroll said from information he received, the last witness went with him to the defendant’s house. He heard a man bet twopence on a ball. He then went into the house, and found there were several lots of money on the table.

The learned Stipendiary said the defendant was one of the worst characters. Harbours persons in his house to lose their money, and also to lose their heads by drink; and thereby depriving their families of the money. He should fine him £5 and costs, and if he came before him again he should double it.”

Stourbridge Observer 23/11/1867

“At the Petty Sessions, held on Thursday last, before I. Spooner, Esq, Stipendiary, *David Evans*, landlord of the STAR INN, Brierley Hill, was charged by Superintendent Mills with knowingly and unlawfully allowing gambling in his house, on the 11th inst. Mr. Stokes defended, and said that he could not resist(?) the complaint as defendant had been previously convicted, but in extenuation said he (defendant) was very inexperienced, and had not long taken to the house. Defendant would give a solemn promise not to offend again, and he hoped the present case would act as a warning to him.

Mr. Spooner: You are liable to a penalty of £10 in one case alone. I am not sure I am quite right in not fining you the full penalty. You were fined £5 and costs so late as September 5th 1867. I thought that would have been a warning to you, but it has not had that effect. In consideration of your solicitor pleading for you in the way he has, I shall only fine you £5; but if you come before me again I shall most assuredly send you to the Sessions for trial, where you will be liable for a fine of £50, or £100. If you do not bring me your license I shall fine you £5 for that also. The money (£6 13s 6d), was then paid.”

London Gazette 21/2/1868

“*Thomas Baker*, of Brockmoor Provision Dealer, formerly of The STAR INN, Brockmoor, aforesaid, Beer Retailer and Provision Dealer, having been adjudged bankrupt under a Petition for adjudication of Bankruptcy on the 18th day February 1868

Stourbridge Observer 3/7/1869

“*David Evans*, landlords of the NEW STAR, was charged with allowing disorderly conduct in his house on the night of the 26th ult.

Police-constable Breton said he heard a noise at defendant’s house. He went there, and found two men had been fighting. Defendant turned one of the men out, but not the other. Both men were drunk. He told defendant to turn the other out. Witness then went away for a short time, and returned again, and found one of the men that had been fighting drinking at the counter.

Defendant said that he had summoned the men for coming to his house to create a disturbance. The man who began to fight had been quarrelling a the WHITE LION, and came into his house. His brother in law was sitting down when he at once struck him, and commenced the row; and as soon as possible, he (defendant) got them both out.

In answer to the Bench, Superintendent Mills said the defendant had been fined twice previously, £5 for each offence.

The learned Stipendiary said it was disgraceful to keep such a house, and his license ought to be taken off him, and he should fine him £5 and costs.”

Thomas Oakes, beer retailer, Brockmoor. [1872]

1881 Census

Sun Street

[1] *William Wall* (63), innkeeper and labourer, born Brierley Hill;

[2] *Annett (?) Wall* (54), wife, born Brierley Hill;

[3] *Handel Wall* (21), son, labourer, born Brierley Hill;

[4] *James Wall* (2), born Brockmoor:

The name was changed to WONDER c.1883

Thomas Bartlett was fined 20s and costs, on 28th May 1894, for permitting drunkenness.

The name was changed to OLD STAR in 1896.

County Express 16/2/1901

“On Tuesday, Mr. T. A. Stokes (coroner) held an inquest at the OLD STAR INN, Sun Street, on Hannah Guest (52), married, Sun Street.

She had been suffering from pleurisy, and had heart disease. On Saturday morning she was found dead in bed. A verdict of ‘Death from Natural Causes’ was returned.”

1901 Census

42, Sun Street – SEVEN STARS INN

[1] *Thomas Ellerton* (51), publican, born Brockmoor;

[2] *Madoline Ellerton* (48), wife, born Brockmoor;

[3] *Thomas Ellerton* (22), son, loader, coal mine, born Brockmoor;

[4] *Alice Ellerton* (20), daughter, decorator, tile works, born Brockmoor;

[5] *Ernest Ellerton* (16), son, labourer, tin works, born Brockmoor;

[6] *Joseph Ellerton* (12), son, born Brockmoor;

[7] *Enoch Ellerton* (11), son, born Brockmoor;

[8] *Florence Ellerton* (8), daughter, born Brockmoor;

[9] *Harold Ellerton* (4), son, born Brockmoor:

1911 Census

42, Sun Street

[1] *George Shakespeare* (47), manager of beerhouse, born Woodside;

[2] *Elizabeth Shakespeare* (43), wife, married 23 years, house duties, born Brierley Hill;

[3] *Minnie Shakespeare* (20), daughter, maker for glass cutter, born Brierley Hill;

[4] *George Shakespeare* (18), son, assistant saddler, born Brierley Hill;

[5] *Elsie Shakespeare* (11), daughter, school, born Brierley Hill:

A full license was granted on 24th April 1947.

It was refurbished in 1989.

[2015]

OLD SWAN

10, Queen Street / Chapel Street, PENSNETT

OWNERS

Thomas Homer, Cradley
Atkinsons Ltd. (acquired c. 1898)
Sarah Tromans, Wheelwrights Arms, Netherton (acquired c.1929)
J. H. Davies, The Brewery, Netherton (acquired c.1931)
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

LICENSEES

William Cooper [1854]
Isaac Jones [1861]
Benjamin Homer [1864] – **1878**);
Mark Wood (**1878 – 1880**);
Thomas Crosby (**1880 – 1881**);
Annie Course [1881]
Mary Ann Consee (**1881 – 1882**);
Catherine Partridge (**1882**);
Matthias Bailey (**1882 – 1884**);
Thomas Williams (**1884 – 1885**);
William Bluck (**1885 – 1886**);
Thomas Marston (**1886 – []**)
John Warr (**1889 – 1890**);
Thomas Harvey (**1890 – 1891**);
William Collins (**1891 – 1897**);
Charles John Webb (**1897 – 1899**);
George Stockley (**1899 – 1900**);
Mark Hyde (**1900**);
David Thomas Holt (**1900 – 1901**);
Frederick Langley (**1901 – 1902**);
George Bromley (**1902 – 1905**);
Ernest Clarke (**1905**);
George Thomas Freeman (**1905 – 1907**);
William Henry Shaw (**1907**);
Laban Hill (**1907 – 1914**);
Charles Thomas Harper (**1914 – 1915**);
John Dando (**1915 – 1932**);
John Henry Green (**1932 – 1935**);
William Jones (**1935 – [1940]**)
Pickford []
Albert Edward Wood [1982]

NOTES

Chapel Street [1881]
Queen Street [1904], [1940]

OLD SWAN [1858], [1881], [1896], [1912]
SWAN [1904]

Brierley Hill Advertiser 2/1/1858 - Advert

“To Let, the OLD SWAN INN, at Pensnett. The house and premises are in good repair, and immediate possession may be had. – for particulars of rent, &c, apply to Mrs, Homer, Colley Gate, Cradley, near Brierley Hill.”

1861 Census

end of Chapel Street and into Back Lane

- [1] *Isaac Jones* (40), victualler, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Mary Ann Jones* (39), wife, born Sedgley;
- [3] *Thomas Jones* (19), son, born Sedgley:

1871 Census

Queen Street

- [1] *Benjamin Homer* (40), licensed victualler, born Cradley, Worcestershire;
- [2] *Mary Homer* (44), wife, born Middleton on the Hill, Herefordshire;
- [3] *Harry Homer* (11), son born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Milley Homer* (9), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *Hannah Homer* (), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Mary Taylor* (129), domestic servant, born Bilston:

1881 Census

Chapel Street – OLD SWAN INN

- [1] *Annie Course* (45), married, publican, born Sulgrave, Northamptonshire;
- [2] *Mary Ann Course* (24), daughter, born Sulgrave, Northamptonshire;
- [3] *Annie Laura Course* (16), daughter, born Shrewsbury;
- [4] *Alfred Edward William Course* (3), son, born Wellington, Shropshire:

County Express 17/2/1900

“John Norton, of Portobello, Willenhall, lodging at Wallows Street, was charged with stealing a gold ring, of the value of 10s 6d, the property of Barnett Rosenthal, traveler in jewellery, Villa Street, Hockley, on the 6th inst. Prosecutor said on the evening named he went to the OLD SWAN INN, Pensnett, and saw the prisoner and other persons there. Witness offered some watches, chains and rings for sale. Prisoner took a ring off his box and put it on his finger, and refused to return it, although asked several times to do so. All prisoner said was if witness was to have the ring he would have to cut his finger off first. Prisoner went outside, and when he returned witness could not see the ring. Witness asked him for it and he replied that the ring was gone. By Prisoner: He did not see him give the ring to another man.

Mark Hyde, landlord of the house, said he heard prisoner refuse to turn the ring up. Prisoner went out into the kitchen, and when he re-entered the tap-room he said he had not got it, but did not say he had given it to another man.

Police-constable Butler said he was fetched, and prisoner said to him, ‘I know where the ring is, but will stand my tongue cutting out before I say who has got it.’ When at the police station at Brierley Hill, prisoner said he had given it to some man he did not know.

Norton now adhered to this statement. The rings and other things were handed round, and as he had not been in the district a fortnight he did not know the people.

Thomas Hyde, miner, Church Street, Pensnett, said the prosecutor was giving articles to anyone to look at, and could not tell where they were. Prisoner asked the police to search him. Prosecutor charged another person with keeping the ring.

The Bench dismissed the case.

Norton was then charged with being drunk at the same time, and for this, on the evidence of Police-constable Butler, he was fined 5s and costs or seven days.”

1901 Census

10, Queen Street

- [1] *Frederick Langley* (37), licensed victualler, born Tingrith, Bedfordshire;
- [2] *Kate Langley* (32), wife, born Grimsby;
- [3] *Gladys Langley* (11), daughter, born Leagrave, Bedfordshire;
- [4] *Stanley Langley* (10), son, born Leagrave, Bedfordshire;
- [5] *Horace Langley* (7), son, born Harborne;
- [6] *Reginald Langley* (3), son, born Handsworth;
- [7] *Elizabeth Wallace* (60), relative, widow, born Spalding:

1911 Census

10, Queen Street

- [1] *Laban Hill* (63), widower, licensed victualler, born Oldswinford;
- [2] *Sarah Grainger* (30), housekeeper, born Pensnett;
- [3] *Edith Forest* (14), domestic servant, born Bromley:

London Gazette 5/3/1982

“*Wood, Albert Edward* unemployed, lately carrying on business at The OLD SWAN Public House.....”

London Gazette 29/3/1982

“*Wood, Albert Edward* Date of First Meeting – 13th April 1982.....”

[1983]

Closed [1995], [1997]

It was converted into flats.



1995

OLD WHIMSEY

26, (33), Church Street, (Chapel Hill), Brettle Lane, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Charles Horton, Brierley Hill
Worcestershire Brewing and Malting Co. (acquired c.1904)
Kidderminster Brewery (acquired c.1914)

LICENSEES

James Turley [1818] – [1822]
Isaiah Dawes [1829] – [1835]
Benjamin Elwell [1840] – [1861]
George Elwell [1862]
Sampson Elwell [1864] – [1865]
George Poole Pike [1868] – [1870]
Benjamin Elwell [1872] – **1888**;
Frederick Warren (**1888 – 1897**);
Robert Warren (**1897**);
Llewelyn William Silver (**1897 – 1898**);
John William Taylor (**1898 – 1903**);
Alexander Charles Aldridge (**1903 – 1905**);
William John Rodway (**1905 – 1906**);
Francis Wilfred Mole (**1906 – 1908**);
Walter Talbot Bowkley (**1908 – 1913**);
James Holman Williams (**1913 – 1919**);
Samuel Clarke (**1919 – 1920**);
William Evans (**1920 – 1923**);
Carl Alan Davies (**1923 – 1932**);
Walter James Brettell (**1932 – 1933**);
Frederick Thompson (**1933 – 1936**);
William Henry Watts (**1936 – 1937**);
David Edwin Porter (**1937 – 1941**);



1984

NOTES

Church Street [1860]
Chapel Hill [1868], [1870]
33, Church Street [1872], [1879], [1892], [1896], [1904], [1912]
26, Church Street [1916], [1940]

It was originally known as the WHIMSEY INN. [1849], [1858], [1861], [1862], [1864], [1865], [1866], [1868], [1870], [1872]
WHIMSEY MILL [1873]
OLD WHIMSEY [1912], [1916], [1940]

It had a beerhouse license.

Wolverhampton Chronicle 1/9/1858

“The inquest on the railway accident [13 people were killed] was held at the WHIMSEY INN, Chapel Hill, Brettell Lane, on 23rd August an Oxford, Worcester and Wolverhampton line between Round Oak and Brettell Lane Stations.....”

1861 Census

Brettell Lane – WHIMSEY INN

- [1] Benjamin Elwell (49), victualler, born Stourbridge;
- [2] Charlotte Elwell (49), wife, born Milford, Derbyshire;
- [3] Emma Elwell (14), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [4] Jane Gamble (15), general servant, born Kingswinford:

George Elwell = George Ellwell

Sampson Elwell was also a grocer. [1864], [1865]

Stourbridge Observer 24/6/1865

“An inquest was held on Thursday last, at the WHIMSEY INN, before P. M. Phillips, Esq, Coroner, on the body of a boy, aged 9 years, who was drowned in the canal. From the evidence it appears that the deceased was bathing in the canal the day previous, and getting out of his depth was drowned. The poor lad was got out as soon as possible, but life was extinct. A verdict was returned of Accidental Death.”

Stourbridge Observer 20/10/1866

“W. H. Phillips, Esq., Deputy Coroner, held an inquest on Saturday, at the WHIMSEY INN, respecting the death of George Timmins, aged 35, a foreman of labourers, lately in the employ of the Great Western Railway Company. George Evans, a labourer in the same employ, stated that he was engaged, in company with the deceased and two other men, on Tuesday last, in repairing the embankment of the railway between Round Oak and Brierley Hill stations. They left their work upon the approach of a luggage train on the down line. Deceased, instead of remaining in the space between the lines of rails, stationed himself upon the up line, and was immediately knocked down by a passenger train which had approached unnoticed. The deceased was killed instantaneously. In answer to a question, the witness stated that the engine whistle was not sounded. This, however, he considered, arose from the fact that there was a sharp curve of the line where the deceased was standing. The Coroner having briefly summed up, the Jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death. Several gentlemen connected with the company attended.”

Stourbridge Observer 21/3/1868

“The inquest on Thomas Higgs, Joseph Rowley, and John Skidmore, three of the persons killed at Clattershall Colliery, was resumed yesterday at the WHIMSEY public house, Brettell Lane, before Mr. W. H. Phillips, Deputy Coroner. Mr. Baker, Government Inspector of Mines, was present.

A considerable number of witnesses were examined, and their evidence was entirely in keeping with the account of the sad affair that has already appeared in our columns. The upcast shaft at the colliers was at the further side of the field; and in the shaft a fire was kept burning in order to secure the ventilation of the workings. On Wednesday week it was found necessary to repair a dam near the bottom of this shaft, and for that purpose the butty (Joseph Shaw) permitted the doggy (Josiah Chivers) one of the deceased, to take out this fire, and to pour the sand necessary for repairs down the shaft. This course of procedure had the effect of destroying the ventilation of the colliery, thus causing an accumulation of choke-damp, which suffocated five men and boys who were at work repairing the dam. The ground bailiff deposed that he had given the butty strict instructions to keep the fire constantly burning and on no account to take it out of the upcast shaft. It was, he said, a most dangerous proceeding.

The butty, in a statement he made after being duly cautioned, said he was against Chivers taking out the fire and putting sand down the upcast shaft. He wanted him to take sand down the winding pit; but Chivers demurred to this, and he let him have his way.

The jury found a verdict of manslaughter against Joseph Shaw, butty, who was committed for trial on a Coroner’s warrant. He was admitted to bail in two sureties of £25 each and his own recognisances in £50.”

Stourbridge Observer 20/3/1869

“On Monday evening Mr. W. H. Phillips, Deputy Coroner, held an inquest at the WHIMSEY INN, on the body of Obadiah Skidmore, aged 15, who was killed by a fall of coal on the 13th instant, while at work in the Robin Hood Pit, Saltwells Colliery.

After hearing the evidence, the jury found that the deceased came to his death Accidentally.”

Stourbridge Observer 15/5/1869

“On Saturday morning last a fatal accident occurred in the Nine Locks Pit, Wallows Colliery, Brierley Hill, the scene of the recent inundation, and the identical pit in which the thirteen miners were so long incarcerated. A young man named George Harkins, who resided near the WHIMSEY INN, near Brettell Lane, descended into the pit on Friday evening, with five or six others, for a night turn. Towards five o'clock the following morning he had nearly completed his stint of work, but to conclude he had to 'head' out a 'tree', or support. This is a kind of work which requires a vigorous effort of strength, a steady hand, quick eye, and great caution on the part of the miner. The 'tree' is a stout piece of timber, placed in various parts of the mine to support pieces of coal, which may appear dangerous, or where the miner may be at work, for his protection. When the coal has been gotten in such a manner that the collier does not require this protection it is headed out. The workman attacks the coal around the 'tree' at the top with a pike, and clears away the mineral to a certain distance towards the 'tree'. He then descends to the floor, and cuts away the rest with a long 'jobber' or 'pricker', an instrument which allows him to stand a good distance from the coal to come down. This is harder work than using the short pike, and therefore the men very frequently disregard all caution, and cut too near the head of the 'tree' with the easier implement. When the coal is obtained from the top of the tree the support is pushed out, and the coal generally falls in large quantities. Should the miner cut too near the tree and the superincumbent weight crushes the support, he has but little chance of escaping with his life. Harkins was at this kind of work. Two boys who were near him called out to him the time. He advised them to carry away all the tools lying about that they might not be buried in the coal, and get themselves out of the reach of danger. The boys did as they were bidden, and went towards the pit mouth. In a few seconds they heard a tremendous crash, and upon running back they discovered that the coal had fallen, and that Harkins was nowhere to be seen. The boys raised an alarm, and the men at work in the other part of the pit came to the spot. A signal was given at the foot of the shaft for assistance.

Mr. Greenway, the mine agent of the colliery, Mr. Plant (the butty who behaved so well during the rescue), and twenty men, went down the pit to search for Harkin's body, for there was not the slightest hope that he was alive. After strenuous efforts the great bulk of the coal was removed; but the dangerous character of the employment several times seriously interfered with the men. It was six o'clock in the evening when the shockingly mangled remains of poor Harkins were found. The sickening spectacle was quickly hidden, and the body taken to the home of the deceased's parents.

An inquest was held on the body on Monday last, at the WHIMSEY INN, before Mr. W. H. Phillips, Deputy Coroner. During the inquiry Mr. Greenway, ground bailiff; Messrs. Plant and Dainty, butties; and Mr. Hughes, surveyor, were present.

The first witness called was Richard Hoskiss, who said he was working in the pit at the time of the accident. Deceased had been pulling some coals down. He had been taking timber out to cause the coal to fall. It was a proper place for a man to be working in, and, as his fellow-man, he had no reason to attach blame to anyone. The cause of the sudden fall of coal was the taking away of timber by the deceased. He told him several times to leave the timber in. He said he would not; he would get it down for the 'band'. There was nothing unusually dangerous in the work deceased had to do.

By a Juryman: He could not say whether deceased was ordered to 'throw' the coals.

By another Juryman: It was part of the deceased's duty to see to the safety of the other men.

John Price, a boy, said he was assisting deceased, who was 'rating' that is, pulling coals down from the sides of the pit. Deceased told him to take away the tools, and when he returned he found the coal had fallen upon the deceased from the top. It was at the stop where he had previously been working. He told witness that he was going to knock the tree out. He had prickers but he did not use them. He used the pike. It was customary to use the prickers when a tree was being got out.

Thomas Brown, who acted conspicuously as one of the rescuing party during the recent inundation, was then called. He said when he was going down the shaft, on the morning in question, he heard a cry for help, and he heard that deceased was buried under the coals. He had seen the place where deceased was working. It was a fit place for a man to be employed in. Deceased had been accustomed to that kind of work. He should have had no objection to be occupied at the same work. He had not the least reason to blame any one on account of the accident.

Samuel Thompson, doggy, said he set the deceased his work, which was that of 'rating', that is, pulling the coal down at a spot where it is swagged. Deceased was not told to touch the trees. He (witness) did not expect him to draw the timber.

After hearing the above evidence, the jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death."

Stourbridge Observer 4/9/1869

"Thomas Griffiths, alias Fop, a young man, was charged with committing a burglary at *George Poole Pike's*, the WHIMSEY INN, Brierley Hill, on the night of the 27th ult. Mr. Waldron, Solicitor, of Brierley Hill, appeared for the prosecution; and the prisoner was undefended.

In opening the case, Mr. Waldron said prisoner was in the habit of doing some work for his client, who remunerated him with clothes and food. On the above date the prisoner was at complainant's house. After shutting up he (complainant) made all the doors fast, and retired. His wife had reason to go into her son's bedroom, and, hearing a noise, looked out of the window, and saw the defendant scaling the wall. She called out to him saying, 'Is that you, Fop, you scoundrel?' He returned no answer. As it was a beautiful moonlight night she could see him distinctly. *George Poole Pike* said: I am landlord of the WHIMSEY INN, Brierley Hill. On the above date the prisoner was at my house. He left about half past eleven. After he left, I closed the house, and made all the doors safe. I and my wife then retired. About half an hour afterwards I heard my wife call me, and went down, and found the doors wide open. Went to the Police Station and saw the prisoner, who said if I signed the charge sheet it would be the worst day's work I had ever done.

Julia Pike, wife of complainant, said I recollect the above date. After my husband had made the doors, we retired. Went to my son's bedroom, and remained there about twenty minutes. The window was open, and it was a moonlight night. Heard a noise like drawing a bar. Heard the bolt of the passage door drawn, and afterwards heard a noise at the bar door, and a match struck. There was a noise at the cellar door, as though the handle was being moved. Called out, 'Who's there?' There was a noise in the passage, and called out to my husband, '*George*, there is a noise in the house; do come.' Looked through the back room window, and saw defendant scaling the wall. He slipped back, and had another try. Saw his face. He had a dark pair of trousers on, and was in his shirt sleeves. Shouted to him when he was on the wall, 'It's you, is it, Fop, you scoundrel.' Will swear defendant is the man. Saw him before he left the house, and he was rather the worse for drink.

Police-constable Maland said he apprehended the prisoner on Saturday morning, at his father's house. Found him lying on a bench. He had on him dark trousers and was in his shirt sleeves. Charged him with the burglary. He said he was not drunk, and should not go. Witness then took him into custody. He said he had been at complainant's, but had not committed the burglary. At the Police Station prisoner told complainant that if he signed the charge sheet it would be the worst day's work he had ever done in his life.

George Pike re-called: Prisoner's father's house is against my premises. Found several tiles on the top of the building between the prisoner's house and mine. Found some marks in some ashes underneath the wall, as though, some one had jumped from the wall. The bar in the brewhouse was withdrawn, and there was an opening in the top of the brewhouse, about a foot from the bar in the door.

Prisoner said: I am innocent of the charge. I have been there many times at night. Prisoner was committed to take his trial at the Special Assizes at Stafford."

It was put up for sale in 1869.

Stourbridge Observer 19/2/1870 - Advert

“The Bankruptcy Act, 1861 / Order of Discharge / In the County Court of Worcestershire, holden at Stourbridge / In the matter of *Benjamin Elwell*, now and for ten months last past residing in Furnished Lodgings at the house of Emma Elwell, Bellvue Terrace, and for six months previously thereto in lodgings, at the house of George Elwell, Kingswinford, in the same county, Moulder, and for nine months previously thereto in Lodgings at the house of the said George Elwell, at Smethwick, in the same county, Moulder, and previously thereto at the WHIMSEY INN, Brierley Hill, in the same county, Moulder and Innkeeper, adjudged Bankrupt on the 30th day of December, 1869. / An Order of discharge will be delivered to the bankrupt after the expiration of thirty days from this date, unless an appeal be duly entered against the judgement of the Court, and notice thereof given to this Court, / Dated 16th day of February, 1870 / C. Evers / High Bailiff.”

Stourbridge Observer 30/7/1870 - Advert

“To be Let, the WHIMSEY INN, Brierley Hill. To any respectable Person requiring such a house, advantageous terms will be offered. – Apply on the Premises.”

1871 Census

Church Street

- [1] *Benjamin Elwell* (59), iron moulder, born Stourbridge;
- [2] *Charlotte Elwell* (62), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Emma Elwell* (24), daughter, barmaid, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *George Elwell* (34), son, iron moulder, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Hannah Elwell* (33), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *James Elwell* (13), grandson, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Emily Elwell* (12), granddaughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [8] *Agnes Elwell* (10), granddaughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [9] *Bertha Elwell* (9), granddaughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [10] *Isaac Elwell* (20), son, born Kingswinford:

Benjamin Elwell, licensed victualler and brewer, 33, Church Street. [1879]

1881 Census

Bettle Lane

- [1] *Benjamin Elwell* (69), licensed victualler, born Stourbridge;
 - [2] *Charlotte Elwell* (71), wife, born Duffield, Derbyshire;
 - [3] *Bertha Elwell* (17), granddaughter, barmaid, born Kingswinford:
- [Duffield lies about 3 miles south of Belper.]

1891 Census

Church Street

- [1] *Frederick Warren* (33), licensed victualler and carpenter, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Anne Warren* (31), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *George H. Warren* (7), son, born Wordsley;
- [4] *Katie Warren* (6), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *Charles Warren* (3 months), son, born Brierley Hill:

Frederick and Robert Warren were brewers, Plough Brewery, Brierley Hill.

THE BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1861.

ORDER OF DISCHARGE.

In the County Court of Worcestershire, holden at Stourbridge.

IN the Matter of **BENJAMIN ELWELL**, now and for ten months last past residing in Furnished Lodgings at the house of Emma Elwell, Bellvue Terrace, and for six months previously thereto in Lodgings, at the house of George Elwell, Kingswinford, in the same county, Moulder, and for nine months previously thereto in Lodgings at the house of the said George Elwell, at Smethwick, in the same county, Moulder, and previously thereto at the Whimsey Inn, Brierley Hill, in the same county, Moulder and Innkeeper, adjudged Bankrupt on the 30th day of December, 1869.

An Order of Discharge will be delivered to the bankrupt after the expiration of thirty days from this date, unless an appeal be duly entered against the judgment of the Court, and notice thereof be given to this Court.

Dated 16th day of February, 1870.

C. EVERS,
High Bailiff.

TO be LET, the WHIMSEY INN, Brierley Hill. To any respectable Person requiring such a house, advantageous terms will be offered.—Apply on the Premises.

1901 Census

Church Street

- [1] *John William Taylor* (43), publican, born England;
- [2] *Caroline Taylor* (44), wife, born England;
- [3] *Minnie Westwood* (24), daughter, married, born England;
- [4] *John Taylor* (21), son, moulder, born England;
- [5] *Blanche Taylor* (14), daughter, born England;
- [6] *James Westwood* (1), grandchild, born England:

County Express 22/2/1902

“On Friday night as briefly reported in our last issue, a man named Samuel Perry, aged 63, of 30, Wood Street, Wollaston, died very suddenly. During the day he had been employed at Messrs. Stevens and William’s, Brierley Hill Flint Glass Works, and left the premises soon after six o’clock. To reach North Street from the works there is rather a sharp gradient, and he was proceeding up this hill, in company with his brother, with whom he was conversing, when without any warning, he suddenly fell, as though in a fit; his forehead struck the ground, and in a very few minutes he had ceased to live. It seems that for some time Perry had been ailing, and it was known he had a weak heart. Dr. Taylor was fetched, but he could only pronounce life extinct. The police were also communicated with, and PC O’Leary was quickly on the spot, and commenced to make enquiries with a view to removing the body to one of the two adjacent public-houses. Despite O’Leary’s requests, however, neither of the two publicans would accept the body upon his premises, and, therefore, those interested were in an awkward situation. At length Mrs. Holyoak, who resides at a small house, No.32, North Street, realising the awkwardness of the situation, came forward and offered to permit the body to stay in her own house. The offer was accepted, and thither the lifeless body was carried and deposited, pending the inquest.

This was held on Saturday morning by Mr. T. A. Stokes, at the WHIMSEY INN, Church Street, when evidence as to the manner in which the old man died was tendered to the jury, who returned a verdict of ‘Death from Natural Causes.’

The jury had something to say with regard the lack of accommodation in Brierley Hill for the reception of dead bodies. They considered that a mortuary should be provided out of the public funds, and further expressed the opinion that a hand ambulance on wheels was necessary for the removal of persons who might be injured or lose their lives.”

1911 Census

Church Street – OLD WHIMSEY INN

- [1] *Walter Talbot Bowkley* (29), lawyer and publican, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Dora Bowkley* (25), wife, married 3 years, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Walter Talbot Bowkley* (3), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Kathleen Dora Bowkley* (9 months), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *Priscilla Hickman* (18), general servant, born Brierley Hill:

County Express 9/7/1921

“Mr. J. T. Higgs (county coroner) conducted an enquiry at the WHIMSEY INN, Church Street, on Monday morning, relative to the death of Ellen Aston (56), 1, North Street, Brierley Hill, whose body was recovered from the Stourbridge canal at the Delph on Saturday morning.

George Aston, a pikeman, identified the body as being that of his wife. Eight years ago, he said, she had a slight stroke, and had not enjoyed the best of health since. For the past five weeks she had been under the care of Dr. Rudd, and had been somewhat strange in her actions. Witness last saw her alive on Friday night, when he went to bed with her. He missed her early the next morning, and made a search round the Delph, ultimately going to the canal side, where he noticed a crowd of people. Upon going to the spot (about 7.15am) he saw his wife lying on the towing path. She was quite dead.

Samuel Darby, a kiln fireman, 160 High Buildings, Brettell Lane, deposed he was employed by Messrs. E. J. and J. Pearson at the Delph Brickworks. He was working at the kilns about 6.0am on Saturday, when he heard someone shout ‘Oh!’ Just before that he saw a woman walking along the canal side, but he took no notice. On going to the canal he failed to see anything, the body being entirely submerged. Assisted by Messrs. Smith and Dublin, witness recovered the body by means of a drag.

Mr. Higgs: Did you try to bring her round? – No, Sir, I thought she was dead when we got her out. I've never had anything like this before.

Mr. Higgs: Do you know first aid? – No, sir.

Mr. Higgs: Don't workmen get instructions in artificial respiration? – I've had no instruction.

Mr. Higgs: It's a pity, because it is possible the woman's life might have been saved.

Annie Aston, deceased's daughter-in-law, stated that she saw deceased go down stairs early in the morning, but did not suspect anything. There was no reason why deceased should go down to the canal at that time in the morning.

For some months deceased had been rather queer, and had once or twice complained about her head.

A verdict of Suicide by drowning, whilst of Unsound Mind, was returned.”

The license renewal was referred to the Compensation Authority in March 1940.

It closed on 31st July 1941.

Dudley Herald 10/1/1942

Inland Revenue paid £2,119 – Compensation Authority.

It became a private residence.

PACK HORSE

PENSNETT

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Ann Maria Pearson [] - **1858**);
Joseph Barnsley (**1858** - []

PHEASANT

Pheasant Street / 1, Cottage Lane, (Cricket Fields), Brockmoor, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

W. G. and E. Webb (Wordsley)
Worcestershire Brewing and Malting Co. (acquired in 1897)

LICENSEES

Mrs. Mary Hewitt [1855] – [1858]
Henry Carpenter Flewett [1861]
Mary Flewett [1861] – **1865**;
William Payne (**1865 – 1867**);
Francis Wood (**1867 – []**)
Edward Webb Jnr [] – **1868**;
Frederick Browning (**1868 – [1870]**)
John Jarvis [1872] – **1883**;
Job Willetts (**1883 – 1884**);
John Collins (**1884 – 1885**);
Joseph Jones (**1885 – 1886**);
William Kitson (**1886**);
Edward Attwood (**1886 – 1887**);
Thomas Downes (**1887**);
William Parrock (**1887 – 1888**);
Thomas Davis Ford (**1888 – 1890**);
Charles Johnson (**1890 – 1891**);
Henry Shakespeare (**1891**);
Charles Dunn (**1891**);
Arthur Josiah Bailey (**1891 – 1900**);
David William Nicholas (**1900 – 1902**);
Samuel Parrish (**1902 – 1907**);
Thomas Chuter (**1907 – 1915**);

NOTES

Brierley Hill Advertiser 27/6/1857

“An inquest was held on Wednesday last, (before W. H. Phillips, Esq), at the PHEASANT INN, Brockmoor, on the body of Joseph Hickman, a boy six years of age, who was found dead in the Stourbridge Canal, on the Monday afternoon previous. It is supposed that deceased had been playing with a fishing rod, to which a piece of string and a cork was attached, as it was found floating near the spot, and while doing so fell into the water. There being no evidence to prove how deceased got into the water, the Jury, after a short consultation, returned a verdict of Found Drowned.”

Wolverhampton Chronicle 16/6/1858

“On Thursday night a most brutal murder was perpetrated at Brockmoor near Brierley Hill, the cause of which is shrouded in much mystery. The victim was William Collier, a fitter, who lived in the Dock, Dudley, and worked for Messrs. Brown and Freer, iron and coal masters, at Brockmoor. On the night he was drinking at a public house called the PHEASANT, at Brockmoor, kept by Mrs. *Mary Hewitt*, and left there about twenty minutes past ten o'clock, in company with another man, with whom he then appeared on friendly terms, and both were the worse for liquor. About five o'clock next morning a man named Sheldon, a miner at Brockmoor and Harts Hill, found Collier lying

CLEARING-OUT SALE
At the PHEASANT INN,
BROCKMOOR, BRIERLEY HILL.
(Under a Bill of Sale).

TO be SOLD by AUCTION, by S. INSULL, on the Premises, as above, on WEDNESDAY NEXT, SEPTEMBER 25th, 1867, the whole of the PUBLIC-HOUSE FIXTURES and FITTINGS, capital Forms and Drinking Tables, 4-pull Beer Machine, Brewing Utensils, Wrought and Cast-iron Boilers, Round and Oval Coolers, Hog-head Cask Prime Fresh Ale, 12 thirty-six Gallons of XX and XXX ALES, 7 Eighteen Gallons ditto, and PORTERS: Quantity of GIN, RUM, BRANDY, and WHISKEY; 7 Prime Pocket PIGS, about 90lbs; Sow-in-Fig. Narrow-wheel CART, Cart Tackle; the whole of the CHAMBER and KITCHEN FURNITURE, with an infinite number of other Effects, belonging to Mr. Francis Wood, particulars of which will appear in Catalogues.

Sale to commence at Eleven o'clock precisely.

Advert 1867

upon the grass quite dead. There was a good deal of blood about the body, and on examination of the head, a terrible fracture of the skull was discovered, through which the brain protruded. Sheldon left the body, and proceeded to the police station to give information to Pc Freeman, who immediately proceeded to the spot.

On looking about the field, Freeman discovered the weapon with which the murder had been committed – a stake pulled from the hedge, six feet long, and ten or twelve inches in circumference. The body was removed to the house of Mr. Richard Worrall, at Brockmoor. [BROCKMOOR HOUSE]

On the body of the murdered man were found a knife and a level used for his trade, but no money. A few yards from the body a quart can filled with ale. Mr. W. L. Norris, surgeon, of Brierley Hill, afterwards examined the body, and found that death had resulted from the fracture of the skull.

The police immediately instituted an active search for the man in whose company the deceased left the PHEASANT public house, but had not succeeded in finding him. On Saturday evening last, an inquest was opened at the BROCKMOOR HOUSE, at which the body lay, before T. M. Phillips Esq., coroner. The inquiry was adjourned until Tuesday, the 22nd inst, in order to ascertain by a post mortem examination, the precise cause of death, and also that inquiries might be made with a view to discovering the perpetrators of the crime.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 19/6/1858

“The late extraordinary and mysterious tragedy which we recently brought before the notice of our readers last week remains in all essential points enshrouded in the same impenetrable gloom as at its first discovery. Since the finding of the body on the morning of the 11th inst, ‘rumour with her thousand tongues’ has been very busy, but nothing certain is yet known either as to the perpetrator of the crime, or the causes which led to it.

The plain facts of the case – as at present brought to light – are as follows: the deceased man Collier is supposed to have been a native of Manchester, but for the last twelve months he had been living at Dudley, at the house of a widow named Crowl. During the former part of that time he had been in the employ of Mr. Wright of Dudley; but latterly he had worked for Messrs. Brown and Freer. He bore the character of a steady man, and was very regular in his habits. A short time before noon on Thursday the 10th inst, Jabez Onions called on him at the workshop, and being an old acquaintance of Collier’s the latter immediately left work and accompanied Onions to a neighbouring beershop and remained drinking with him till about ten o’clock at night. About that time they parted the company that had been drinking with them during the evening, apparently with the intention of proceeding to Collier’s lodgings at Dudley. Onions had stated that he should have to remain out all night, and a young man who had been drinking with them offered him a share of his bed, but he declined that offer, and accepted one which Collier had made to go home with him. They accordingly left the PHEASANT beershop together, apparently on very friendly terms, both of them rather the worse for liquor – Onions being the more sober of the two.

From that time nothing more was seen of either of them till five o’clock on the following morning, when a man named Sheldon proceeding to his employment at the Old Park discovered the body of a man – who afterwards proved to be the unfortunate deceased – lying in a field called Dudley Field, situate between Brockmoor and Harts Hill. He was frightfully injured, and the wounds on the body presented incontestable evidence that he had met with a violent death. Onions has never been heard of since, although the police have been indefatigable in their exertions to discover his whereabouts. It is tolerably certain that he is a man of a roving disposition, unsettled habits, and violent temper. There are, as a natural consequence of the mysterious character of the tragedy, a vast number of rumours current concerning the affair, but most of them are not very nearly related to truth. On Tuesday evening last the neighbourhood of Brierley Hill and Brockmoor was in a state of great excitement and commotion in consequence of a report that Onions was in custody. On the police, however, instituting enquiries the report was found to be utterly without foundation, and that crowd of people had mistaken the apprehension of a runaway apprentice for that of Onions. Other stories are in circulation, but it is impossible in the present state of affairs to exactly determine what properties of truth exists in all or any of them. Every exertion is being made to apprehend Onions, and it is to be hoped that these exertions will not long be fruitless as he must – at the very least – be able to throw some additional light on this gloomy subject.....”

Mary Flewett = Mary Flewitt

Mary Flewitt (sic), beer retailer, Brockmoor. [1861]

Francis Wood was partner with William Wood, as pig dealers.

Stourbridge Observer 21/9/1867 - Advert

“Clearing Out Sale at the PHEASANT INN, Brockmoor, Brierley Hill. (Under a Bill of Sale.)

To Be Sold By Auction, by S. Insull, on the Premises, as above, on Wednesday Next, September 25th 1867, the whole of the Public House Fixtures, capital Forms and Drinking Tables, 4-pull Beer Machine, Brewing Utensils, Wrought and Cast Iron Boilers, Round and Oval Coolers, Hogshead Cask Prime Fresh Ale, 12 thirty-six Gallons of XX and XXX Ales, 7 eighteen Gallons ditto, and Porters; Quantity of Gin, Rum, Brandy and Whiskey; 7 Prime Porker Pigs, about 90lbs; Sow-in-Pig. Narrow wheel Cart, Cart Tackle; the whole of the Chamber and Kitchen Furniture, with an infinite number of other Effects, belonging to Mr. Francis Wood, particulars of which will appear in the Catalogues.”

Stourbridge Observer 25/4/1868

“George Williams was charged with being drunk on the 11th instant and refusing to leave the PHEASANT INN, Brockmoor, when requested. *Frederick Browning*, the landlord, proved the offence, and defendant was fined 2s 6d and costs; in default seven days.”

1871 Census

Cricket Fields – PHEASANT INN

- [1] *John Jarvis* (35), born Sardon, Staffordshire;
- [2] *Mary E. Jarvis* (33), wife, born Kingswinford:

John Jarvis, beer retailer, Brockmoor. [1872]

1881 Census

Cricket Field

- [1] *John Jarvis* (45), innkeeper and blacksmith, born Sardon, Staffordshire;
- [2] *Mary E. Jarvis* (43), wife, born Wordsley;
- [3] *Alice Wood* (9), niece, born Brockmoor;
- [4] *Thomas Pickstock* (34), lodger, boat builder, born Montgomery:

1891 Census

Pheasant Street

- [1] *Charles Johnson* (41), carpet Weaver, born Kidderminster;
- [2] *Mary Johnson* (41), wife, born Kidderminster;
- [3] *Mary Johnson* (6), daughter, scholar, born Kidderminster;
- [4] *Charles Johnson* (5), son, scholar, born Kidderminster;
- [5] *William Johnson* (3), son, born Kidderminster;
- [6] *George Johnson* (2), son, born Kidderminster:

OR

Cricket Field

- [1] *Henry Shakespeare* (53), coal loader, born Brockmoor;
- [2] *Jane Shakespeare* (28), wife, born Brockmoor;
- [3] *Mary Jane Shakespeare* (7), daughter, born Brockmoor;
- [4] *Alice Shakespeare* (4), daughter, born Brockmoor;
- [5] *William Shakespeare* (1), son, born Brockmoor;
- [6] *Jane Hendley* (18), domestic servant, born Brockmoor:

1901 Census

1, Cottage Lane – PHEASANT INN

- [1] *David William Nicholas* (38), stonemason and publican, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Maria Nicholson* (34), wife, born Cradley Heath;
- [3] *Joseph Nicholas* (12), son, born Lye;
- [4] *Grover Nicholas* (6), son, born America;
- [5] *Florence Nicholas* (4), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [6] *Winifred P. Nicholas* (2), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [7] *John Nicholas* (5 months), son, born Brockmoor:

1911 Census

1, Cottage Lane

[1] *Thomas Chuter* (58), publican, born Kingswinford;

[2] *Mary Ann Chuter* (61), wife, married 40 years, born Kingswinford;

[3] *Mary Ann Chuter* (16), daughter, assisting in business, born Kingswinford;

[4] *Sarah Brown* (81), mother in law, widow, born St. Helens:

The license renewal was refused on grounds of redundancy on 24th July 1913.

The license was extinguished on 4th January 1915.

It was sold in September 1915 as a freehold dwelling house for £135.

PHEASANT

Bromley, PENSNETT

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Henry Flewitt [1849] – [1854]

NOTES

Check Brockmoor.

Henry Flewett, beer retailer, Bromley. [1849], [1850]

Check PHEASANT, Brockmoor, Brierley Hill

PIED BULL

Cressett Street (Road), Brockmoor, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

James Tilley [1851]

NOTES

1851 Census

Cressett Road – PIED BULL

[1] *James Tilley* (27), mason and retail brewer, born Kingswinford;

[2] *Mary Tilley* (22), wife, born Stourbridge;

[3] *Rebecca Tilley* (3), daughter, born Brierley Hill;

[4] *Mary Tilley* (1), daughter, born Brierley Hill;

[5] *Caroline Porter* (14), general servant, born Kingswinford;

[6] *Selina Castick* (16), general servant, born Kingswinford:

PILGRIMS COTTAGE

Cradley Forge, QUARRY BANK

OWNERS

Edward Silas Bowkley
Home Brewery (Quarry Bank) (acquired in 1914)
Charles Harry Raybould (acquired in February 1921)

LICENSEES

Eli Grove [1872] – **1883**);
Edward Silas Bowkley (**1883 – 1908**);
Alfred Bowkley (**1908 – 1910**);
John Henry Spencer (**1910 – 1912**);
John Thomas Proctor (**1912 – 1918**);
Mary Proctor (**1918 – 1919**);
John Thomas Proctor (**1919 – 1920**);
Charles Harry Raybould (**1920 – 1927**):

NOTES

It was a home brew house.

It sold beer and cider only.

1891 Census

Cradley Forge

- [1] *Edward Silas Bowkley* (41), wheelwright, born Quarry Bank;
- [2] *Abigail Bowkley* (42), wife, born Quarry Bank;
- [3] *Emily Bowkley* (17), daughter, born Quarry Bank;
- [4] *Alfred Bowkley* (10), son, born Quarry Bank;
- [5] *Polly Bowkley* (10), daughter, born Quarry Bank:

Edward Silas Bowkley and Son, blacksmiths and beer retailer, Cradley Forge. [1904]

1911 Census

Cradley Forge – PILGRIMS COTTAGE

- [1] *John Henry Spencer* (30), hairdresser, born Cradley Heath;
- [2] *Dolly Spencer* (30), wife, born Quarry Bank;
- [3] *Elsie Barnes* (18), domestic servant, born Quarry Bank;
- [4] *Muriel Spencer* (4), daughter, born Quarry Bank;
- [5] *Rene Minnie Spencer* (2), daughter, born Quarry Bank:

John H. Spencer, beer retailer, Cradley Forge. [1912]

The license was referred to the Compensation Authority on 7th March 1927.

License renewal refused on 19th July 1927.

The license was extinguished on 31st December 1927.

PJ's MOON AND SIXPENCE

10-13, Waterfront, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Elizabeth Barnwell [2001]

NOTES

[2000]

[2008]

Closed [2011], [2015]



2007

PLOUGH

7, (10), (11), Church Street, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

George Elwell, Graylands Court, Kinver [1900]
Frederick Warren
Agnes Sarah Warren
J. P. Simpkins (acquired in February 1929)

LICENSEES

John Lane [1857] - **1875**);
William Fox (**1875 - 1876**);
John Lane (**1876 - 1888**);
Sam Elcock (**1888 - 1890**);
Enoch Bache Wood (**1890 - 1891**);
Thomas Cartwright (**1891 - 1899**);
Frederick Warren (**1899 - 1912**);
Emily Roberts (**1912 - 1915**);
William Henry Potter (**1915 - 1926**);
Albert Workman (**1926 - [1940]**)
George Gallagher (**1979 - 2003**);
Jackie Gallagher (**2003 - []**)
Nigel Brian Salisbury (**2004 - 2009**)



1996

NOTES

10, Church Street [1871], [1881], [1891]
11, Church Street [1901]
7, Church Street [1940]

It was originally the BLACK HORSE.

It had a beerhouse license.

The Advertiser 26/12/1857

“*John Lane*, Church Street, Brierley Hill was charged with having his house open at an illegal hour on Thursday night, the 17th inst. He admitted the offence, and was fined 2s 6d with costs.”

1861 Census

Church Street

- [1] *John Lane* (43), widower, master wheelwright, born Fox Lane, Shropshire;
- [2] *John Lane* (14), son, wheelwright, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Elizabeth Lane* (17), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Mary Lane* (15), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Emily Lane* (10), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Eliza Lane* (7), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Amelia Lane* (2), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [8] *Julia Lane* (3 months), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [9] *William Price* (19), apprentice wheelwright, born Ludlow;

John Lane, beer retailer and wheelwright, Church Street [1864], [1865]

1871 Census

10, Church Lane

- [1] John Lane (54), wheelwright and beerhouse keeper, born Forley, Shropshire;
- [2] Hannah Lane (54), wife, born Brettle Lane;
- [3] Eliza Lane (17), daughter, servant, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] Amelia Lane (12), daughter, scholar, born Brierley Hill:

1881 Census

10, Church Street

- [1] John Lane (34), wheelwright, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] Ann Lane (33), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] John Lane (10), son, scholar, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] Frank Lane (6), son, scholar, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] Anne B. Lane (4), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [6] Harold Lane (4 months), son, born Brierley Hill:

1891 Census

10, Church Street – BLACK HORSE INN

- [1] Thomas Cartwright (37), blacksmith, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] Ann Cartwright (36), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] Elias Cartwright (14), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] Ernest Cartwright (12), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] James Thomas Cartwright (8), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [6] Annie Cartwright (6), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [7] Beatrice Cartwright (6), daughter, born Brierley Hill:

County Express 25/8/1900

“A good deal of excitement was aroused in Brierley Hill on Monday by the news that a medical practitioner, named Mr. George Gibson, who had for some days previously been officiating as *locum temens* to Dr. Lot A. Taylor, at his surgery on Church Street, had been poisoned. Dr. Taylor was at the time away in Wales on holiday, and, upon being telegraphed to, returned early on Tuesday.

The inquest on the deceased was held on Wednesday morning at the OLD PLOUGH AND HARROW Inn, Church Street, Brierley Hill, before Mr. T. Allen Stokes (coroner).

Dr. Taylor said his private residence was at 124, High Street, and his surgery No.9 Church Street. Deceased, who acted as his *locum temens*, was, he believed, 45 years old; he was L.R.C.P., and L.R.C.S., Edinburgh.

The coroner pointing to two bottles on the table containing chloral hydrate, asked witness if two ounces of the solution would be a very excessive dose? – Dr. Taylor: Oh yes.

The Coroner: It is said he took two ounces of it, is it not? – Dr. Taylor: No, I thought he was supposed to have taken two drachms, that is a teaspoonful.

Do you use this to produce sleep? – It is used to produce sleep, yes. A dose of this preparation is from 10 to 30 drops.

Suppose he took two drachms, would that be an excessive dose? – Yes.

Enough to kill two or three men? – Enough to kill two men.

I suppose as a medical man he would know that? – Yes.

Where does he come from? – From Southport, and his mother lives there.

He was not in regular practice? – No, he had been doing *locum temens* work for years. He had charge of my practice twice last year, in April and December, and a month ago he had charge of a practice at Dudley, where he was nearly three weeks.

You don't know whether he was in any trouble of any sorts, do you? – No, not that I know of.

The Foreman (Mr. B. B. Mallen): Is it usual for medical men to take these things? – Dr. Taylor: No, by no means.

The Coroner: I suppose if he wanted to test the strength of the mixture he would not do so by tasting it? – Dr. Taylor: No, certainly not.

The Coroner: He would have to analyse it in some other way? – Dr. Taylor: Yes, certainly.

Miss Beatrice Robinson said she was the dispenser to Dr. Taylor, and she was in the surgery in Church Street on Monday morning when Dr. Gibson came in about half-past nine. During the next half hour he held a conversation with her respecting the strength of some chloral hydrate. She told him what the strength was, viz., 'one in one,' which meant as to strength. Nothing more was said on the matter for about half an hour, when Dr. Gibson asked her if the bottle of chloral hydrate at Dr. Taylor's home was the same strength as that in the bottle on the surgery shelf. Witness replied that she did not think there was any at the house. Deceased replied 'I think so,' and thereupon went to High Street, and on returning gave her the small bottle with chloral hydrate in, and she proved that they were of the same strength by weighing the two.

The Coroner: What did he do next? – Witness: He remarked about it again just before going out.

What time was it then? – It would be after eleven o'clock.

What did he remark? – He said 'I don't think that the solution is the strength you say.'

Did he want to take any of this solution with him on his rounds? – No.

There is no particular reason why he should have tasted it that morning then? – No.

What did you say when he said he did not think it was the same? – I showed him the label on the big bottle, and told him we had no other, and that therefore it must be the same. He then said 'Let me have the bottle and I will taste it.' I handed him the bottle and he took a measure from the stand and went toward the tap. I had my back turned to him and did not see what he was doing, but the next thing I saw was that he put the measure back in the stand.

You did not see him take any? – No.

What happened then? – He then asked me a question about the visiting list I had made out for him, and he went on talking about that. Then I called his attention to another bottle of medicine which I had put up before, and asked what was to be done with it. He took the bottle off me, and I turned round to wait for his answer, but he did not answer. I looked at him, and saw his eyes were closing, although he was apparently trying to keep them open.

His eyes appeared to be closing? – Yes; then he reeled slightly, and I took the bottle off him and said 'Doctor, you are ill; I will fetch you a chair,' I fetched him a chair, and told him to sit down. It was a short time before he could do so, and then as soon as he was down his head fell back. Then I thought he must have taken some chloral hydrate, and I said, 'You have taken chloral hydrate, doctor, from the bottle,' and he said, 'Yes.' I said, 'How much have you taken?' but he did not speak. 'What shall I give you?' I said, but he did not answer. I then said, 'I am going for Dr. Ayres.' He said, 'No, no don't.' I again asked what I should give him, but he did not speak.

What did you do then? – I took a capsule of amyl nitrate, and broke it on to a handkerchief, and put it for him to inhale. Then I went immediately for Dr. Ayres. He was out, and I asked for Mrs. Ayres, and asked where he had gone. Then I called for Dr. Gifford on the way back, and he was not in. I sent the coachman to ride after Dr. Ayres, and then went back to the surgery.

What happened there? – When I got back to the surgery I found he had fallen off the chair, and was leaning against the chair. I moved the chair and laid him down. He was then black in the face, but I could not say he was dead. I waited till Dr. Ayres came, and when he did come he said Dr. Gibson was dead.

Do you know how much chloral hydrate he took? – No.

You have no idea? – Only from the quantity gone from the bottle; I should think at least two drachms.

Did you think it rather a queer thing he should want to test the mixture by tasting it? – No.

Is that the way you test it? He had been *locum tenens* to Dr. Taylor for some time? – Only from Tuesday.

Had he appeared worried at all? – He was extremely absent minded.

Do you know if he had any trouble or worry? – I don't.

Was he cheerful and lively, or went about his work as if he had any care? – He was cheerful occasionally.

Was his general demeanor that of a happy man? – He was strange, but I put it down to his being somewhat absent-minded.

You can give me no reason, supposing he took this with the idea of committing suicide, why he should have done it? – No, not at all.

He would know as a medical man that he was taking a very excessive dose? – Yes, if he knew what he was doing.

Don't you think he did know? – I don't think at the time he knew what he was doing.

Do you say he was not responsible for his actions? Do you think he knew he was taking chloral? – He knew that, but I don't think he understood that it was so strong as it was. I think he mistook it for another preparation of chloral.

And you had all this conversation with him about the strength of it? – Yes.

How could he have misunderstood you? You proved to him by demonstration that it was the same as the (pointing at the two bottles)? – Yes.

The Foreman: When he went toward the tap did he add any water to the glass? – I don't remember hearing it.

Dr. Taylor here stated that the deceased had been sleepy for days previous to this, and no doubt he had a habit of

taking chloral. If his (Dr. Taylor's) house-keeper were called as a witness it would be found he had taken some previously the same morning.

Mrs. Taylor, who was present at the enquiry, added that Dr. Ayres stated he could tell that Dr. Gibson had been taking chloral two days and three days before.

Dr. Taylor said besides the one bottle produced from the surgery there was another larger one which had not previously been opened, and a considerable quantity of this had gone.

The Coroner: This habit of taking chloral is a habit which grows on you? – Miss Robinson: Yes.

The Coroner: Plenty of people take chloral to produce sleep? – Dr. Taylor: Yes.

The Coroner: I suppose the strength wears off in time, and you have to take more to produce sleep; is that so? – Miss Robinson: Yes.

The Coroner: But in any case, you would not expect, supposing anyone was in the habit of taking chloral, that they would be able to stand two drachms? – Miss Robinson: Yes; he mentioned to me a case in the morning where he had known a man take half-an-ounce.

Dr. Taylor: That is four drachms.

The Coroner: And live? – Miss Robinson: Yes.

The Coroner: You had a conversation with him in the morning about taking chloral? – Miss Robinson: Yes in the morning he was talking about it.

The Coroner: Did he say he was in the habit of taking it? – Miss Robinson: No.

The Coroner: Why should he have asked you the strength of it? – Miss Robinson: Because he had been searching the surgery on Saturday night for it, and he had found the bottle.

The Coroner: Did he want it for himself or for his patients? – Miss Robinson: I think for himself, because it was just before going to bed that he was searching in the surgery for it.

The Coroner: Did Dr. Ayres tell you he knew that this man was in the habit, from his appearance, of taking chloral? – Miss Robinson: He told me so on the Monday night.

The Coroner: That is the day he died? – Miss Robinson: Yes.

The Coroner, in addressing the jury, said he did not think they would have very much doubt that the deceased died from taking chloral hydrate, and the question for them was whether he took it with the intention of killing himself; and if they found that he did so take it, whether he knew what he was doing, or was not in such a condition of mind that he knew what he was about. If the jury thought there was no evidence of this, then came the question whether he was in the habit of taking chloral for the purpose of producing sleep and soothing his nerves, and that he by mistake, took an excessive dose, believing he could stand it. On this point Miss Robinson had a conversation with him, and she assured him the mixture in the two bottles of the same strength, saying it was 'one in one.' She did not see him take any, but the state of the bottle gave her the idea that two drachms had gone, and this was stated to be enough to kill two men. On the other hand, Dr. Gibson told the witness he had known a man take four drachms and live. If the jury thought he took too much by accident, he died from 'misadventure.'

The jury considered that the deceased unintentionally took too large a dose of chloral hydrate in order to encourage sleep, and their verdict was 'Death by misadventure'."

1901 Census

11, Church Street – PLOUGH INN

[1] *Frederick Warren* (42), brewer, born Brierley Hill;

[2] *Agnes Warren* (40), wife, born Brierley Hill;

[3] *Harry Warren* (17), son, brewer, born Brierley Hill;

[4] *Kate Warren* (16), daughter, paralysis from birth, born Brierley Hill;

[5] *Charlie Warren* (10), son, born Brierley Hill;

[6] *Harriet Jones* (18), domestic servant, born Brierley Hill:

Frederick Warren, beer retailer, Church Street. [1904]

Dudley Herald 12/9/1908

“Mr. *George Elwell* of Scotland House, Stourbridge, who died 9th April, left property which has been returned by his son Isaac Trevor Elwell of Stourbridge and Thomas Henry Gough also of Stourbridge, Chartered Accountant; at £44,628 13s gross and £26,312 3s 10d net.

Testator gives the PLOUGH INN and brewery at Brierley Hill and £3,000 to his daughter Agnes Sarah Warren; £4,000 to his daughter Bertha Smith; £600 to his grandson Trevor Hodgkiss, £300 each to his grandchildren Zillah and Lottie Hodgkiss and he forgives his two sons in law certain moneys advanced on mortgages. The residue of his property he bequeaths to his son Isaac Trevor Elwell.”

1911 Census

Church Street – PLOUGH INN

- [1] *Frederick Warren* (52), brewer for sale, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Agnes Sarah Warren* (50), wife, married 28 years, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Kate Warren* (26), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Charlie Warren* (20), son, brewer’s clerk, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *Elizabeth Morgan* (18), domestic servant, born Wordsley:

Frederick Warren, beer retailer and brewer, 10, Church Street. [1912]

Frederick Warren had his PLOUGH Brewery here, from 1890. It stood alongside the pub. [1916], [1921]

He died in 1926.

See also OLD WHIMSEY.

Agnes Sarah Warren was the daughter of George Elwell.

Dudley Herald 20/2/1926

Announcement of sale by auction of:

“The modern freehold brewery and fixed 10 quarter plant known as the PLOUGH Brewery, Brierley Hill as carried on by the late Mr. *Fred Warren*, and since by his executors, also in lots the following freehold fully licensed and on beerhouse properties, all under management or short tenancy agreements.....”

Catalogue for auction 23/3/1926 - Advert

“PLOUGH INN, Church Street beerhouse on. Under management. A well erected double fronted property immediately adjoining the brewery, conveniently arranged for the trade, in a good class district on the main road just off the centre of town. The accommodation includes:- Smoke Room (front), Tap Room (front), Kitchen: Private Sitting Room. Two Cellars. Three Bedrooms. Bath Room. WC and Club Room. In a fully paved enclosed yard, with separate approach from Derry Street, is Scullery, Coal Place, Urinal and WC. The property is entirely self-contained and Electric Light is installed. License £13. Compensation Fund Levy £3. Rated with brewery”

- The brewery was not sold. The pub realized £1,475 to a Mr. Sherman.

Granted a wine license on 26th April 1938.

A full license was granted in 1948.

George Gallagher served in the Royal Marines in WW2.

He played football for Stoke City and Stafford Rangers.

He died on 24th June 2003, aged 89.

Name changed to GEORGE GALLAGHER in 2003.

It closed in 2010.

PLOUGH

Commonside, PENSNETT

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Young [1849] – [1850]
Thomas Jones [1854]
James Young [1856]
John Hardy [1857] – [1862]
Samuel Pearson [1864]
Solomon Pearson [1865] – **1865**);
Elizabeth Aston (**1865** – []

NOTES

Brierley Hill Advertiser 20/6/1857 - Advert

“Unreserved Sale at Commonside, near Brierley Hill. To be Sold by Auction, by Enoch Lovatt, on Tuesday, June 23rd 1857. Three strong one-horse Carts, Two Pony Carts, Three Spring Traps, Strong Gig, Hand Truck, Hand Cart, Four Skips, Three Pairs of Strong Tacklers, Two large Iron Lamps, Pair of Blacksmith’s Bellows, Anvil, Vice, Quantity of Screw Tackle, in lots, Four Pairs of Hames, Set of Harness, Scales and Beams, Three Pairs of Springs, Pair of ditto, with Patent Axletree; Screw Axletree and Boxes, Wheels and Carriage for Water Barrel, Two Wheelbarrows, Double-barrelled Gun, and a large lot of other effects, removed for Convenience of Sale to the house of Mr. *J. Hardy*, PLOUGH INN.....”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 24/7/1858

“On Tuesday afternoon last an inquest was held at the PLOUGH INN, Commonside, before T. M. Phillips, Esq, Coroner, on the body of Mary Loach, aged 17, who died very suddenly at half past eight o’clock the same morning. The deceased was the daughter of Elijah Loach, furnaceman, and had been out to service at the house of Mr. Allender, butty collier, Pensnett. On Tuesday the 13th, she returned home unwell, and her mother fetched some pills and a mixture from a chemist’s at Brierley Hill, and administered the same to her; but no surgeon was called in, nor did even the chemist see her. She was afflicted with violent purging and vomiting, and complained of a pain in her stomach and right side. On Monday last, however, she seemed considerably better; so much so that as one witness expressed it ‘a lease of her life’ might be taken. On Tuesday morning a sudden relapse took place, and she died at half past eight o’clock. The evidence brought before the Jury concerning the probable cause of death was so vague and unsatisfactory that the Coroner stated he should consider it his duty to adjourn the inquiry for the purpose of a post mortem examination being held. An adjournment till ten o’clock on Saturday morning (this day) accordingly took place.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 31/7/1858

“On the 24th inst, at four o’clock in the afternoon, a man named Samuel Tench was standing beside a waggon loaded with timber at Pensnett, when a baulk of timber fell from the top on to him; and from the injuries sustained thereby he shortly afterwards expired. An inquest was held on the body at the PLOUGH INN, Commonside,, on Monday last, and a verdict returned of Accidental Death.”

1861 Census

Commonside

[1] *John Hardy* (44), licensed victualler, born Kingswinford;

[2] *Maria Hardy* (40), wife, born Kingswinford;

[3] *Lavinia Hardy* (12), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;

[4] *Mary Morgan* (19), house servant, born Darby Green, Shropshire:

Stourbridge Observer 9/12/1865

“At the Petty Sessions on Thursday last, *Elizabeth Aston*, landlady of the PLOUGH INN, Commonside, was charged by Superintendent Mills with refusing to admit the police into her house on the 26th ult. There was also a second charge of keeping her house open for the sale of beer on the above date. Mr. Holberton defended.

Police-constable Hill deposed: I visited the defendant’s house on Sunday the 26th ult, between the hours of 10 and 11 o’clock. I went to the back and tried the door leading into the yard and pushed it open about four inches. I then saw John Aston, son of the defendant, and asked him to open the door. He replied that he should not. I then said, ‘Police’, but he replied that he did not care who it was, he should not open the door. I then walked away to the front of the house and saw four men leaving. One had a pint jug in his hand. I then walked away to the next window, and saw three men leave the room. They were different men.

For the defence it was admitted that there were three men in the room. The landlady had been ill, and two of her sons and a son in law had been to see her, and those were the men described by the officer. It was the first time she had been summoned.

The learned Magistrate said that he considered it a very bad case. Mr. Mills, in answer to the Bench, said that it was from complaints he had received that he sent the officer. The learned magistrate severely reprimanded the defendant, and said if she came before him again on a similar charge, he would fine her the full penalty, £10. For this offence he would fine her £1 and costs, £1 15s 6d. The other charge was withdrawn.”

Dudley Herald 29/10/1870 - Advert

“To be sold by auction all that freehold messuage formerly occupied as the PLOUGH INN, situated at Commonside, Pensnett, together with the house adjacent and large yard at the back.”

PLOUGH

PENSNETT

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Anne Gould (1877 - [];
Isaiah Careless [];
Joseph Westwood [] - 1896);
Mrs. Maria Baker (1896 - []

NOTES

County Express 12/3/1921

“Adjourned Licensing Sessions Brierley Hill.....

On the grounds that the premises had not been used as a public house during the last 12 months, Supt. Rowbotham objected to the renewal of the license of the PLOUGH INN, Pensnett. The Superintendent said he had been informed that the house had not been used for as long as three years. Mrs. *Maria Baker* had been the licensee for 35 years.

PC Tetlow deposed that on the 4th February he went to the PLOUGH and asked for a pint of ale. He was told that they had not got any, but he could get some at the KINGS HEAD on the other side of the road.

PC Edwards said that when he went in on January 27th, Mrs. *Baker* stated that she did not sell any ale.

The Magistrates Clerk (Mr. W. W. King) said the license was first held by *Anne Gould* in 1877, and then *Isaiah Careless* and *Joseph Westwood*. Mrs *Baker* becoming the occupant in 1896.

Mr. J. T. Higgs, who appeared for the owner (Mr. Parfitt) pointed out that there would be no compensation if the house was closed. On the face of the evidence it would appear that there was no use for the house whatever, so long as the license was held by Mrs. *Baker*. The late Mr. Parfitt, who also owned the KINGS HEAD, allowed his sister to live at the PLOUGH, and his son, in fulfillment of a promise made to his father, also permitted Mrs. *Baker* to stay in the house. Before the war the house did a good trade, and during the war fulfilled the useful purpose of supplying refreshments to customers of the KINGS HEAD. He (Mr. Higgs) saw no harm in the license being renewed.

The Bench upheld Supt. Rowbothams objection and refused the license.”

POTTERS ARMS

34, Potter Street, (Rock Street), (Rocks Hill), The Dingle, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

William Simpkins (acquired in 1858)
Edwin Newton (acquired in 1871)
William Henry Simpkins, Round Oak (acquired on 9th October 1892)
North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1896)
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1909)

LICENSEES

William Simpkins [1856] - **1868**)
Robert Taylor Simpkins (**1868** - [1872])
Edwin Newton (**1871** - [1875])
William Plant [1875] - **1877**);
Henry Richards (**1877** - **1879**);
James Trayloo Prince (**1879** - **1880**);
Thomas Holland (**1880** - **1881**);
Thomas Bloomer (**1881** - **1882**);
George Simpkins (**1882** - **1885**);
Margaret Raybould (**1885**);
Harry White (**1885** - **1887**);
James Bakewell (**1887** - **1888**);
William Henry Simpkins (**1888**);
Daniel Green (**1888** - **1895**);
George Henry Bullock (**1895** - **1923**);
Eliza Ann Bullock (**1923** - **1925**);
Bert Bullock (**1925** - **1926**);
James Bullock (**1926** - **1940**);
George Henry Bullock (**1940** - **1941**);
Ernest Henry Hammond (**1941** - **1944**);
George Richard Holloway (**1944**);
Roland Whittaker (**1944** - **1955**);

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

William Simpkins was originally a potter (1851-1858).
He was born in the Delph, Brierley Hill in 1816.
He married (1) Mary Anne (died August 1858) and (2) Sophia White on 6th January 1859, at Oldswinford Church.
He retired in 1869.
He died in 1871.
[Sophia White was a widow.]

A TEA PARTY will be held at the house of William Simpkins, POTTER'S ARMS INN, Rock's Hill, Brierley-Hill, on MONDAY, November 3rd, 1857. Tickets 1s. each. Tea on the table at 5 o'clock. Dancing to commence at Seven.

Advert 1857

ECONOMY IN BREWING.
THOMAS MEES,
BOILER MAKER, BELL WORKS, BRIERLEY-HILL,
BEGS to call attention to the superiority of his Wrought-iron Brewing Boilers, over those of either copper or cast-iron; being one-third less the cost of copper, and more durable than either. Cast-iron boilers are made hot-blast, cinder iron, are very liable to burst from expansion and contraction, or from having cold water put into them when hot, and also by frosty weather. The wrought-iron boilers are made of the best charcoal iron, from 20 to 200 gallons each, or larger if required, are worked at 25 per cent. less cost in fuel and labour; and if erected by an experienced mason will last for twenty years.
These Boilers may be seen in use at the Lion Inn, White Horse, Unicorn Inn, Gold Cup, and the Pottery, Brierley-Hill; Star and Garter, Great Hampton Row, Goldsmiths' and Jewellers' Arms, Upper Hockley Street, Queen's Arms, Lawley Street, and the Albion Foundry, Birmingham; Fiddlers' Arms, Gornal; Bull's Head, Brookmoor; Queen's Head, and Crown Inn, Halesowen; New Inn, Lye Waste; Little Pig, Colbournbrook; Parkfield Inn, Walsall; Broadwaters Farm, Kidderminster; Mr. Davies, Carrier, Stourbridge; Austin and Brown, Iron Founders, Kidderminster; and various other places.

Advert 1858

Brierley Hill Advertiser 2/8/1856

“On Monday last the members of the True Hearted Britons Lodge, of the United Ancient Order of Druids, held their annual anniversary at the house of Mr. *William Simpkins*, POTTERS ARMS, Rock’s Hill. The dinner was served up in the worthy host and hostesses usual good style, and a very pleasant evening was spent.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 1/8/1857

“An inquest was held on Wednesday last, before W. H. Phillips, Esq, at the house of Mr. *Simpkins*, POTTERS ARMS INN, Rocks Hill, on the body of a labouring man named John Dunn, aged thirty three.

Deceased was at work at the Level Furnaces on the Saturday morning previous, and suddenly fell down as if in a fit. Dr. Walker was called, and rendered the man every assistance, but he expired the same afternoon in great agony. The medical evidence adduced showed that death has resulted from natural causes, and a verdict was returned accordingly.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 24/10/1857 - Advert

“A Tea Party will be held at the house of *William Simpkins*, POTTERS ARMS INN, Rock’s Hill, Brierley Hill, on Monday, November 3rd, 1857. Tickets 1s each. Tea on the table at 5 o’clock. Dancing to commence at Seven.”

1861 Census

POTTERS ARMS

- [1] *William Simpkins* (45), publican, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Sophia Simpkins* (39), wife, born Stourbridge;
- [3] *Robert Simpkins* (19), son, bricklayer, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *William H. Simpkins* (?), son, ginger beer manufacturer, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *John Simpkins* (16), son, glass blower, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Elizabeth Simpkins* (13), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *George Simpkins* (11), son, born Kingswinford;
- [8] *Mary Simpkins* (8), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [9] *Caroline Noakes* (22), house servant, born Kingswinford:

A full license was granted in 1869.

Robert Simpkins was also a soda water etc. manufacturer. [1870], [1872]

He was *William Simpkins Jnr.*’s brother.

- He probably succeeded *William* as licensee.

1871 Census

34, Potter Street

- [1] *Robert T. Simpkins* (29), soda water manufacturer, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Pheby Simpkins* (21), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Mary F. Simpkins* (1), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Sarah Hartby* (16), general servant, born Kingswinford;

and also at 34

John Simpkins (26), glass worker, born Kingswinford;

Mary A. Simpkins (18), born Kingswinford:

1881 Census

34, Potter Street – POTTERS ARMS

- [1] *Thomas Bloomer* (39), coal miner and publican, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Mary Bloomer* (36), wife, born Netherton;
- [3] *John Wood Bloomer* (17), son, pipe maker in iron foundry, born Old Hill;
- [4] *Emma Bloomer* (10), daughter, scholar, born Woodside;
- [5] *Thomas Holland* (38), lodger, gas fitter, born Birmingham:

Brierley Hill Advertiser 10/6/1882 - Advert

“Lot 1. All that Old-established and full-licensed Freehold Inn, known as the POTTERS ARMS, Potter Street, Delph, Brierley Hill, with Cottage adjoining, now in the several occupations of *Thomas Bloomer* and another.

The Inn comprises Bar, Large Tap Room, Cooking Kitchen, Bar Parlour, Club Room, and excellent Cellar, with rolling way, well-arranged Brewhouse and large Yard and Garden, with Gateway Entrance. In addition to the usual Outbuildings there is a range of Shopping, 37ft x 14ft, well lighted and fitted with Shafts, Pulleys &c, and connected therewith is a 8hp Steam Engine and Boiler, with necessary fittings, well adapted and suitable for a business requiring Steam Power and plenty of room.

The Shopping is now used as a Fitting Shop; but for many years a large Mineral Water Trade was successfully carried on upon the premises by the late Mr. Simpkins. The Total Area of this lot is 1001 square yards or thereabouts. The Property at low Rental, £38 per annum, and there is a good supply of hard and soft water.”

Evening Star 12/6/1882

“For being drunk and refusing to quit the POTTERS ARMS, Potter Street, Brierley Hill, on the 30th ult, Thomas North, a well-known character hailing from Stourbridge, was fined 10s and costs, or 14 days.”

1891 Census

34, Potter Street – POTTERS ARMS

[1] *Daniel Green* ((57), widower, licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;

[2] *Joseph Green* (24), son, iron worker, born Brierley Hill;

[3] *Phoebe Ann Green* (17), daughter, born Brierley Hill:

1901 Census

34, Potter Street – POTTERS ARMS

[1] *George H. Bullock* (32), ironworker and publican, born Brierley Hill;

[2] *Phoebe A. Bullock* (28), wife, born Brierley Hill;

[3] *Bertie Bullock* (4), son, born Brierley Hill;

[4] *Daniel Green* (70), father in law, born Brierley Hill:

1911 Census

Potter Street – POTTERS ARMS

[1] *George Henry Bullock* (43), publican, born Brierley Hill;

[2] *Eliza Ann Bullock* (47), wife, married 4 years, born Newcastle on Lyme;

[3] *Bertie Bullock* (1&4), son, no occupation, born Brierley Hill:

George Henry Bullock, beer retailer, Potter Street. [1912]

It was the subject of an Alteration Order on 2nd February 1904.

George Richard Holloway was married to *Elsie*.

He had been a boxer, billed as *Barney Tooley*.

He died on 11th January 1973 aged 74.

Roland Whittaker died on 28th February 1979 aged 63.

He was married to *Emily* (died 11th September 2002).

It was delicensed and closed at 10pm on 20th September 1955.

PRINCE OF WALES

The Leys, Brockmoor, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Perks [1864] – [1870]
Caleb Hardy [1872]
Christopher Farrell [1872] – **1877**;
Benjamin Wood **(1877 – 1884)**;
William Hudson [1881] manager
Josiah Boswell **(1884)**;
Edwin Attwood **(1884 – 1886)**;

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

Stourbridge Observer 28/10/1865

“*John Perks*, keeper of the PRINCE OF WALES beerhouse, Brockmoor, was also fined 1s and costs for a like offence [selling ale during prohibited hours].”

1881 Census

The Leys – PRINCE OF WALES INN

[1] *William Hudson* (56), butcher and manager, born Tideswell, Derbyshire;

[2] *Isabella Hudson* (35), wife, born Higham on the Hill, Leicestershire:

[Tideswell is about 6 miles ENE of Buxton.]

It was bought by the Brockmoor Tin Co. in June 1886, and converted into offices.

PUDDLERS ARMS

High Street, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Richard Weston

LICENSEES

NOTES

London Gazette 22/7/1870

“To be Sold, pursuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, made in a cause Rogers v Rogers Certain freehold premises, situated in the High Street, Brierley Hill comprising a public house, known as the NEW INN, with two dwelling houses adjoining, and a public house known as the PUDDLERS ARMS, with four dwelling houses and shops adjoining, late the property of Richard Weston deceased....”

[The sale was on 25th August at the GOLDEN EAGLE.]

QUEEN

Moor Lane, (23, Buckpool), Buckpool, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Thomas Wood
William Bailey
Sarah Ann Bailey

LICENSEES

Thomas Wood [1881] – **1893**);
William Bailey (**1893 – 1895**);
Mrs. Sarah Ann Bailey (**1895 – 1919**);
Sarah Hill (**1919 – 1920**);
William Nott (**1920**):

NOTES

It had an ante '69 beerhouse license.

QUEENS HEAD until 1887
THE QUEENS 1887 – 1889
QUEENS HEAD 1889 – 1903

1881 Census

23, Buck Pool – QUEEN INN

- [1] *Thomas Wood* (71), widower, publican, late steerer on canal, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Ruth Wood* (35), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Sarah A. Wood* (28), daughter, born Brierley Hill:

1891 Census

Buckpool – QUEENS INN

- [1] *Thomas Wood* (73), widower, publican, born Buckpool;
- [2] *Sarah A. Wood* (41), daughter, born Buckpool;
- [3] *Alice Wood* (21), granddaughter, born Buckpool:

County Express 4/1/1902

“Sick and Draw Clubs.....

QUEEN INN (Moor Lane, Brierley Hill).– On Thursday week the members of this sick and draw club held their annual meeting, the hostess (*Mrs. Bailey*) catering excellently. At the subsequent meeting Mr. A. Hodgetts presided, and Mr. E. Gallimore was in the vice-chair. Mr. J. Rowley was appointed secretary, and a dividend of 19s 8d per member was deemed very satisfactory. Several new members were elected. During the course of the evening Mr. A. Hodgetts, on behalf of the club, presented the hostess a ‘lady’s companion,’ in recognition of her kindness to the members. The rest of the evening was spent convivially, some capital songs being given.”

1911 Census

23, Buckpool – QUEEN INN

- [1] *Sarah Ann Bailey* (56), widow, license holder, born Buckpool;
- [2] *Ruth Hills* (25), niece, assisting in business, born Wordsley:

Mrs. *Sarah Ann Bailey*, beer retailer, Buckpool. [1912]
Sarah Ann Bailey was also a brewer. [1914], [1916]

It was renamed the QUEEN from 28th January 1903.

The license was referred to the Compensation Authority on 1st March 1920.

Confirmed on 15th July 1920.

Compensation of £1,000 was agreed.

The license was extinguished on 31st December 1920.

QUEENS

BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Pope [] - **1867**);
Thomas Turvey (**1867** - []

QUEENS HEAD

19, (12), Dudley Street, (12, Dudley Road), (High Street), BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Burton Brewery Co.
Ind Coope and Allsopp (acquired in 1927)
Ansells Ltd.
Jo Grace (acquired in 1992)

LICENSEES

Thomas Pickering [1845]
Edward Rowley [1849] – [1850]
William Pheysey [1851]
William Chamberlain [1851]
Mrs. Maria Insull [1854]
William Haddon [1858] – [1861]
William James [1862]
Thomas Insull [1864] – **1865**);
William Hill (**1865** – []
Christopher Farrell [1868] – **1873**);
Mrs. Sarah Farrell [1872]
Benjamin Stout (**1873** – **1875**);
Elijah Hyde (**1875** – **1876**);
Edward Geary (**1876** – **1878**);
Joseph Hale (**1878** – **1882**);
William Dudley (**1882** – **1883**);
James Dwight (**1883**);
Edward Thomas Round (**1883** – **1887**);
Samuel Barker (**1887**);
George Fisher (**1887** – **1889**);
Edward Corcoran (**1889** – **1890**);
Horace Alfred Bradbury (**1890**);
Albert Edward Mainwaring (**1890** – **1891**);
Thomas Pounder (**1891** – **1893**);
Thomas James Ashton (**1893** – **1895**);
Rowland Lewis (**1895** – **1896**);
Isaac Lovell (**1896** – **1898**);
James Clarry (**1898** – **1900**);
Elijah Griffin [1901] manager?
Harding Cartwright (**1900** – **1908**);
Elijah Griffin (**1908** – **1911**);
Joseph Hunscomb (**1911**);
Harry Ball (**1911**);
Thomas Alfred Holt (**1911** – **1912**);
John Fradgley (**1912** – **1916**);
George Wothers (**1916** – **1917**);
Philip Dunn (**1917** – **1933**);
Lawson Auden (**1933** – [1940]
Reg Green []
Brian McDonough [] – **1984**)

Jo Grace (1992 – [1995])

NOTES

Dudley Street [1861]

12, Dudley Street [1872], [1873], [1881], [1892], [1896], [1904]

12, Dudley Road [1904], [1912]

19, Dudley Street [1916], [1921], [1940]

Formerly KINGS ARMS [1839]

It was renamed the QUEENS HEAD.

It had a beerhouse license.

Edward Rowley was born in Tipton in 1786.

He married Sarah Baker.

1851 Census

Dudley Road – QUEENS HEAD

[1] *William Chamberlain* (38), master bricklayer employing 6 men, born Measham, Derbyshire;

[2] *Lydia Chamberlain* (39), wife, born Cannock Wood, Staffordshire;

[3] *Elizabeth Chamberlain* (8), daughter, scholar, born Aston, Warwickshire;

[4] *Lydia Chamberlain* (6), daughter, scholar, born Kenilworth;

[5] *William Chamberlain* (4), son, scholar, born Droitwich;

[6] *Arthur Chamberlain* (2), son, born Coventry;

[7] *Sabina Chamberlain* (1 month), daughter, born Kingswinford;

[8] *Susanna Jennings* (18), house servant, born Stone, Herefordshire:

Brierley Hill Advertiser 9/1/1858

“*William Haddon*, landlord of the QUEENS HEAD INN, Dudley Street, Brierley Hill, was charged with having his house open, for the sale of liquor at an illegal hour, on the night of the 25th ult. PS Gannon said that on the night in question he was on duty in Dudley Street, and saw defendant’s house open. It was then a quarter past eleven o’clock. He went in and saw seven or eight men in the bar, who had a quart of ale, and upon going into the back kitchen, saw three or four more drinking. A few questions having been put to the officer by defendant, Mr. Bagott, on behalf of *Haddon*, stated that he was at the QUEENS HEAD on Christmas night, and sat on the end of a screen, which commanded a view of all that came in and out of the house – that he saw the officer come in; but did not see him look at his watch; it was then five minutes to eleven o’clock by railway time. Another witness named *George Kitchen*, swore positively the police sergeant did not go into the back kitchen at all. Defendant, who seemed rather agitated the whole of the time the case was being heard, said it wanted ten minutes to eleven when the officer came in – that he never looked at his watch at all – that just before he (the policeman) came in, notice had been given that the time had nearly expired. In answer to a question from the Bench, Superintendent Mills said he knew the house, and any person could look at a watch, whilst walking down the passage, without being observed by anyone, unless they were leaning over the partition. Fined 20s and costs.”

Stourbridge Observer 30/7/1864

“*Thomas Insell* (sic), of the QUEENS HEAD INN, was summoned by P.C. Arthur Hill, for having, on Sunday, the 24th inst, encouraged drinking in his house. The officer said: I was on duty on July 24th; I went to the defendant’s house and saw two persons there drinking: I entered by the back door.

The defendant called two witnesses, one of the swore that he was a member of the Foresters’ Society; the other that he was sent by the landlady to purchase some onions, on his return she presented him with a glass of ale; the officer came in and saw him drinking.

The Stipendiary [*Isaac Spooner Esq.*]: What brought the Forester there?

Witness: He had been delivering notes for the landlord.

Fined 9s 6d.”

Thomas Insull = Thomas Insell

Stourbridge Observer 25/5/1867

“An inquest was held on Monday afternoon last, at the QUEENS HEAD, Dudley Street, before T. M. Phillips, Esq, Coroner, on the body of Edward Danby, aged 20 months. From the evidence adduced it appears that Mr. Willis, butcher of Great Bridge, was driving his horse and cart. He felt the cart jerk, and got down to see what was the matter, and found that the wheel of the cart had gone over the child, and had killed it instantaneously. He did not see the child. No blame was attached to the driver of the cart, but the jury censured the conduct of the mother in allowing a child of such tender age to run about the roads.

The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

Christopher Farrell, beer retailer, Dudley Street. [1868]

Christopher Farrell, beer retailer, Dudley Street. [1870]

Stourbridge Observer 16/4/1870

“Job Bache, residing in Birmingham Street, Stourbridge, was charged with stealing a parcel from the Round Oak station, containing cotton socks, lace, &c, on the 9th inst.

Anna Maria Dunn deposed: I keep a shop in High Street, Brierley Hill, and am a general dealer. On the above date I went to Birmingham, and bought a quantity of goods. On returning I had four parcels. Two were given to the guard, and two I had charge of, and left about four o'clock for Brierley Hill. When I left the station I missed the parcel, which contained a quantity of cotton socks, laces, and other articles. The parcel was directed ‘Mrs. Dunn, passenger to Brierley Hill’ and worth £1 8s 8d.

William Baker, station master at Round Oak, said the train the last witness came by passed through Round Oak station. Before the train arrived, he saw the prisoner at the station. The train arrived at 5.5. Saw the guard put out a parcel with a brown paper covering, and he left on the platform seat, for Mrs. Dunn to claim it. The guard had previously told witness it belonged to Mrs. Dunn. Prisoner took a ticket to go to Stourbridge by the 6.19 train; but he did not go by that train, and while witness was attending to the train, prisoner left the platform with the brown paper parcel under his arm. Prisoner had no parcel when he took the railway ticket. After the train had gone, witness missed the parcel.

George Biddle, porter, at Round Oak station, said he saw the prisoner at the station at 6.15. He afterwards saw him go up the steps and leave.

William Henry Simpkins [sic], landlord of the ROYAL OAK, said the prisoner came to his house about 2 o'clock, and left about ten minutes past six. He had been having something to drink. Prisoner told him he was going to Stourbridge. He had no parcel with him then. Just before seven witness went into the kitchen, and found him there. He had a parcel with him then.

Rosanna Holt, servant at the QUEENS HEAD, said she saw the prisoner on Saturday night, at her master's house. He came in about a quarter past seven. He had a parcel with him, and put it on the table, and called for a pint of ale. Cannot say what was in it. Prisoner remained until eleven o'clock, when he left, and took his parcel, which I had put on one side, and gave it to him.

Police-constable Mayland proved apprehending the prisoner on Monday night, at the ROSE AND CROWN, Coventry Street, Stourbridge, and charged him with stealing a parcel from the Round Oak station, belonging to the Great Western Railway Company. Prisoner said, ‘I know nothing about it. If I have done anything wrong, I am willing to pay for it.’ Next morning I went to prisoner's house in Birmingham Street, Stourbridge, and found a railway ticket. Prisoner said it was the first time he had ever taken anything, and he should not have done so if he had been sober.

Mr. Spooner said it was a very serious offence. He could not help but think that the servants of the company were to blame in allowing the parcel to remain there so long, but the property of persons travelling on the railway, must be protected, and sentenced prisoner to six months' hard labour.”

Stourbridge Observer 21/1/1871

“On Thursday afternoon Mr. W. H. Phillips, deputy coroner, held an inquest at the QUEENS HEAD, Dudley Street, upon the body of William Henry Day, and received such severe injuries that he died on the 17th. The deceased was badly burnt about the face and chest, and the body on Thursday presented a frightful appearance.

The evidence of the lad's father, a plate layer, showed that no one was blameable in the matter, and the jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

1871 Census

Dudley Street

- [1] *Christopher Farrell* (46), licensed victualler, born Longford, Ireland;
- [2] Ann Farrell (32), wife, born Longford, Ireland;
- [3] Joseph T. Farrell (11), son, scholar, born Dudley;
- [4] Mary J. Farrell (9), daughter, scholar, born Dudley;
- [5] James Farrell (5), son, born Dudley;
- [6] Catherine Farrell (3), daughter, born Dudley;
- [7] Margret Magee (56), relative, visitor, born Ireland;
- [8] Ann Shakespeare (20), general servant, born Kingswinford:

Stourbridge Observer 5/10/1872

“The adjourned Licensing Sessions for the petty sessional division of Kingswinford, was held on Monday last, at the Brierley Hill Police Court *Christopher Farrell*, QUEENS HEAD INN, Brierley Hill, was fined 2s 6d for keeping his house open during illegal hours on Good Friday, and as Superintendent Mills stated that the house had been generally well conducted since the defendant was convicted, the license was renewed.”

Benjamin Stout was also a marine stove dealer of 63, New Street. [1873]

Stourbridge Observer 25/11/1873

“*Benjamin Stout*, landlord of the QUEENS HEAD, Round Oak, was summoned by James Service Skinner, for that he did on the 29th of September, unlawfully detain a certain box, regalia and dispensation, belonging to Court ‘Friar Tuck’, No. 4193, of the Ancient Order of Foresters. Mr. Waldron appeared to prosecute and Mr. Addison defended. The facts of the case appear to be as follows:-

The Court was formerly held at the QUEENS HEAD, but a meeting was called, and it was decided to remove it from defendant’s house. This was sanctioned by the High Court, and on the above date application was made to the defendant to give up the goods, and he refused to do so.

After hearing the evidence, the Bench ordered defendant to give up the articles claimed in 14 days, and pay costs, in default 1 month.”

1881 Census

12, Dudley Street – QUEENS HEAD

- [1] *Joseph Hale* (59), licensed victualler, born Dudley;
- [2] Eliza Hale (57), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] Charles R. Hale (19), son, assistant teacher, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] George M. Hale (15), son, scholar, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] Louisa S. Hale (13), daughter, scholar, born Brierley Hill:

It was put up for sale by auction on 2nd April 1898.

Harding Cartwright also had a business in Newport, Monmouthshire. He was a beer retailer in Dock Street in the 1901 Census. [1900]

1901 Census

12, Dudley Street – QUEENS HEAD

- [1] *Elijah Griffin* (30), publican, born Dudley;
- [2] Esther Griffin (30), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] Elsie Griffin (2), daughter, born Netherton;
- [4] Clara Swayne (9), niece, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] Susan Griffin (21), visitor, tailoress, born Netherton;
- [6] Harry Swayne (24), boarder, bill poster, born Brierley Hill:

1911 Census

Dudley Road – QUEENS HEAD

[1] *Harry Ball* (26), publican, born Chacley;

[2] *Maud Ball* (22), wife, married 1 year, assisting in business, born Parkend;

[3] *Stafford Boncher* (28), brother in law, late publican, born Brillo Rill, Gloucestershire;

[4] *Gertie Boncher* (27), wife, married 6 years, born Pittsburg, USA:

Reg Green was the secretary of the Brierley Hill and District Licensed Victuallers' Association for more than 20 years until he relinquished the post through blindness. He died in January 1984.

It was renamed GAIL'S WINE BAR [1983]

The license renewal was refused on 8th March 1984.

Brian McDonough was formerly known as Brian Brooks.

He was declared bankrupt. Date of Receiving Order – 24th May 1984.

Closed [1986]

It was opened as the CRYSTAL TAVERN on 21st July 1988 by boxer Pat Cowdell. It closed.

It was reopened as the BORDER TAVERN. [1995]

[2003]

Closed

It was converted into a licensed restaurant. [2007]

It reopened as a bar named THE EARLS. [2009]

[2010]

Closed

It became Vagabond's music venue. [2012]



Ex Pub 2007

The **BORDER TAVERN**
c.1839

19 DUDLEY ROAD, BRIERLEY HILL
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in Red Wine £3.50
Ocean Pie. Fish and Prawns in a cream & Pernod sauce £3.50
TO NAME A FEW

Advert 1995



2009

QUEENS HEAD

79, (47), (46), Level Street, (Old Level), BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Earl of Dudley
William Ratliff, Coventry Brewery (acquired c.1894)
Atkinsons Brewery (acquired c.1897)
Albert Hipkiss, Red Hill, Stourbridge (acquired c.1930)
William Ewart Gardiner
Pauline Woodhouse Perrins (acquired in 1989)

LICENSEES

Edward Pitt [1834] – [1850]
Mrs. Sophia Pitt [1851] – **1865**);
Edward Pitt (**1865 – 1867**);
Joseph Pope (**1867 – []**)
Richard Howse [1870] – [1872] – [c.1875]
Edward Bancroft [c.1875] – **1880**);
Abraham Crew (**1880 – 1885**);
Thomas Thornburgh (**1885 – 1888**);
John Palsbury (**1888 – 1890**);
Edward Lucas (**1890 – 1891**);
Samuel Cooper (**1891 – 1894**);
William Baker (**1894 – 1895**);
John Weston (**1895 – 1896**);
Samuel Mobberley (**1896 – 1897**);
Amos Firth (**1897 – 1898**);
William Clifton (**1898**);
John Mason (**1898 – 1899**);
Mary Mason (**1899 – 1903**);
Cecil Gardner (**1903**);
Samuel Dunn (**1903 – 1905**);
Walter Grafton (**1905 – 1909**);
Samuel J Insull (**1909 – 1922**);
William Tansley (**1922 – 1926**);
Arthur Lord Baron King (**1926 – 1930**);
Samuel Insull (**1930 – 1935**);
William Ewart Gardiner (**1935 – [1940]**)
Derrick Smith []

NOTES

Old Level [1860]
46, Level Street [1871]
47, Level Street [1872], [1873], [1881], [1891], [1896], [1901], [1904], [1912], [1929]
79, Level Street [1916], [1921], [1940]

QUEEN [1860], [1864], [1865], [1867], [1870], [1871]
QUEENS INN [1872]

CLEARING-OUT SALE AT THE QUEEN'S HEAD INN, LEVEL, BRIERLEY HILL.

TWO be SOLD by AUCTION, by S. INSULL
on Monday Next, April 8, 1867, the whole of the
PUBLIC-HOUSE FIXTURES and FITTINGS, con-
sisting of Screens and Seating, Cross-legged Drinking
Oak, and other Tables, together with the very excellent
BREWING UTENSILS, comprising Copper Boiler,
capital Vats, excellent 16-bushel Oval Mashing Tub,
Round and Oval Coolers, Round Gathering and Working
Tubs, 500 and 200 gallon Casks, Hogshead and Half-
Hogshead ditto, Lead Piping, the whole of the Gas Fit-
tings and Piping throughout the house, with 16-High
Meter, nearly new; also part of the HOUSEHOLD
FURNITURE, comprising Cane-seated and Windsor
Chairs, Mahogany Chest of Drawers, Bookcase, with
secretaire drawer; Washing Stands and Dressing Tables,
Wood and Iron Bedsteads; a complete set of Lodge
Room Fixtures; also 17 prime STORE PIGS, well-bred
Sow, and numerous other Effects, belonging to Mr.
Edward Pitt, who is leaving the premises.
Sale to commence at Eleven o'clock.

Advert 1867

It was reputedly haunted by Jonathan Maughan (of Skin A Bibble Hall which used to be next door).

1851 Census

Level Road

- [1] *Sophia Pitt* (64), widow, victualler, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Joseph Pitt* (43), son, agricultural labourer, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Martha Pitt* (17), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Joseph Baker* (9), grandson, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Hannah Fisher* (15), house servant, born Kingswinford:

Brierley Hill Advertiser 15/11/1856

“On Thursday last, a fine cow, the property of Mrs. *Sophia Pitts* (sic), of the QUEENS HEAD INN, at the Level, was accidentally killed by the trucks attached to Salt Well Colliery incline. The cow, which was in calf, was pasturing in a field through which the incline runs, and had unfortunately got one of its horns in the chain, but before it could be extricated the up truck, which contained about eight tons of coal, passed over the cow’s head, and severed it completely from the body. Such accidents might be expected to occur to cattle grazing in fields where inclines run which are not fenced on either side, and we hope that accidents in future will be avoided by fencing. Through the kind liberality of the proprietor of the works, there is no doubt the loss of the cow will be fully compensated.”

Stourbridge Observer 23/4/1870

“*Richard Howells*, landlord of the QUEEN INN, the Level, was charged by Superintendent Mills with having his house open for the sale of beer during prohibited hours on the 17th inst.

Police-sergeant Breton proved that he visited the defendant’s house about eleven o’clock. Found three men in the house. They had a quart of cider before them.

Fined 10s and costs, with a caution that if the offence was repeated the highest penalty would be inflicted.”

Stourbridge Observer 30/7/1870

“At the Petty Sessions held on Thursday, before I. Spooner, Esq, Stipendiary, *Richard House* [sic], landlord of the QUEEN INN, The Level, was charged by Superintendent Mills with having his house open for the sale of beer during prohibited hours on the 26th of June last.

Police-sergeant Breton said he visited defendant’s house at five minutes to twelve, and saw a room full of people, and a quart jug of ale on the table.

Superintendent Mills proved that defendant was convicted on the 21st of April last, for having his house open during prohibited hours, and fined 10s and costs.

The Stipendiary said he had put a small fine upon him for the first offence. That appeared to have no effect. He should now fine him £10 and costs - £10 10s 6d, and endorse the license; and hoped the Magistrates at the Licensing Meeting would deal with the case.”

Stourbridge Observer 6/8/1870

“John Foxhall was summoned by Superintendent Mills for being in the house of the QUEEN INN, Level Street, Brierley Hill, during prohibited hours. Defendant pleaded guilty.

The learned Stipendiary said during the present session the Government had passed an Act to amend the Wine and Beerhouse Act, 33 and 34, Vic, so that any constable or officer who finds any person present in a house for the sale of any exciseable, or distilled, or fermented liquor, at any time when such house is by law required to be closed, may demand the name and address of each person, and if any such person, when required, refuse to give his name and address, or give a false name or address, he shall be liable on summary conviction, to a penalty not exceeding forty shillings, and any person who, when required, refuses or neglects to give his name or address, may be apprehended by such constable or officer, and detained until he can be taken before a Justice of the Peace. He stated this so that the public may know it. It was a very wise Act, and one that required to be put in force in this district, but in this case, he should order the defendant to pay 5s, with a caution not to come before him again.”

Richard Howse = Richard Howes

1871 Census

46, Level Street

- [1] *Richard Howse* (QUEENS HEAD) (58), innkeeper, born Shipstone, Worcestershire;
- [2] *Fanny Howse* (39), wife, born Penkridge, Staffordshire;
- [3] *Richard Howse* (17), son, labourer, born Dudley;
- [4] *William Howse* (15), son, barman, born Dudley;
- [5] *Francis L. Lewis* (15), lodger, assistant to innkeeper, born Tipton;
- [6] *Samuel Howse* (14), son, engine driver, born Dudley;
- [7] *Susanna Lewis* (13), lodger, scholar, born Tipton;
- [8] *Clara Lewis* (7), lodger, scholar, born Sedgley;
- [9] *Mary Price* (17), general servant, born Tipton:

Stourbridge Observer 17/6/1871

“*Richard Howse* was summoned by Superintendent Mills for keeping his house open for the sale of beer on the 28th of May, during prohibited hours. Mr. Young (Oxford Circuit), instructed by Mr. Clulow, appeared for defendant. Police-sergeant Breton said that on the 28th May, from complaints he had received, he went to defendant’s house, the QUEEN INN, Level Street, Brierley Hill, to watch. He went by defendant’s house at six in the morning, and stayed till nine o’clock. About half past seven saw Mrs. *Howes* [sic] open the shutters. In a few minutes after saw a young woman go into the house, apparently carrying something under her apron. In a few minutes she came out and walked away. Shortly after a milkman went in, and soon after a little girl went and rapped the front door. She went to the back, and had a teacup in her hand, with something in it. Shortly after he saw two men named Edwards and Humphries go in. He then whistled, and sent Police-constable Goodfellow to the front of the house, and he (witness) went to the back, and got into the house. Humphries stood in the passage. On the table stood a pint measure, half full of ale, fresh drawn. Mrs. *Howes* was inside the bar with a large stone bottle in her hand. She put the bottle down, and he told her he should have to report her for allowing drinking in the house. The wife said he was not drinking. He pointed out some froth to her, and asked her how she accounted for it. She said that Edwards, the butcher, had done it. She then fetched a box of matches, and said Edwards wanted to borrow some. At that time *Howes* came down stairs. Witness told him he should report it. Defendant said it would be unkind if he did.

Police-constable Goodfellow gave corroborative evidence.

Police-sergeant Breton was called, and proved a previous conviction against defendant in April, when he was fined 10s and costs.

Mr. Young made a long and powerful address to the Bench for the defence, and called Edward Humphries, who said that he worked at stock taking, and that he was at work with Mr. Hingley on the Whit Sunday in question. They were stock taking, and he was allowed two quarts of ale. About nine o’clock, Mr. Hingley sent him to the defendant’s house, to ask his son to come to work. First saw the servant, and afterwards defendant’s wife. He asked for her son. Did not have anything to drink, or ask for any. Saw the policeman come in, and told him that he did not come to have anything to drink, but on other business. The policeman asked him for his name. He gave it. The policeman said he should have to report it, and asked what the spots were on the floor. Defendant’s wife said they were spots of water from cleaning the house.

Edward Hingley said he worked for Mr. Holcroft as a stock taker. On Whit Sunday was so engaged with the last witness, taking stock. They were allowed two quarts of ale a day when so engaged. He sent the last witness to defendant’s house for the son to come to work.

Hannah Deeley, domestic servant to defendant, said she remembered Humphries coming to her master’s house. He came in at the back door. Mrs. *Howes* was then in the passage against the staircase. Witness stood by her. Humphries first spoke to Mrs. *Howes*, and asked her for her son, John. She said he was not in, but she expected him in directly. Witness then saw a policeman come in at the back door. She was standing near the smoke room. Heard the policeman speak, but could not tell what was said. Heard Humphries say he had not come to have anything to drink. Saw a policeman go into the bar, and look over the machine. There was no ale drawn or drunk in the house that morning. Did not lose sight of Humphries the whole time. He did not have any measure or jug in his hand.

The learned Stipendiary said he had come to a conclusion in the case, and after hearing the evidence of Humphries and his master (Hingley) that he was sent to the defendant’s house for a particular purpose, thought under all the circumstances it would be safer to dismiss than to convict, as there was a doubt; and he would give defendant the benefit, and dismiss the case.”

Richard Howse – see also SHINGLERS ARMS, Dudley.

1881 Census

47, Level Street

- [1] *Abraham Crew* (50), licensed victualler, born Dudley;
- [2] *Selina Crew* (49), wife, born Cradley;
- [3] *Alice Crew* (21), daughter, born Dudley;
- [4] *Joseph Crew* (19), son, brewery traveller, born Dudley;



1891 Census

47, Level Street – QUEENS HEAD

- [1] *Edward Lucas* (64), innkeeper, born Ditton Priors, Shropshire;
- [2] *Sarah Lucas* (54), wife, born Wombourne;
- [3] *Ruth Tibbetts* (14), domestic servant, born Dudley;
- [4] *John Bilsbury* (80), father in law, retired farmer, born Wombourne;
- [5] *Elizabeth Bilsbury* (79), mother in law, born Kingswinford;

1901 Census

47, Level Street – QUEENS HEAD

- [1] *Mary Mason* (66), widow, publican, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Levi Mason* (40), son, ironworker, born Quarry Bank;
- [3] *Mary Ann Mason* (23), granddaughter, born Quarry Bank;
- [4] *John Mason* (21), grandson, fitter, born Quarry Bank;
- [5] *Fanny Mason* (17), granddaughter, born Quarry Bank;
- [6] *Eliannie Oakley* (17), general servant, born Yorkshire;
- [7] *Frederick Mason* (4), grandson, born Quarry Bank;

Black Country Bugle

Letter from O. Piggott

“.....one which sticks out is of 1911 when at the Coronation of George V, *Sam Insull* of the QUEEN INN in Level Street, Brierley Hill, roasted a sheep and all the girls wore red, white and blue frocks and were allowed to dip our bread in the hot fat.

Soon after he bought six or seven monkeys and the Blast Furnace men would put them in the hot oven just to see their antics when they jumped out. As a result of this one was taken ill and one of the customers took little Kelly to the doctor, who being a friend of *Sam Insull*, told him it had pneumonia, so Kelly died. *Sam* made a coffin, with brass handles and name plate and the mourners followed to the grave in top hats and tails, where *Sam* read the funeral service.

The QUEEN was a calling house for chain makers from Cradley.....”

Black Country Bugle

Letter from Sam Insull Jnr., Dudley

“.....The fact that my father, *Sam Insull*, kept seven monkeys, one sea lion, one bear, and many other kinds of animals at the QUEENS HEAD in Level Street and always carried a live snake down his shirt. There was no kinder man alive to dumb animals than *Sam Insull*, and any unkindness was summarily dealt with, as was the culprit Tom Flavell, who threw a piece of meat on to the stove, which was hot and so burned Kelly that he had to be put to sleep, and Flavell was thrown into the seal's lake and kept out of the QUEEN.

Kelly was given a funeral attended by hundreds of people, and was interred in a coffin made especially by Brooks & Co., the undertakers of Brierley Hill.....”

Refurbished

It reopened as QUEENS on 15th December 1989. [1990]

It was renamed MILENNIUM (night club)

Closed

It became a Chinese restaurant.



Ex Pub 2009

QUEENS HEAD

117, (148), Commonside, PENSNETT

OWNERS

Mary C. Boyle and others
Job Crockett (acquired on 29th November 1892)
Messrs. Thompson, Dudley
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.
InnSpired Pubs [2002]

LICENSEES

James Baker [1845] – 1870);
Joseph Baker (1870 – 1883);
Benjamin Blewitt (1883 – 1892);
Job Crockett (1892 – 1896);
Michael Worrall (1896);
Abraham Whitehouse (1896 – 1907);
Thomas Twigg (1907 – 1911);
Thomas Pargeter (1911 – 1912);
John Edward Grainger (1912);
William Walker (1912 – 1913);
James Albert Bates (1913 – 1914);
Richard Ball (1914 – 1918);
Mrs. Alice Ruston (1918 – 1922);
George Henry Westwood (1922 – 1925);
Samuel Richard Jones (1925 – 1932);
Samuel Lowe (1932 – [1940])
Martha Maria Lowe [] – 1944);
Samuel James Round (1944 – 1945);
Joseph Henry Flavell (1945 – 1946);
Frederick George Lewis Everett (1946 – 1949);
William Moore (1949 – 1950);
William Raybould (1950 – 1952);
Henry Nixon (1952 – 1955);
Garibaldi Tapper (1955 – 1958);
Hilda Andrews (1958 – [])
Frederick Raymond Priest [] – 1967);
Raymond Tromans (1967);
Francis Terence Yates (1967 – 1968);
George Derek Kettle (1968 – 1970);
Roy George William Phillips (1970);
Dorothy Violet Dunn (1970 – 1971);
Edna Goode (1971);
James Samuel Sibley (1971 – 1972);
Alan Joseph Hale (1972 – 1974);
Cyril Deakin (1974 – 1975);
Kevin Jones (1975);
Barrie James Hickman (1975 – 1981);
Rita Todd (1981 – 1984);
Brenda Margaret Hawkins (1984 – 1989);



c. 1990s

Sylvia Alice Margaret Gillard **(1989 - 1996)**;
Ann Killourhey **(1996 - 1997)**;
Shirley Ann Lewis **(1997 - 1999)**;
John Pyatt **(1999 - []**
Christine Frangleton [2001]

NOTES

QUEEN VICTORIA [1854]
QUEENS HEAD [1997], [2007]

1851 Census

Commonside

- [1] *James Baker* (44), victualler, born Commonside;
- [2] *Harriet Baker* (44), wife, born Commonside;
- [3] *Joseph Baker* (19), son, labourer, born Commonside;
- [4] *James Baker* (16), son, labourer, born Commonside;
- [5] *John Baker* (10), son, born Commonside:

1861 Census

Commonside

- [1] *James Baker* (54), licensed victualler, born Pensnett;
- [2] *Harriet Baker* (54), wife, born Shotton, Warwickshire;
- [3] *John Baker* (22), son, born Pensnett;
- [4] *James Baker* (26), son, born Pensnett;
- [5] *Ann Baker* (22), daughter, born Pensnett;
- [6] *Sarah Baker* (8), daughter, born Pensnett;
- [7] *William Baker* (1), son, born Pensnett:

1871 Census

Commonside

- [1] *James Baker* (64), innkeeper, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Harriet Baker* (64), wife;
- [3] *Sarah Baker* (13), granddaughter, born Commonside;
- [4] *Mary Baker* (8), granddaughter, born Commonside;
- [5] *Mary A. Homer* (20), general servant, born Kingswinford:

1881 Census

Commonside

- [1] *Joseph Baker* (48), licensed victualler, born Pensnett;
- [2] *Ann Baker* (48), wife, born Worcestershire;
- [3] *Albert Rea* (22), nephew, engine fitter, born Birmingham;
- [4] *Jane Rea* (18), niece, barmaid, born Tipton;
- [5] *Florence Harris* (9), visitor, scholar, born London:

1891 Census

Commonside – QUEENS HEAD

- [1] *Benjamin Blewitt* (40), innkeeper, born Pensnett;
- [2] *Elizabeth Blewitt* (41), wife, born Pensnett;
- [3] *Joseph Blewitt* (16), son, born Pensnett;
- [4] *Benjamin Blewitt* (13), born Pensnett;
- [5] *William Blewitt* (12), son, born Pensnett;
- [6] *Emily Blewitt* (9), daughter, born Pensnett;
- [7] *Dorcas Blewitt* (8), daughter, born Pensnett;
- [8] *John M. Blewitt* (4), son, born Pensnett;
- [9] *Ann Blewitt* (2), daughter, born Pensnett:

Job Crockett was married to Sarah Ann.

1901 Census

148, Commonside

- [1] *Abraham Whitehouse* (58), public house keeper, born Pensnett;
- [2] *Louisa Whitehouse* (54), wife, born Gornal Wood;
- [3] *Emmie Whitehouse* (22), daughter, born Gornal Wood;
- [4] *Stephen Whitehouse* (20), son, iron caster, born Gornal Wood:

A team from here was elected into the Dudley and District Air-Gun League in November 1903.

1911 Census

148, Commonside – QUEENS HEAD INN

- [1] *Thomas Pargeter* (51), licensed victualler, born Wordsley;
- [2] *Mary Ann Pargeter* (48), wife, married 30 years, born Round Oak;
- [3] *Jasper Pargeter* (24), son, blacksmith's striker, born Wallows Street, Round Oak;
- [4] *Arthur Pargeter* (17), son, blacksmith's striker, born Wallows Street, Round Oak;
- [5] *Alfred Pargeter* (15), son, stamper, born Wallows Street, Round Oak;
- [6] *Leonard Pargeter* (13), son, labourer, born Round Oak;
- [7] *Alice Pargeter* (9), daughter, born Wallows Street, Round Oak;
- [8] *Annie pargeter* (26), daughter in law, born Eynsham, Oxfordshire:

A team from here took part in the Pensnett and Bromley Crib League. [1946]

John Pyatt died in December 2007, aged 40.

Christine Frangleton was married to Roy.

[2004]

Closed [2006], [2010]

It was demolished in 2010.



1997

QUEENS HEAD

84, High Street, QUARRY BANK

OWNERS

M. Stevens, High Street, Quarry Bank
H. Stevens, New Inn, Quarry Bank
Julia Hanson and Son Ltd.

LICENSEES

John Littlewood [1845] – [1851]
James Littlewood [1860]
Samuel Grainger [1861] – [1862]
John Radford [1864] – **1884**;
Isaac Robins **(1884 – 1890)**;
James Everall **(1890 – 1891)**;
Fred Moseley **(1891 – 1892)**;
James Everall **(1892 – 1893)**;
John Westwood **(1893 – 1907)**;
Ann Matilda Westwood **(1907 – 1910)**;
Arthur Bucknall **(1910 – 1934)**;
Mrs. Rose Bucknall **(1934 – [1940])**

NOTES

John Littlewood was also a shopkeeper. [1849], [1850]

London Gazette 5/3/1861

“In the Matter of the Petition of *James Littlewood* formerly of Quarry Bank aforesaid, Labourer and Publican, keeping the QUEENS HEAD Public House, an insolvent debtor.....”

1861 Census

Quarry Bank

- [1] *Samuel Grainger* (36), victualler, QUEENS HEAD, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Eliza Grainger* (34), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Sarah Ann Grainger* (11), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *David Grainger* (9), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Mary Grainger* (7), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Ann Shakespear* (20), servant, born Kingswinford:

Brierley Hill Advertiser November 1861 - Advert

“To be sold by Auction, by Mr. Hawkins, on Monday, November 18th 1861 All that well situated Business Old-Licensed Public House and Premises, having Front Tap Room, Bar, Parlour, good Cellars, Chambers, Club Room, Brewhouse, Piggeries and Garden, known by the sign of the QUEENS HEAD, situate at Quarry Bank aforesaid, and having an excellent frontage to the Highway leading from Brierley Hill to Cradley, in the occupation of *Samuel Granger*; together with Four substantially built Dwelling Houses.....”

1871 Census

Turnpike Road – QUEENS HEAD

- [1] *John Radford* (53), publican, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Mary Radford* (54), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Sarah Radford* (18), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Harriet Taylor* (16), general servant, born Kingswinford:

Midland Counties Evening Express 26/2/1875

“Yesterday, at Brierley Hill Police Court, before Mr. Spooner, fourteen men were charged with being on the licensed premises of *John Radford*, QUEENS HEAD, Quarry Bank, on Sunday 4th inst. It will be remembered that on the previous Thursday the Stipendiary fined the landlord £5 and costs, for having the men on the premises, although it was strongly pleaded that it was ‘custom of the county’ for the bearers at a funeral to return to the club house, and have a drink which the rules allowed for bearers each of them to pay 10s 6d.”

1881 Census

High Street – QUEENS HEAD

- [1] *John Radford* (63), licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Mary Radford* (63), wife, born Pensnett;
- [3] *Nancy M. Cartwright* (10), granddaughter, scholar, born Quarry Bank;
- [4] *Emily Cartwright* (20), domestic servant, born Delph:

1891 Census

High Street – QUEENS HEAD

- [1] *James Everall* (29), innkeeper, born Leintwardine, Herefordshire;
- [2] *Amy Everall* (26), wife, born Blackheath;
- [3] *Hannah Bailey* (22), barmaid, born Blackheath:

County Express 9/3/1901

“Club Supper.- In connection with the sick and draw club held at the QUEENS HEAD INN, Quarry Bank, a supper was provided on Saturday night. Mr. A. Saunders presided, and Mr. E. Wakeman was in the vice-chair. A convivial evening was afterwards held.”

1901 Census

84, High Street – QUEENS HEAD INN

- [1] *John Westwood* (50), manager of public house, born Cradley Heath;
- [2] *Matilda Westwood* (49), wife, born Quarry Bank;
- [3] *Annie Westwood* (15), daughter, born Quarry Bank;
- [4] *Lottie Westwood* (7), daughter, born Quarry Bank;
- [5] *Floria Westwood* (25), daughter in law, widow, born Quarry Bank;
- [6] *Doris M. Westwood* (5 months), granddaughter, born Quarry Bank:

County Express 18/1/1902

“QUEENS HEAD Sick and Draw Club.– Some thirty-two members of this club sat down to an excellent repast on the occasion of the annual dinner and meeting on Saturday evening. A capital repast was well-served by the host Mr. *J. Westwood*, and full justice was done to the fare. After dinner Mr. J. Parrock presided and made reference in a few preliminary remarks to the successful year the club had had. A dividend of 16s 7d per member was declared, and gave great satisfaction to all. During the evening appropriate toasts were honoured, while songs were given by Messrs. Parrock, Wakeman, Smith, Dunn, H. Stevens, etc. A hearty vote of thanks were accorded the host and hostess for their catering.”

County Express 25/1/1902

“The members of the QUEENS HEAD Money Club met at supper on Tuesday evening, and enjoyed a capital repast served by the host and hostess (Mr. and Mrs. *J. Westwood*). After supper Mr. S. Ganner took the chair, and songs were given by Mr. S. Danks, ‘Mary,’ ‘Anchored,’ and ‘Ora pro nobia,’ and Mr. H. Stevens, who sang ‘The lighthouse keeper.’ A very pleasant evening was spent.”

County Express 17/5/1902

“On Tuesday the members of the money club, held at the QUEENS HEAD INN, sat down to supper, at which about 30 were present. After the cloth was drawn, Mr. Samuel Genner was elected to the chair. The Lyric Glee party gave a number of excellent glees in a charming manner. Mr. Joseph Whyley also contributed two recitations and a ventriloquial sketch. A vote of thanks was given to the host (Mr. *John Westwood*) for his excellent catering. A most pleasant evening concluded with votes of thanks to the artists and chairman.”

1911 Census

84, High Street

[1] *Arthur Bucknall* (32), licensed victualler, bricklayer, born Quarry Bank;

[2] *Rose Bucknall* (32), wife, married 10 years, assisting in the business, born Birmingham;

[3] *Cecil Bucknall* (10), son, school, born Quarry Bank;

[4] *Florrie Bucknall* (9), daughter, school, born Quarry Bank;

[5] *Horace Bucknall* (6), son, school, born Quarry Bank:

Boxer, Tommy Cartwright was born here in 1924.

It closed in the late 1970s.

Demolished

RAILWAY

118, (45), (47), Fenton Street, (Fendon Street), (Felton Street), (18, Mill Street), Brockmoor, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Mark Rollinson, Brierley Hill
W. Jeffries, Spring Tavern, Clent
North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1896)
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1909)

LICENSEES

Thomas York [1851]
William Fennell [1860] – [1870]
Joseph Hanbury [] – **1870**;
Mrs. Mary Ann Hanbury **(1870 – 1875)**;
William Jeffries **(1875 – 1877)**;
Thomas Bradford **(1877 – 1898)**;
Edward Evans **(1898 – 1899)**;
George Henry Simpkins **(1899 – 1900)**;
Caroline Georgina Simpkins **(1900 – 1902)**;
Fred Plant **(1902 – 1905)**;
William Hedge **(1905 – 1907)**;
Cornelius Henry Robson **(1907 – 1910)**;
Daniel Pearson **(1910 – 1911)**;
Robert William Sheldon McGill **(1911 – 1912)**;
Daniel Pearson **(1912 – 1925)**;
Frank Victor Price **(1925 – 1929)**;
Nellie Smith **(1929 – 1930)**;
Ernest Harry Skidmore **(1930 – [1940]**
Jim Pratt **(1944 – 1958)**
Raymond Nash [1985] – [1987]
Gary Bloomer [1991] – **1992)**

NOTES

Fendon Street [1862]
Felton Street [1865]
47, Fenton Street [1872]
45, Fenton Street [1873], [1881], [1891], [1892], [1896], [1904], [1912]
118, Fenton Street [1921], [1940], [1987]
18, Mill Street [1940]

RAILWAY HOTEL [1860], [1862], [1873], [1881], [1892]
RAILWAY TAVERN [1861]
RAILWAY INN [1912]

William Fennell was also a bricklayer. [1864], [1865]

1881 Census

45, Fenton Street – RAILWAY HOTEL

- [1] *Thomas Bradford* (40), licensed victualler, born Dudley;
- [2] *Mary Bradford* (36), wife, born Dudley;
- [3] *William Bradford* (19), son, boiler maker, born Dudley;
- [4] *Alice Bradford* (14), daughter, born Dudley;
- [5] *Frederick Bradford* (6), son, scholar, born Dudley;
- [6] *Albert Bradford* (1), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [7] *Eliza Jones* (23), general servant, born Dudley:

1891 Census

45, Fenton Street – RAILWAY INN

- [1] *Thomas Bradford* (50), public house manager, born Dudley;
- [2] *Mary Bradford* (46), wife, born Dudley;
- [3] *Frederick Bradford* (16), son, railway clerk, born Dudley;
- [4] *Albert Bradford* (11), son, scholar, born Brierley Hill:

County Express 3/11/1900

“*Jeremiah Skidmore*, of Church Hill, Brierley Hill, was charged with being drunk and disorderly on 26th October. Police-constable Mountford stated that on the night named he was called to a row in Fenton Street. Defendant had been ejected from the RAILWAY HOTEL, and was standing outside swearing. Defendant refused to go away when witness ordered him, and laughed at witness. He locked defendant up.

Defendant said he was very sorry for his conduct, which was only bad when he had beer. If the Bench would be lenient, he would not trouble them again.

Mr. Superintendent Spendlove said the defendant was an old offender, and was always drunk.

The Bench imposed a fine of 40s, and costs, distress, or a Months’ imprisonment.”

1901 Census

45, Fenton Street – RAILWAY INN

- [1] *Caroline Simpkins* (23), widow, publican, born Amblecote;
- [2] *Ethel Simpkins* (3), daughter, born Pensnett;
- [3] *Brenda Simpkins* (1), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Charlotte Hallman* (18), visitor, draper’s assistant, born Amblecote;
- [5] *Caroline Malpass* (15), domestic servant, born Amblecote:

County Express 11/1/1902

“On Monday night nearly forty friends attended a dinner at the RAILWAY INN, Fenton Street, the object being a dual one, in the first place to give welcome to Mr. *Fred Plant*, who has recently entered into possession, and also to start a sick and draw club. Mr. and Mrs. *Plant*’s catering gave every satisfaction. After dinner a convivial meeting was held, Mr. S. Moreton being in the chair and Mr. F. Gardener in the vice-chair. Songs were given by Messrs. A. Fletcher, J. Davies, J. Griffiths, S. Walker, F. Gardener, Foley, Jones, and J. Broome.”

Tipton Herald 10/4/1909

“RAILWAY HOTEL Air-Gun Club. On Monday last the semi-final for the Major Boscawen medals was shot off between the members of the SALUTATION Club, Dudley, and those of the RAILWAY HOTEL, the latter winning by six points The winners have to meet the members of the JOLLY GOOD FELLOW, Woodside, in the final. The RAILWAY HOTEL Club have achieved very great success and have won the Dudley and District League cup and medals, and were now in the final for the independent competition. In consequence of their achievement in the Dudley League, the RAILWAY HOTEL will be the headquarters for the next season.”

Tipton Herald 21/8/1909

“Major Griffith-Boscawen (prospective Unionist candidate for the borough of Dudley), has signified his intention of being present at the annual gathering of the members of the RAILWAY Air-gun League Club on Monday evening to present the league cup and medals won by the team. The members will sit down to supper, after which the presentation will be made.”

Indenture dated 28/10/1909

“..... And Also All That messuage or dwelling-house used as a public-house and known as the The RAILWAY HOTEL with the brewhouse piggeries outbuildings and appurtenances thereto belonging.....”

1911 Census

Fenton Street – RAILWAY INN

- [1] *Robert McGill* (42), public house manager, born Handsworth;
- [2] *Mary Ann McGill* (41), wife, married 15 years, born Walsall;
- [3] *Sarah Thomas* (20), general servant, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Eliza Edwards* (46), sister in law, married, born Walsall:

Jim Pratt was married to Ann.

Gary Bloomer was an ex lorry driver.

[1997]

Closed

It was converted into flats [1999]



1997



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RAILWAY TAVERN

Moor Lane, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

NOTES

Brierley Hill Advertiser 11/7/1857

“On Wednesday, at the RAILWAY TAVERN, Moor Lane, before W. H. Phillips, Esq, an inquest was held on the body of Samuel Westwood, seventy-eight years of age, formerly a labourer, who lived at Brettell Lane. From the evidence of Mary Thompson and John Jeavons, it appeared that on Monday morning deceased crossed the line at the bridge, over the road near Brockmoor, instead of going the proper way underneath it, and got upon the rails just as the passenger train due from Dudley to Stourbridge at ten o'clock was passing. Being very deaf the deceased did not hear the shouts of some twenty persons, who were working on a piece of land close by, nor the whistle which was sounded by the engineer, and the latter being unable to stop his engine the deceased was knocked down. The train was then stopped, and the deceased was found to be quite dead, his brains being scattered about the line, the skull carried away, and one of his arms broken. The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death, and were unanimously of opinion that no blame could be attached to any one, but expressed a wish that a notice board be erected at the place, as people were daily seen to cross the line at the imminent peril of losing their lives, although by doing so only a few yards be saved. One of the Railway Company's officials was present to watch the proceedings, and he stated that the wish of the jury would be attended to.”

RED COW

Church Lane, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Mountford [1860]

NOTES

Check Hall Street.

RED COW

17, Hall Street, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Alfred Marsh

William Henry Simpkins, Round Oak (leased from 1890 to [1896])

Frank Webb [1903]

LICENSEES

Isaiah Mountford [] – **1871**);

Thomas Mountford (**1871 – 1878**);

Benjamin Cooper (**1878 – 1879**);

Robert Colley (**1879 – 1881**);

Adam Potts (**1881 – 1883**);

John Hill (**1883 – 1889**);

Thomas Banks (**1889 – 1890**);

Daniel Mole (**1890**);

Joseph Warren (**1890 – 1891**);

Charles Wasley (**1891 – 1895**);

Obadiah Webb (**1895 – 1897**);

William Lewis (**1897 – 1900**);

Thomas Foster (**1901**);

Henry Metcalfe [1901] manager?

Arthur Williams (**1901 – 1902**);

George Harry Davies (**1902 – 1903**);

John Mansell (**1903 – 1904**);

John Rubery (**1904**);

Thomas James Banks (**1904 – 1905**);

NOTES

1891 Census

17, Hall Street – RED COW

[1] *Joseph Warren* (28), publican, born Newcastle, Staffordshire;

[2] *Ann Warren* (29), wife, born Leicester;

[3] *Joseph Warren* (3), son, born Brierley Hill;

[4] *Reginald Warren* (2), son, born Brierley Hill:

Charles Wasley was also a haulier.

County Express 30/6/1900

“James Smith, Park Street, Brierley Hill, was summoned for drunkenness. Police-sergeant Bentley said defendant was ejected from the RED COW, Brierley Hill. There were ten previous convictions recorded against the defendant, who was fined £1 and 7s 6d costs, or a month with hard labour.”

1901 Census

Hall Street

[1] *Henry Metcalfe* (32), publican, born Shirley, Derbyshire;

[2] *Mary E. Metcalfe* (31), wife, born Barton Needwood, Staffordshire;

[3] *Frederick C. Metcalfe* (4), son, born Micleover, Derbyshire;

[4] *George Matthews* (24), boarder, drayman, born Lindridge, Worcestershire:

Tipton Herald 14/3/1903

“The adjourned Licensing Sessions for the Kingswinford and Wordsley Division were held on Tuesday last [10th March] in the Town Hall, Brierley Hill.

RED COW INN, Brierley Hill. Mr. Waldron, who made the application with regard to this license, said it was the oldest in the division.

Mr. King (magistrate’s clerk): I thought the OLD BELL was the oldest.

Mr. Waldron: No, this is the oldest (Laughter). The house belongs to Mr. Alfred Marsh, and joins the Drill Hall. There is no conviction since 1897.

Superintendent Spendlove said the population of Brierley Hill, according to the last census, was 12,042. The number of old licenses was 58, beerhouses 29 and grocer’s licenses 11. There was a full licensed house and a beerhouse, to every 139 of the population (including children), and taking off 30 per cent for children, it gave one for every 93 of the population. Taking all the licenses it meant one license for every 122 people, and excluding children, one house to every 85. There were six old licenses within 100 yards of the RED COW, and one beerhouse and one grocer’s license. Within 200 yards there were 10 old licenses, four beerhouses and four grocer’s licenses. Taking 300 yards there were 16 old licenses, 11 beerhouses, and 9 grocer’s licenses. This house, he contended, was not required. It was in a back street and was difficult to supervise. There were 36 licensed houses within 30 yards of it, and the license holder himself had told him that he did not take 30s a day.

The Bench decided to renew the license.”

Tipton Herald 28/3/1903

“.....Amongst the applications was one for the transfer of the RED COW INN, Brierley Hill, which license at the adjourned Licensing Sessions, it was stated, was not required.

John Mansell, the new tenant, said during the few weeks he had been in the house, he had taken £4 or £5 per week.

Mr. King (magistrates’ clerk): So much as that?

Applicant: Well it has been as low as £2 18s.

Mr. Frank Webb, the owner, said the tenant was paid a salary of £1 per week, and had his coal and light free. The reason there had been so many transfers was because the tenants did not like Brierley Hill, and wanted to get away. In some cases better situations had been offered them, but it was not because the house did not pay. There were times when it was better than others.

The Bench granted the transfer.”

John Mansell was a beer and wine retailer. [1904]

The license was not renewed in 1905 and the house was pulled down.

Check Church Lane.

RED LION

33, (10), (9+10), High Street, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Henry Deakin, Sandbach
James Henry Deakin, Britannia Brewery, Ardwick, Manchester
Manchester Brewery Co., Ardwick
Samuel Alsopp and Sons, Burton (acquired c.1909)
John Francis Myatt, Raglan Street, Wolverhampton (acquired c.1913)
Frank Myatt Ltd. (acquired c.1921)
Holt Brewery Co. Ltd.
Ansells Ltd.
Holt, Plant and Deakin
Tap and Spile
Enterprise Inns [2002]
Yard Glass Pub Co. [2009]

LICENSEES

Thomas Mees [1854] – [1860]
Joseph Bridges [1861]
Philip Jones [1864] – [1865]
James Chapman [1868] – [1870]
William Hollamby [1869] – [1871] manager
Alfred Frederick Bottomley [1872] – **1877**;
Samuel Tucker **(1877 – 1879)**;
John Richards **(1879 – 1880)**;
Thomas Tansey **(1880 – 1886)**;
James Challenor **(1886 – 1887)**;
William Henry Pope **(1887 – 1893)**;
Francis McIntyre **(1893 – 1894)**;
James Richard Punter **(1894 – 1897)**;
Richard Baker **(1897 – 1898)**;
John Cassere **(1898 – 1904)**;
Arthur Catlin **(1904 – 1906)**;
Alfred Kite **(1906 – 1907)**;
Arthur Catlin **(1907 – 1910)**;
Harry Moore **(1910 – 1912)**;
Peter Lewis **(1912 – 1913)**;
Joseph Patrick Groome **(1913 – 1918)**;
Joseph Henry Cole **(1918 – 1922)**;
Benjamin Male **(1922 – 1929)**;
John Henry Dawes **(1929 – 1930)**;
John Mason **(1930 – 1931)**;
Sidney Marsden **(1931 – 1933)**;
Wilfred Thomas Day **(1933)**;
Wilfred John Phillips **(1933 – 1937)**;
Lawrence Parry Haywood **(1937 – 1938)**;
William Richardson **(1938 – 1939)**;
Robert William Seabrook **(1939 – 1943)**;
William Fowkes **(1943 – 1949)**;



Advert 1989

Frederick Bullock (1949 – 1956);
James Henry Woolley (1956);
Joseph Preece (1956);
Albert Grazier (1956 – 1958);
James Billingham (1958 – 1963);
Mrs. Mary Jane Pargeter (1963 – 1981);
Patricia Susan Robinson (1981 – 1987);
Vera Carol Camm (1987 – 1988);
Patricia Joan Roberts (1988 – 1989);
John Chance (1989 – 1992);
Stephen Paul Drew (1992 – 1994);
Simon Grant (1994 – 1996);
Keith Duberley (1996);
Paul Eldred (1996 – 1997);
Simon Dodd (1997);
John Witcomb (1997 – 1998);
Clive Cotton (1998 – 1999);
Hilary Ann Williams (1999 – 2000);
Cheryl Clemance (2000 – 2001);
John Joseph Welding (2001 – 2002);
Susan Theresa Yates (2002 – []
Joanne Field [2010] – 2011);
Joe Field (2011 – []

NOTES

10, High Street [1870], [1871], [1872], [1873], [1881], [1892], [1904], [1912]
9+10, High Street [1891], [1901]
33, High Street [1916], [1940], [1983], [1996], [1997], [2003]

LION [1854], [1864], [1868], [1870], [1872], [1873], [1892], [1896], [1904], [1912], [1916],
[1940]
RED LION [1989]

1861 Census

High Street - LION INN

[1] Joseph Bridges (39), born Kingswinford;
[2] Ellen Bridges (36), wife, born Kingswinford;
[3] Ellen Bridges (14), daughter, born Kingswinford;
[4] Lucretia Bridges (5), daughter, born Kingswinford;
[5] Elizabeth Bridges (2), daughter, born Kingswinford;
[6] Alice Bridges (5 months), daughter, born Kingswinford;
and one servant:

William Hollamby = William Hollanby

Stourbridge Observer 3/4/1869

“*William Hollanby*, licensed victualler, of the LION INN, Brierley Hill, was charged with a similar offence [allowing drunkenness], on the 22nd ult.

Police-constable Fairbanks proved the case, and defendant was fined 20s and costs; in default 21 days.”

1871 Census

10, High Street

- [1] *William Hollamby* (28), manager Public House, born Stepney, London;
- [2] *Elizabeth Hollamby* (25), wife, born Stepney, London;
- [3] *Frances Hollamby* (3), daughter, born Manchester;
- [4] *William Hollamby* (2 months), born Staffordshire;
- [5] *Walter Hollamby* (7), nephew, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Sophia Taylor* (18), general servant, born Birmingham:

Evening Express 6/1/1881

“*Thomas Tansey*, landlord of the LION INN, High Street, Brierley Hill, was charged with assaulting John Price, a collier, of Delph. Mr. Waldron appeared for the complainant, and Mr. Holberton for the defendant.

Complainant’s statement was that on Monday, the 27th ult, he went to defendant’s house about midday, and remained there until six o’clock, spending the whole of his money in the interval. When his funds became exhausted he asked the defendant to give him a ‘pint of fourpenny,’ but as his request was refused he asked to be trusted for a pint. He alleged that the defendant then struck him a blow in the face and took up a plate with which he struck him a blow upon his temple, which knocked him down and rendered him insensible; the plate being broken by the force of the blow; and a witness of complainant’s stated that the latter was afterwards thrown out of the house by the defendant. In cross-examination complainant admitted that tenpence represented ‘the whole of his money’, that he had more than once been convicted of drunkenness and disorderly conduct, and that his state on the date in question was ‘half and half’.

Police-superintendent Woollaston described the complainant’s condition immediately after the assault as being ‘like as if he had had his head dipped in a bucket of blood,’ and Dr. Ashmead, who attended to complainant’s injuries, said an artery was severed, and if the wound had not been promptly attended to it might have resulted in the man bleeding to death.

A cross summons charged Price with assaulting *Tansey*. The latter was sworn, and gave evidence to the effect that it being Boxing Day his customers had been having a small treat; that afterwards Price became abusive, refused to leave when requested, and, witness thinking that by Price leaning over the counter he was going to strike him, lifted up the plate and pushed it forward, and thus accidentally caused Price’s injuries.

Several witnesses were called to corroborate his statement, and it was stated that the plate was broken by falling on the floor.

The Stipendiary, after hearing the whole of the evidence, fined *Tansey* 5s and costs, and dismissed the summons against Price.”

1881 Census

10, High Street

- [1] *Thomas Tansey* (24), married, licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Sarah Jane Bevan* (26), house keeper, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Sarah Blunt* (15), general servant, born Brierley Hill:

1891 Census

9+10, High Street

- [1] *William H. Pope* (37), licensed victualler, born Harts Hill;
- [2] *Ellen J. Pope* (36), wife, born Droitwich;
- [3] *William A. Pope* (15), son, born Harts Hill;
- [4] *Augusta L. Pope* (13), daughter, born Harts Hill:

1901 Census

9+10, High Street

- [1] *John Cassere* (45), manager public house, born Wolverhampton;
- [2] *Emley Cassere* (42), wife, born Birmingham;
- [3] *John H. B. Cassere* (6), son, born Wolverhampton;
- [4] *James Millward* (77), father in law, widower, born Handsworth;
- [5] *Edith C. Crutchley* (12), visitor, born Wolverhampton:

1911 Census

High Street – RED LION INN

[1] *Harry Moore* (41), publican, born Wath on Dearne, Rotherham;

[2] *Emma Jane Moore* (40), wife, married 17 years, assisting in the business, born West Melton, Rotherham;

[3] *Horace Moore* (10), son, school, born West Melton, Rotherham;

[4] *Sidney Moore* (9), son, school, born West Melton, Rotherham:

Susan Robinson was married to John.

It opened as a Holt, Plant and Deakin pub on 30th March 1989.

John Chance was married to Maureen.

It was renamed TAP AND SPILE in 1994.

The name was changed back to RED LION in 1997.

Joanne Field was married to Joe.

[2015]



1985



2015



1996

RED LION

Sun Street, Brockmoor, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William Evans [1870]

NOTES

Dudley Herald 5/3/1870

“Sun Street, Brockmoor, Brierley Hill To be sold by auction all that public house and premises known as the RED LION INN, comprising tap room, bar, back kitchen, club room, two bedrooms, store room, two cellars, brewhouse, stable, piggeries and large yard, in the occupation of Mr. *William Evans* at a rental of £18 per annum.”

RED LION

35, Maughan Street, QUARRY BANK

OWNERS

G. Nock
Nock's Brewery Co. Ltd. (acquired c.1935)

LICENSEES

Thomas Bloomer [1871] – **1878**);
George Nock (**1878 – 1883**);
Thomas Bloomer (**1883 – 1884**);
Edward Brittain (**1884 – 1895**);
James Street Jnr. (**1895 – 1897**);
Harry Bellfield (**1897 – 1905**);
John Mason (**1905 – 1906**);
Issacher Willetts (**1906 – 1913**);
Wesley Oliver (**1913 – 1918**);
Maria Oliver (**1918 – 1919**);
Wesley Oliver (**1919 – 1933**);
Alfred Belfield (**1933 – [1940]**)

NOTES

RED LION HOTEL [1911]

Stourbridge Observer 28/1/1871

“Joseph Round, alias ‘Splat Foot’, was charged with having assaulted Robert Homer, on the 14th inst. He was further charged with being drunk and riotous.

Complainant said he went into *Thomas Bloomer's*, the RED LION INN, Quarry Bank, on the above date, when defendant went in and picked up complainant's glass, and struck him in the eye. Complainant was sober, but defendant was drunk.

Defendant said he was in *Bloomer's* house when the complainant, who was there, offered to fight him, and struck at him; but missed him and fell down and blackened his eye. He did not strike complainant.

Wisdom Crumpton and John Round corroborated defendant.

Police-constable Lavin said at about ten minutes to twelve o'clock on the night of the 14th inst he saw the defendant in the New Road, Quarry Bank. He was very drunk, and cursing and swearing.

Defendant pleaded not guilty to both charges.

Police-constable Hammomd said defendant had been convicted three times for drunkenness.

The Bench dismissed the assault case, but in the case of drunkenness defendant was fined 20s and costs; in default one month.”

1881 Census

Maughan Street – RED LION

- [1] *George Nock* (33), publican, born Old Hill;
- [2] *Mary Nock* (32), wife, born Quarry Bank;
- [3] *Clara Nock* (10), daughter, born Quarry Bank;
- [4] *Daniel Nock* (7), son, born Quarry Bank;
- [5] *Jane Nock* (4), daughter, born Quarry Bank;
- [6] *Pamiloe Dimmick* (16), domestic servant, born Quarry Bank;

1901 Census

35, Maughan Street

- [1] *Harry Bellfield* (35), publican, born Quarry Bank;
- [2] *Elizabeth Bellfield* (27), wife, born Worcester;
- [3] *Bert Bellfield* (3), son, born Quarry Bank;
- [4] *Winifred Bellfield* (1), daughter, born Quarry Bank:

Henry Bellfield, beer retailer, Maughan Street. [1904]

1911 Census

Maughan Street – RED LION INN

- [1] *Issacher Willetts* (36), chainmaker and publican, born Mary Back, Staffordshire;
 - [2] *Lily Willetts* (34), wife, married 12 years, helping in the business, born Mary Back, Staffordshire;
 - [3] *Issacher Willetts* (11), son, school, born Mary Back, Staffordshire;
 - [4] *Lily Willetts* (9), daughter, school, born Mary Back, Staffordshire;
 - [5] *Louisa Willetts* (6), daughter, school, born Mary Back, Staffordshire;
 - [6] *Doris Willetts* (3), daughter:
- [Mary Back may be an adulteration of Merry Bank, ie. Merry Hill.]

Issacher Willetts, beer retailer, Maughan Street. [1912]

[1976]

Closed

It became a private dwelling.

REINDEER

41, Chapel Street, PENSNETT

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William Roughton [1854] - **1858**);
Mrs, Roughton (**1858**)
Wilson [1868]
Mrs. Rhoda Mills [1869] - **1871**);
John Richard Mills (**1871** - [] ?
Mrs. Mary Russon (**1871 - 1873**);
Samuel Smith (**1873 - 1879**);
Philip Bird (**1879 - 1882**);
Benjamin Shorthouse (**1882 - 1885**);
Benjamin Westwood (**1885 - 1886**);
Thomas Westwood (**1886**);
William Griffin (**1886 - 1887**);
Thomas Colley (**1887**);
Harry Smith (**1887 - 1888**);
George Lynes (**1888 - 1889**);
Rachael Haines (**1889 - 1891**);
James Bakewell (**1891**);
Benjamin Smith (**1891 - 1892**);
William Parrish (**1892 - 1894**);
William Morris (**1894 - 1895**);
Alexander Skinner (**1895 - 1896**);
Charles Miles (**1896 - 1897**);
Eliza Miles (**1897 - 1903**);
George Thomas Freeman (**1903 - 1905**);
Mark Bate (**1905 - 1909**);

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

William Roughton, beer retailer, Pensnett. [1854]
He died on 21st February 1858, aged 50.

Brierley Hill Advertiser 11/12/1858 - Advert

“.....To be Sold by Auction, by Enoch Lovatt, on Monday December 13th 1858. Valuable Household Furniture, and Stock in Trade, comprising Mahogany, hair seated Sofa; Mahogany Tables, Arm Chairs, Windsor Chairs, Choice Tall Post and Tent Bedsteads, with hangings; Cut and Plate Glass, Strong Iron-bound Casks from 56 to 500 gallons; Two Spring Traps, Counter and Flour Bin, Tea Canisters Scales and Weights, Skip Rings and D....., Brewing Utensils, and other effects, belonging to Mrs. *Roughton*, who is giving up the Public Business.....”

Dudley Herald 22/2/1868 - Advert

“To be sold by auction Freehold public house and premises known as the REINDEER INN, situate in Chapel Street, Pensnett, consisting of bar, smoke room, tap room, club room, malt room, chambers, good cellaring, brewhouse, stabling, coach house and garden. The house is substantially built and has recently been painted and papered throughout, and is in the occupancy of Mr. *Wilson* at a rental of £24/annum.”

Stourbridge Observer 6/3/1869

“*Rhoda Mills* was summoned for keeping her house open for the sale of drink on the 21st ult, at eleven o’clock in the forenoon.

Police-constable Breton proved the case, and defendant was fined 10s and costs; in default 14 days.”

1871 Census

Chapel Street

[1] *Rhoda Mills* (56), widow, publican, born Ettingshall;

[2] *Mary Russon* (39), daughter, widow, born Horseley Heath;

[3] *Joseph Mills* (36), son, moulder, born Dudley:

Brierley Hill Advertiser July 1871 - Advert

“To let. The REINDEER INN in Chapel Street, Pensnett, lately carried on by Mrs. *Mills* (deceased).”

Mrs. *Mary Russon*, beer retailer, Pensnett. [1872]

1881 Census

Chapel Street – REIN DEER INN

[1] *Philip Bird* (40), coal miner, born Shropshire;

[2] *Selina Bird* (41), wife, born Netherton;

[3] *Joseph Bird* (18), son, coal miner, born Pensnett;

[4] *Henry Bird* (13), son, [pupil teacher?] teacher, born Pensnett;

[5] *James Albert Bird* (10), son, scholar, born Pensnett;

[6] *Richard Bird* (6), son, scholar, born Pensnett;

[7] *Samuel Arthur Bird* (3), son, born Pensnett;

[8] *John Earnest Bird* (3 months), son, born Pensnett:

London Gazette 7/7/1882

“The Bankruptcy Act, 1869.

In the County Court of Worcestershire, holden at Stourbridge.

In the Matter of Proceedings for Liquidation instituted by *Philip Bird*, late of the REINDEER INN, Chapel Street Licensed Victualler and Miner.....

Notice is hereby given, that a First General Meeting of the creditors of the above named person has been summoned on the 18th day of July, 1882.....”

It was advertised for auction on 26th October 1895.

1901 Census

41, Chapel Street

[1] *Eliza Miles* (48), widow, beer retailer, born Bromsgrove;

[2] *Douglas Miles* (19), son, general labourer, born Blakedown;

[3] *Harold Miles* (18), son, hair dresser, born Blakedown;

[4] *Rachel Hall* (22), general servant, born Tipton:

George Freeman, beer retailer, Chapel Street. [1904]

The license renewal was referred to the Compensation Authority on 1st March 1909.

The License renewal was refused by the Compensation Authority on 11th June 1909.

Tipton Herald 13/11/1909 - Advert

“Notice of Sale by Auction of the Whole of the Capital Brewing Plant / Public House Fixtures, Store, Pigs, Hops, and other Effects at / The REINDEER INN / Chapel Street, Pensnett / which Alfred W. Dando & Co / Have received instructions to Sell by Auction upon the Premises, as above, on Wednesday, November 24th 1909.....”

The license was extinguished on 11th December 1909.

**REIN DEER INN, CHAPEL STREET, PENSNETT,
NEAR DUDLEY.**

TO BUTTY COLLIER, BROKER, AND OTHERS.

TO be SOLD by AUCTION, by ENOCH
LOVATT, on Monday Next, May 17th, 1858,
valuable Thick-Cool SKIPS and Rags, Iron, Tinklers,
Horse Gear, Blowing Tools, BREWING UTENSILS,
FURNITURE, and other effects, belonging to the late
William Reighton, Butty Collier.

Sale to commence at Twelve o'clock at noon.
Catalogues may be had at the place of Sale, or at the
Auctioneer's Office, Lion Hotel, Pensnett.

Advert 1858

Notice of Sale by Auction of the Whole of the
CAPITAL BREWING PLANT.
PUBLIC HOUSE FIXTURES, STORE PIGS,
HOPS, and other EFFECTS at
"THE REINDEER INN,"
CHAPEL STREET, PENSNETT,
which

ALFRED W. DANDO & CO.

Have received instructions to SELL BY
AUCTION upon the Premises, as above, on
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24th, 1909, at 2.30 in
the Afternoon precisely.

Further particulars in next week's advertise-
ment, or of the AUCTIONEERS, 193, Wolver-
hampton Street, Dudley (Telephone 56). 3157

Advert 1909

RICHMOND HOUSE

63, (62-63), Dudley Road, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

William Henry Jones
Uttoxeter Brewery Co. (Birmingham) Ltd.
Eli Holds
North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd. (acquired c.1896) [1903]

LICENSEES

Abraham Alfred Whitehouse [1879] - **1883**);
Clara Bristow (**1883**);
Joseph Radford (**1883**);
William Henry Jones (**1883 - 1888**);
Richard Hemson (**1888 - 1890**);
John Henry Payne (**1890 - 1891**);
Nehemiah Holds (**1891 - 1892**);
Elizabeth Walker (**1892 - 1893**);
Eli Holds (**1893 - 1897**);
Frederick Charles Allcock (**1897 - 1898**);
Charles Merrett (**1898**);
George Kendall (**1898 - 1899**);
Eli Holds (**1899 - 1900**);
Ernest Miles (**1900 - 1901**);
Alfred Walker (**1901**);
William Bell (**1901 - 1902**);
Walter Edward Worton (**1902 - 1903**);
John Stevens (**1903 - 1904**);

NOTES

62 & 63, Dudley Road [1881]
63, Dudley Road [1901], [1904]

It had a six day license.

1881 Census

62 & 63, Dudley Road – pawnbroker's shop and spirit vaults

- [1] *Abraham Alfred Whitehouse* (40), spirit merchant, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Sarah Whitehouse* (33), wife, born Bloxwich;
- [3] *Ernest Alfred Whitehouse* (12), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Eliza Whitehouse* (10), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *Howard Whitehouse* (7), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [6] *Harry Whitehouse* (5), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [7] *Lilly Whitehouse* (3), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [8] *Guy Reginald (?) Whitehouse* (4), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [9] *Margaret Bridges* (72), visitor, widow, born Clare, County Tipperary;
- [10] *Sarah Ann Davies* (24), shop assistant, born Little Sutton, Warwickshire;
- [11] *Annie Summerton* (23), governess, born Birmingham;
- [12] *Agnes Davies* (18), servant, born Brierley Hill:

A full license was granted on 20th August 1889.

1901 Census

63, Dudley Road

- [1] *Alfred Walker* (40), steel worker, born Commonside;
- [2] *Sarah Walker* (36), wife, born Retford, Lincolnshire;
- [3] *John Shelton* (28), boarder, carter, born Retford, Lincolnshire;
- [4] *Thomas Slow* (12), visitor, born Frodingham, Lincolnshire:

The license was surrendered on 2nd April 1904.

RIFLE

28, Church Street, PENSNETT

OWNERS

Mark Dando
Elwell, Williams
Smith and Williams (acquired c.1916)
Julia Hanson and Son Ltd. (acquired on 2nd July 1934)

LICENSEES

Margaret Williams [] - **1871**);
John George Rowbottom (**1871 - 1872**);
William Evans (**1872 - 1875**);
Joseph Pearce (**1875 - 1878**);
William Lease Ketley (**1878 - 1879**);
William Evans (**1879 - 1882**);
Elizabeth Dando (**1882 - 1883**);
Mark Dando (**1883 - 1902**);
Isaac Taylor (**1902 - 1908**);
Mrs. Lavinia Taylor (**1908 - 1913**);
Thomas Henry Hyde (**1913 - 1921**);
Charles Simeon Moseley (**1921 - 1923**);
John Henry William Warwick (**1923 - 1925**);
Richard Benjamin Baker (**1925**);
Susan Jane Shuker (**1925 - 1927**);
David Lowe (**1927 - 1928**);
Alexander Taylor (**1928 - 1929**);
Arthur Aubrey Munday (**1929 - 1939**);

NOTES

RIFLEMAN [1872]

John George Rowbottom = George John Robottom

Its name was changed to RIFLE INN. [1875]

Dudley Herald 17/4/1875 - Advert

“Sale old licensed inn RIFLE bar, bar parlour, tap room, kitchen, club room, three bedrooms, good cellar, brewhouse and yard now in the occupation of *Joseph Pearce*.”

1881 Census

Church Street – RIFLE INN

- [1] *William Evans* (38), licensed victualler, born West Bromwich;
- [2] *Mary A. Evans* (37), wife, born West Bromwich;
- [3] *Sarah E. Evans* (13), daughter, born West Bromwich;
- [4] *Mary A. Evans* (11), daughter, born West Bromwich;
- [5] *Jane Evans* (7), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Miriam Evans* (4), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Annie Evans* (3), daughter, born Tipton;
- [8] *Richard W. Evans* (1), son, born Kingswinford:

County Express 23/3/1901

“*Henry Dando*, young man, living at the RIFLE INN, Church Street, Pensnett, was charged with affixing a pipe to a service pipe belonging to *Mark Dando*, without the consent of the South Staffordshire Water Works Company; and *Mark Dando*, landlord of the RIFLE INN, owner of the premises, was charged with permitting the same, on March 1st. Mr. Lowe (Messrs. Johnson and Lowe) prosecuted for the company, and Mr. W. Waldron defended.

Mr. Lowe stated that *Mark Dando* was the owner of the RIFLE ARMS and the house adjoining, No.27. The water to the public-house was supplied by meter, and to the house on ordinary domestic terms.

Nathaniel Flowers, inspector in the employ of the South Staffordshire Water Works Company, stated that at 3.45 on March 1st, he went to the RIFLE INN, and found a hose pipe attached to the tap in the brewhouse at the back of No.27, Church Street, which passed through a hole in the wall and across the public-house yard, and connected with a refrigerator in the RIFLE INN brewhouse. At five minutes past four witness noticed that the hose pipe was disconnected somewhere about the centre of it, and the water was running to waste. Ten minutes later *Emily Dando* turned the tap off. He was told the tap at the RIFLE INN brewhouse was out of order, but when he went and tried it, he found it was in perfect condition. *Henry Dando*, the son, then came and said he only connected it for a few minutes, and said witness need not say anything to the company this time, and that it would not be anything out of his way. On the following day witness saw *Mark Dando*, and informed him what had taken place the previous day. *Mark* said, ‘You have no need to report it this time, have you?’ *Mark* also said that his son was addicted to drink, and did not care what he did at times, and that the hose pipe might have been connected all day for all his son cared. Cross-examined: The water supplied to the public-house was at meter rate, and the other at domestic rate. *Mark Dando* was not at home. Witness could not say whether the public-house tap was out of order when the connection with the adjoining brewhouse was made, but it was certainly in order when witness tried it. *Henry* told him the tap had stuck.

By the Clerk: There was absolutely nothing the matter with the tap when witness tried it.

James Ingram, Tipton, another inspector under the company, also gave evidence to seeing the hose pipe connecting the two brewhouses.

Mr. Waldron contended with regard to *Mark Dando* the prosecution had failed to prove that there was any act, knowledge or cognisance on his part as to the hose being used; in fact he was away from home, and knew absolutely nothing about it. *Henry Dando*, his son, was the brewer, and finding the tap at the public-house would not work, he fixed a hose to the tap in the next brewhouse, which was his father’s property, in order to get water to cool the brewing. Had he not done so there would have been considerable loss. At the most he submitted there was only a technical offence, which would be well met by the payment of costs.

Mr. Lowe argued that *Henry* being the brewer for *Mark*, rendered *Mark* liable for the actions done on his behalf. *Mark Dando* gave evidence to being from home from 10.30 in the morning until 5.30, and said he knew nothing of his son using the hose.

By *Mr. Lowe*: He had never seen it previously used.

Henry Dando stated that the tap in his father’s brewhouse stuck twice, and then he put the hose into the adjoining brewhouse for a few minutes, and the inspector came. His father knew nothing about it.

The Bench dismissed the case against *Mark Dando*, on the ground that with respect to the liability of a master for the act of his servant the general principle deducible from the decisions of the Court was that the master was not criminally responsible for the acts of his servants, if done without his knowledge and authority. With regard to *Henry Dando*, they would convict him, and impose a penalty of £5, and 11s 6d costs, in default, distress, or two months’ imprisonment.”

1901 Census

28, Church Street

- [1] *Mark Dando* (52), widower, licensed victualler, born Pensnett;
- [2] *Florence Dando* (23), daughter, born Pensnett;
- [3] *Mark E. Dando* (21), son, brewer, born Pensnett;
- [4] *Winifred Lander* (17), daughter, unmarried, born Pensnett;
- [5] *Emily M. Dando* (16), daughter, born Pensnett;
- [6] *Ellen Dando* (10), daughter, born Pensnett;
- [7] *George W. Dando* (9), son, born Pensnett:

County Express 7/6/1902

“Yesterday, Mr. T. A Stokes (coroner) held an adjourned inquest at the RIFLE, Pensnett, on the body of George Samuel Stamford Bate (45), of Church Street Pensnett. Whilst following his employment at the Earl of Dudley’s No.15, Himley Colliery, Pensnett, on May 28th, a piece of coal fell from the side, injuring the man’s back. He was taken home, and died the same day. A verdict of Accidental Death was returned.”

The name was changed to RIFLEMAN c. 1903.

The name was changed back to RIFLE on 1st October 1907.

1911 Census

28, Church Street

- [1] *Lavinia Taylor* (35), widow, manageress of public house, born Pensnett;
- [2] *Caroline Jane Taylor* (11), daughter, school, born Pensnett;
- [3] *Florence Morgen* (20), domestic servant, born Wednesfield:

Conveyance dated 2/7/1934

“All that plot of land situate at Pensnett aforesaid having a frontage of twenty one yards to Church Street and containing at the back two yards six inches adjoining land of _____ and adjoining on the one side to land of _____ and on the other side to land of _____ containing in the whole three hundred and forty-two square yards And Also All Those two messuages one of which is an old licensed public house known as the RIFLE INN and the other a private house now or late occupied by Charles with the outbuildings.....”

The license was referred to the Compensation Authority on 6th March 1939.
It closed on 30th December 1939.

ROBIN HOOD

Merry Hill, QUARRY BANK

OWNERS

Earl of Dudley
Atkinsons Brewery Ltd. (acquired c.1901)
Hereford and Tredegar Brewery Ltd. (acquired c.1928)
Ansells Ltd (acquired c.1937)
Chelsfield (acquired in 1998)

LICENSEES

Joseph Richards [1857] - **1865**);
Mrs. Jane Richards (**1865 - 1875**);
David Baker (**1875 - 1879**);
Sarah Baker (**1879**);
William Lester Hughes (**1879 - 1900**);
William Knott (**1900**);
Arthur Young Jones (**1900**);
Albert Edward Norwood (**1900 - 1901**);
Enoch Westwood (**1901 - 1902**);
Ebenezer Grantham Shaw (**1902 - 1905**);
Harry Ashton (**1905 - 1907**);
Frederick John Brown (**1907**);
William Henry Shaw (**1907 - 1923**);
Frank Dodson (**1923 - 1928**);
Annie Dodson (**1928 - 1933**);
Harry Shaw (**1933 - [1940]**)
Grant Shaw [early 1950's]
Ray Hingley (**1968 - 1991**)
Rita France [1994]
John Martin Rubery [1994]
Ken Lavender [] - **2003**):

NOTES

It was originally called LITTLE JOHN.
The name was changed to ROBIN HOOD c.1875.

It had a bowling green.

Joseph Richards = Joseph Richard

Brierley Hill Advertiser 2/5/1857 - Advert

"The proprietor [Mr. J. Richards], in returning thanks for past favours, begs to announce that these Gardens will be opened for the season on Monday, May 4th 1857, upon which occasion a Grand Gala will take place. Messrs. Westwood and Bowman's Brass and String Bands will be in attendance for Dancing On The Green. To conclude with a Grand Display of Fireworks by Professor Dutton. Dancing to commence at three o'clock. Admission 6d each. Children 3d. Tea will be provided for Visitors, which, with other Refreshments, may be had on the most reasonable terms."

OPENING OF THE ROBIN HOOD TEA AND PLEASURE GARDENS, MERRY HILL.

PROPRIETOR, J. RICHARDS.

The Proprietor, in returning thanks for past favours, begs to announce that these Gardens will be OPENED FOR THE SEASON on MONDAY, May the 3rd, 1857, upon which occasion a GRAND GALA will take place. Messrs. Westwood and Bowman's Brass and String BANDS will be in attendance for DANCING ON THE GREEN. To conclude with a Grand Display of FIREWORKS, by Professor Dutton. Dancing to commence at THREE o'clock.

ADMISSION, Sixpence each; Children, Three-pence. Tea will be provided for Visitors, which, with other Refreshments, may be had on the most reasonable terms.

Advert 1857

ROBIN HOOD GARDENS, MERRY HILL.

PROPRIETOR - - - Mr. J. RICHARDS.

MR. J. RICHARDS begs to announce that a GRAND FETE and GALA will be held in the above Grounds, on MONDAY, May 2, 1864. Mr. J. Wooldrige's Brass and String BAND is engaged, and will perform some of the most popular Dance Music of the day. BALLOONS will ascend at intervals during the Evening. A Grand Display of FIREWORKS will be given by Professor Heaton, of Cradley Heath, who has taken out a license to manufacture all kinds of Fireworks. For further particulars see Bills.

Advert 1864

GRAND GALA AND FETE!

ROBIN HOOD GARDENS, MERRY HILL,

PROPRIETRESS, MRS. RICHARDS.

MRS. RICHARDS begs most respectfully to inform her numerous Friends and the Public generally, that she intends holding a Grand GALA and Rural Fete Ohampetre, in the elegant grounds at the above house, on Monday, July the 10th, 1865, when she earnestly solicits a liberal share of their patronage and support on the occasion.

An Efficient BRASS and STRING BAND is engaged, and will play all the newest music of the day for the Dancing on the Green.

During the day several BALLOONS will ascend. In the course of the Evening, Mr. LYONS, of Birmingham, the celebrated Skate, Clog, and Fatten Dancer, will introduce the whole of his wonderful performances.

The "SHEFFIELD HARRY," *alias* the "LITTLE WONDER," will do the Davenport Brothers' Trick.

The BROTHERS EGGES, Clog and Pump Dancers, will appear accompanied by SMART, of London.

The ILLUMINATIONS on this Evening will be Peerless, Dazzling and Impressive, and unsurpassable interest and splendour, producing a Blaze of Light. Thousands of sparkling Lamps will be so arranged in the trees and among the shrubs and flowers as to realize a complete Fairy Scene of Oriental Enchantment.

The amusements will conclude with a brilliant and extensive display of FIREWORKS, by Mr. H. Heaton, of Cradley Heath.

Doors open at Three o'clock, Dancing to commence at Four precisely.

Admission 6d. each. Choice Ales, Wines, Spirits, Porter, and Refreshment of the Best Quality.

Advert 1865

Brierley Hill Advertiser 8/5/1858 - Advert

“ROBIN HOOD Gardens, Merry Hill, Brierley Hill. Mr. *Richards* begs to inform the Public that he has succeeded in engaging Master G. G. Stuart (aged 16 years), the Celebrated Concertina Player and Sentimental Singer, who will appear Every Monday during the Season.

He has only to be heard to be properly appreciated.

Admission Free.”

1861 Census

Salt Well Coppies

[1] *Joseph Richards* (66), glass cutter and publican, born Sedgley;

[2] *Jane Richards* (59), wife, born Dudley:

Stourbridge Observer 23/4/1864 - Advert

“ROBIN HOOD Gardens, Merry Hill / Proprietor – Mr. *J. Richards* / Mr. *J. Richards* begs to announce that a Grand Fete and Gala will be held in the above Grounds, on Monday, May 2nd, 1864. Mr. J. Wooldridge’s Brass and String Band is engaged, and will perform some of the most popular Dance Music of the day. Balloons will ascend at intervals during the Evening. A Grand Display of Fireworks will be given by Professor Heaton, of Cradley Heath, who has taken out a license to manufacture all kinds of Fireworks. For further particulars see Bills.”

Stourbridge Observer 8/7/1865 - Advert

“Grand Gala and Fete! / ROBIN HOOD Gardens, Merry Hill / Proprietress – Mrs. *Richards* / Mrs. *Richards* begs most respectfully to inform her numerous Friends and the Public generally, that she intends holding a Grand Gala and Rural Fete Champetre, in the elegant ground at the above house, on Monday, July the 10th, 1865, when she earnestly solicits a liberal share of their patronage and support on the occasion. / An Efficient Brass and String Band is engaged, and will play all the newest music of the day for the Dancing on the Green. / During the day several Balloons will ascend. / In the course of the Evening, Mr. Lyons, of Birmingham, the celebrated Skate, Clog, and Patten Dancer, will introduce the whole of his wonderful performances. / The ‘Sheffield Harry’, alias the ‘Little Wonder’, will do the Davenport Brothers’ Trick. / The Brothers Egges, Clog and Pump Dancers, will appear accompanied by Smart of London. / The Illuminations on this Evening will be Peerless, Dazzling and Impressive, and unsurpassable interest and splendour, producing a Blaze of Light. Thousands of sparkling Lamps will be so arranged in the trees and among the shrubs and flowers as to realize a complete Fairy Scene of Oriental Enchantment. / The amusements will conclude with a brilliant and extensive display of Fireworks, by Mr. H. Heaton, of Cradley Heath. / Doors open at Three o’clock, Dancing to commence at Four precisely / Admission 6d each. / Choice Ales, Wines, Spirits, Porter, and Refreshment of the Best Quality.”

Stourbridge Observer 15/7/1865 - Advert

“Fete At The ROBIN HOOD Gardens. On Monday last according to announcement a Grand Gala and rural Fete Champetre, was held in the above picturesque gardens. The attendance was not so good as usual, but the cause of it was no doubt that there were picnics and tea meetings in different parts on that day. Mrs. *Richards* engaged an efficient brass and string band.....”

[This article continues with a list of the attractions mentioned in the above advert.]

Stourbridge Observer 1/5/1869

“At the Petty Sessions, on Thursday last, before I. Spooner, Esq, Stipendiary, Mary Parfoot was charged by Mary Pargeter with assaulting her on the 23rd ult. Mr. Addison appeared for complainant, and Mr. Holberton for the defendant.

Complainant said that on the above date she was returning from a visit at Netherton. Defendant was walking on one side of the road with a man close to her, and followed her to Merry Hill Bridge. She was crossing the road to go up the railway, when the defendant said to her, ‘You are just the b—— I want to see.’ I told her she was mistaken. She then accused me of being familiar with her husband, struck me, and knocked me down. I got up again, and ran towards the ROBIN HOOD. Defendant ran after me and struck me in the face, and I became insensible. The man was holding me at the time she beat me. When I came to myself I was getting up, when defendant said, ‘You are not dead yet,’ and beat me again, and then left me lying on the ground. I got up and went to my sister’s house, and stayed till Saturday. My head was also cut. I went home on the Saturday night.

Sarah Danks, sister to the complainant, said her sister left her house about half past seven o'clock, and returned again about nine o'clock. Witness did not know her for some time, her face being so bruised and covered with blood. This being the evidence for the complainant, Mr. Holberton said he would not trouble the Bench with a speech, but would call a witness to prove that complainant struck the first blow, and that they fought through some jealousy.

Esther Holt, servant at the ROBIN HOOD, said she saw both parties in the road; one on each side of the road. She saw complainant cross the road to go to the defendant, and strike her first on the breast, and they both fought. A Mr. Barnsley came out of the house, when complainant caught hold of him, threw him down, and broke his finger. This witness was examined at some length by the Bench, and her evidence was very contradictory, the Bench telling her that she had disgraced herself in Court.

Ketward Daw said she was with the last witness, and saw both parties coming up the road. Complainant struck the defendant, and they fought. Complainant's eye was blackened through falling on some stones. Complainant pulled a man down, and broke his finger.

Aaron Barnsley, chainmaker, residing at the ROBIN HOOD, said that on the above date he was down the ROBIN HOOD garden. He heard a noise, and went to ascertain what was the cause of it, when he saw the two women scrambling in the road by the side of the bank. He asked what was the matter, when one of the women loosed the other, ran to him, and caught hold of him by the back. He told her to go away, that he would have nothing to do with the quarrel, turned round, and in doing so caught his foot against something, fell down, and hurt his finger. He then went to the surgeon to see what was the matter with it.

By the Bench: Complainant was against the bank. It is not true that Mrs. Pargeter was down when I came up.

Mr. Spooner said that the evidence of Mary Pargeter was not disproved. She was met at Merry Hill and was assaulted. She went to the ROBIN HOOD. She was again attacked, beaten, knocked down, kicked, and illused. The evidence of the sister described the state she was in when she came to her house, being covered with blood.

The learned Stipendiary then referred to witness for the defence. He said it had seldom been his lot to hear such contradictory evidence in a Court as he had heard that morning. He was of opinion that it was a very bad assault, and fined defendant £5 and costs; in default three months' imprisonment."

Stourbridge Observer 28/8/1869 - Advert

"ROBIN HOOD Pleasure Grounds. These famed grounds will again be the scene of gaiety on Monday next, the 30th instant. On this occasion an excellent programme is announced, including promenade concerts by the Dudley and Worcestershire Band (reed and brass) under the direction of Mr. W. Field, Bandmaster, who appear for the first time in their new and splendid uniform, which, we are informed is very similar to that of her Majesty's First Life Guards Band. Vocalists of sterling merit have been secured. A Quadrille Band is engaged. Flights of balloons, fireworks, coloured fires, and a grand illumination in the evening of the picturesque gardens, with other amusements, cannot fail to draw a numerous attendance, should the weather continue favourable."

Stourbridge Observer 14/5/1870

"Thomas Weaver was charged with assaulting John Waldron, of Quarry Bank, on the 1st of May.

Complainant said on the above date he was standing by *Richards's* public house at Merry Hill, when defendant came behind him, and struck him on the head, raising a lump.

Defendant said complainant took a shilling off him.

Fined 1s and costs; or seven days."

Stourbridge Observer 9/7/1870

"ROBIN HOOD Gardens. No doubt our readers will hail with pleasure the preliminary announcement in our columns, of the annual Military Fete and Gala, on the 25th inst."

Stourbridge Observer 30/7/1870

"On Monday last a military fete and gala was held in the ROBIN HOOD Pleasure Grounds in Merry Hill, near Brierley Hill. There was not a large attendance in the afternoon, but later in the evening the grounds were filled.

Field's Worcestershire Military Band played selections of music in their usual brilliant and masterly manner, and also accompanied Mr. Tom King, the comedian, whose singing was received by the audience with loud applause.

Bartley's Quadrille Band was also in attendance. Balloon ascents took place during the day, and towards night there was a display of fireworks and coloured fire. The Cradley Heath Glee Union was also present. The whole affair passed off in a most satisfactory manner."

1871 Census

Merry Hill – ROBIN HOOD INN

- [1] *Jane Richards* (70), widow, publican, born Dudley;
- [2] *David Williams* (56), lodger, carpenter, born Dudley;
- [3] *Sarah Price* (70), domestic servant, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *John Dakin* (70), lodger, labourer, born Dudley;

Stourbridge Observer 13/5/1871

“*Jane Richards*, landlady of the ROBIN HOOD, Merry Hill, was charged by Superintendent Mills with selling ale during prohibited hours, on the 7th inst.

Superintendent Mills said he visited defendant’s house at a quarter to twelve o’clock. Went into the pleasure grounds adjoining the house, and saw between three and four hundred persons there drinking. Saw a number of persons take liquors. Then went round the gardens, and saw a man named *Williams*, who attends to them, with a barrel of porter in a corner, drawing from it. Saw a basket brought from the house containing bottles of porter. Saw a number of persons supplied. The waiter did not ask any questions as to whether they were travellers or not. He (witness) then went round the gardens to speak to the man about selling ale. The man said the sale should be stopped, and it was stopped.

The defence was that many persons came in May, on a Sunday, to the Salt Wells Baths, and that she did not know but that the persons were travellers.

Mr. Spooner: You appear to avoid the law in a wholesale way, and it must be stopped. There is no reason why you should sell ale in the month of May more than at any other time.

Defendant was then fined £5 and costs; and the license endorsed.”

1881 Census

Merry Hill – ROBIN HOOD

- [1] *William T. Hughes* (54), iron moulder, licensed victualler, born Dudley;
- [2] *Sarah B. Hughes* (37), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Lavina Hughes* (18), daughter, born Dudley;
- [4] *Francis Hughes* (21), son, iron moulder, born Dudley;
- [5] *George Hughes* (16), son, servant man, born Kingswinford;

1891 Census

Merry Hill

- [1] *William L. Hughes* (65), licensed victualler, born Dudley;
- [2] *Sarah R. Hughes* (48), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Sarah R. Hughes* (10), granddaughter, scholar, born Dudley;
- [4] *Ada Scriven* (10), granddaughter, scholar, born Dudley;
- [5] *Kate Evans* (20), general servant, born Dudley;
- [6] *Frederick Lee* (21), domestic servant, born Kingswinford;

William Lester Hughes retired to a cottage in Coppice Lane.

1901 Census

Merry Hill – ROBIN HOOD INN

- [1] *Enoch Westwood* (27), manager of licensed house, born Brockmoor;
- [2] *Florence Westwood* (25), wife, born Brettell Lane;
- [3] *William Westwood* (6), son, schoolboy, born Brettell Lane;

Tipton Herald 14/8/1909

“*Noah Dunn*, chainmaker, Scholding Green Road, Cradley Heath, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly, and with refusing to quit the ROBIN HOOD INN, Merry Hill, on the 30th ult. Defendant went to the inn drunk, and asked for half a pint of beer, which was refused him. He also asked for a packet of cigarettes, which *William Henry Shaw*, the licensee, refused to supply him with. Defendant said he should not leave the house, and caused a disturbance. *Dunn* was charged, in conjunction with *Joseph Harris*, also of the same address, with assaulting *Shaw*, who said after he had got the men out of the kitchen they assaulted him.

The Chairman said licensees were placed in a responsible position and must be protected. For refusing to quit Dunn would be fined 10s and costs, and a similar amount for the assault, or 28 days' hard labour. Harris was fined 20s including costs, or 14 days."

1911 Census

Merry Hill – ROBIN HOOD

[1] *William Henry Shaw* (37), publican, born Quarry Bank;

[2] *Elizabeth Shaw* (34), wife, born Quarry Bank:

A concert hall was built to replace a shed in the mid 1950s.

Ray Hingley was born in Oak Street, Quarry Bank in 1930.
He was married to *Phyllis*.

ROBIN HOOD Variety Club opened on 17th February 1969.

Citizen's Theatre opened here in 1970.

It was the home of the Black Country Night Out variety group.

ROBIN HOOD R 'n' B Club opened here in April 1992.
It closed on 21st June 2003.

London Gazette 25/10/1995

"*Rubery, John Martin* formerly trading as Licensee of the ROBIN HOOD INN, Merry Hill Date of Bankruptcy Order – 12th December 1994....."

Ken Lavender was married to *Mary*.

It closed on 21st June 2003.
It was damaged by fire on 15th November 2004.
It was demolished in September 2005.

ROCK TAVERN

16, Cressett Street, Brockmoor, (Brockmoor Green), BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

William Scriven
Harry John Scriven
Mary Ann Scriven
North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1896)
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1909)

LICENSEES

John Evans [1845] – [1850]
Thomas Bate [1851] – [1865]
John Clulow [1870] – **1876**);
Samuel Greenfield (**1876 – 1880**);
Sarah Ann Worrall and Ann Meredith (**1880**);
Benjamin Allen (**1880 – 1881**);
Samuel Caswell (**1881 – 1883**);
William France (**1883 – 1885**);
Frank Duggan (**1885 – 1889**);
Harry John Scriven (**1889 – 1892**);
Mrs. Mary Ann Scriven (**1892 – 1896**);
William Carpenter (**1896 – 1897**);
Eli Wyild (**1897 – 1901**);
David Thomas Holt (**1901**);
Henry Shakespeare (**1901 – 1903**);
William Goring (**1903 – 1904**);
Jeremiah Franks (**1904 – 1905**);
Albert Henry Norton (**1905 – 1906**);
Enoch Westwood (**1906 – 1908**);
Joseph Marsh (**1908 – 1910**);
Walter William Westwood (**1910 – 1922**);
Marshall Samuel Harris (**1922 – 1930**);

ROCK TAVERN BOWLING GREEN,
BROCKMOOR.

THE above GREEN having undergone great improvements and extensive alterations, will be OPENED for the season on MONDAY NEXT, May 4th, 1857.

Adjoining the above has been erected at a great outlay, A SPLENDID BOWLING ALLEY, well Covered in, and LIGHTED UP WITH GAS.

Ales, Spirits, and Cigars of the best quality, and on the most reasonable terms.

THOMAS BATE, PROPRIETOR.

Advert 1857

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1851 Census

Cressett Road – ROCK TAVERN

- [1] *Thomas Bate* (29), licensed victualler and butty collier employing 30 men, born Brockmoor;
- [2] *Jane Bate* (30), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *James Bate* (9), son, born Brockmoor;
- [4] *Phoebe Bate* (7), daughter, born Brockmoor;
- [5] *David Bate* (5), son, born Brockmoor;
- [6] *Thomas Bate* (3), son, born Brockmoor;
- [7] *Ann Bate* (2), daughter, born Brockmoor;
- [8] *Catherine Bate* (7 months), daughter, born Brockmoor;
- [9] *Rachel Barnett* (19), general servant, born Kingswinford;
- [10] *George Ingram* (16), general servant, born Clent;

Brierley Hill Advertiser 2/5/1857 - Advert

“ROCK TAVERN, Bowling Green, Brockmoor / The above Green having undergone great improvements and extensive alterations, will be Opened for the season on Monday, next, May 4th 1857. / Adjoining the above has been erected at a great outlay, A Splendid Bowling Alley, well covered in, and Lighted up with Gas. / Ales, Spirits, and Cigars of the best quality, and on the most reasonable terms / *Thomas Bate*, Proprietor.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 10/7/1858

“A numerous and respectable assemblage of tradesmen held a convivial meeting on Monday evening, on the bowling green belonging to Mr. *Thomas Bate*, of the ROCK TAVERN, Brockmoor. The pleasure of the company was greatly enhanced by the presence of the Brierley Hill Drum and Fife Band, whose lively and really martial like music afforded the highest gratification to all who were present.....”

1861 Census

Cressett Lane – ROCK TAVERN

- [1] *Thomas Bate* (39), coalmaster and publican, born Kidderminster;
- [2] *Jane Bate* (40), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *James Bate* (20), son, born Brockmoor;
- [4] *Phoebe Elizabeth Bate* (18), daughter, born Brockmoor;
- [5] *David Bate* (16), son, born Brockmoor;
- [6] *Thomas Bate* (14), son, born Brockmoor;
- [7] *Ann Bate* (12), daughter, born Brockmoor;
- [8] *Catherine Bate* (10), daughter, born Brockmoor;
- [9] *William Bate* (8), son, born Brockmoor;
- [10] *Alfred Bate* (6), son, born Brockmoor;
- [11] *Mary Bate* (1), daughter, born Brockmoor:

Stourbridge Observer 2/6/1866

“On Tuesday an inquest was held at the ROCK TAVERN, Brockmoor, before Mr. W. H. Phillips, Deputy Coroner, on the body of John Moulsey, aged 46, a miner, who was scalded on the previous Saturday in a jack pit, belonging to Mr. Wheelley, Brockmoor.

Mr. Homfray appeared to watch the case on behalf of James Parks, the engineer.

Susannah Denison: I am the wife of John Denison, miner, living at Brockmoor. The body the coroner has just seen is that of John Moulsey. (Here the jury went to view the body, which was in a frightful condition from the scalding). Deceased's age was 46. He was a miner. The doctor attended him on Saturday after he was brought home. He saw him twice. He died at a quarter to two o'clock on Sunday morning and was sensible up to that time. I know he was scalded at Mr. Wheelley's works from what he himself told me. Mr. Parks, one of the engineers, came down the yard to deceased on the Saturday to ask him to go to do the jacky pit. Deceased did not work at Mr. Wheelley's regularly. It was about two hours after I saw Mr. Parks at the deceased's house that the deceased was brought home scalded.

Edward Parks: I am engineer in Mr. Wheelley's employ. Deceased came occasionally to do the jacky pit or any other dirty work we required of him. He cleaned out the jacky pit every three months. Mr. Gould, manager, is the person to give the order to have it cleaned out. On Friday night I saw Mr. Gould, who was ill in bed, and he told me to go and ask Moulsey to do it. I appealed to Moulsey on the Saturday about four o'clock to do it. He went to the works for that purpose with me. I showed him the spot. The jacky pit, which is a square cistern, cemented, is 18½ feet deep. It was the duty of deceased while cleaning the jacky pit to send up the mud in buckets. There is a pump works in the jacky pit to send the water back into the canal. The dirt and refuse gathers there, and it must be got out. Deceased had to put the dirt into the buckets with a shovel. The buckets had to be drawn up by hand. I saw deceased go down. He went down by means of set-offs, in the brick work. Three men named John Perry, Moore, and Early, were there to carry the mud away. Before I left him I gave him a plug to drive into the connecting pipe from the wild fly pit to prevent hot water coming in upon him. I do not know whether he put the plug in, but I gave him a hammer to do so. When the plug is in, the water is carried off by a drain into the brook. When I left deceased I told him to leave the plug in till Monday. The water to get into the pit must come from the boiler. There is only one boiler, that is the boiler connected with the forge engine, which is about 50 yards distant. My son James was the engineer on duty on Saturday afternoon. My son was present when deceased went down the jacky pit. If the engineer tapped the boiler the water would run in the direction of the jacky pit. I directed my son not to tap the boiler until the job was done. My son has done this job for years.

By Mr. Homfray: The deceased has cleaned out the jacky pit for 10 years. Whoever goes down for that purpose it is his duty to put in the plug. The plug is not used to keep the hot water back particularly, but to keep the place dry while it is being cleaned out.

By the coroner: When the plug is in the force of water that can be brought to bear on the plug is only 18 square inches. No water, either hot or cold, could have come into the jacky pit if the plug had been driven in fast.

By a juror: If the plug had been put in right it would not have come out for twelve months as the wood would swell and tighten.

John Perry: I am a labourer, and was present when deceased went into the jacky pit. When I drew up the last bucket from him he said, 'keep it out, I've done.' I had no sooner got the bucket out than in burst the water. I saw the steam rise from the jacky pit and heard deceased say 'Oh. I am scalded.' I told him to hold fast, and I let down a rope and drew him out. The water was all coming out of the pipe leading from the fly-wheel pit. I did not report to the engineer that the work was done. I was at the top of the jacky pit when deceased knocked the plug in. Deceased kept the hammer down with him. Edward Parks told the deceased to leave the plug in till Monday. If the boiler was tapped and the plug was in the pipe, the water would not go into the jacky pit, but in the fly-wheel pit. The engineer ought not to have tapped the boiler till the deceased was out. James Parks was the engineer on duty at the time deceased was scalded and before. I did not see James after the man was scalded. I did not hear Mr. Parks give his son any orders about tapping the boiler. I have often seen the jacky pit cleaned out, but I never knew the boiler tapped while a man was in it. There was a little cold water running out of the pipe when deceased went down. The plug was given him to stop it.

By Mr. Homfray: Deceased called the engineer to show him that the work on one side was done. The other side was not done.

By the coroner: Deceased would have to clean out the other side that night.

By Mr. Homfray: After deceased called the engineer I drew three bucketful out. Parks had lent deceased a pair of old trousers to do the job with.

George Moore: I am a labourer and understand nothing about engines. I am in Mr. Wheeley's employ and was present when deceased began his work on Saturday afternoon. I was there when he was scalded. He was scalded by the water let in by the tapping of the boiler. I knew the boiler was tapped when I saw the water flow into the jacky pit. There was a plug in the pipe leading into the jacky pit. This would keep the cold water out; but not the hot water.

Joseph Earley: I am a labourer. On Saturday last our manager told me to assist the two last witnesses and deceased to clean the jacky pit out. When deceased got the mud out on one side he called James Parks, the engineer. He rapped the shovel and said, 'See James; it's all right here, is it not?' Parks asked deceased how long he should be, and he said, a 'good bit.' Parks then went away and I filled three or four barrows with the mud we drew out. Parks then came and said to deceased, 'Jack, I have chucked your clothes on the boiler side.' Moulsey said, 'Is my knife safe?' Parks said, 'It is.' Parks then walked straight away and I saw no more of him afterwards. After Parks was gone we drew three bucketful out. I had nearly emptied the third bucket when I heard a slam as of the plug being forced out. Perry called out, 'Jack' several times, and seeing the steam he dropped a rope. Deceased was scalded and had nothing on except his trousers. I cannot tell whether the plug came out or not. I can't tell what was the cause of the hot water getting in. I do not know whether the plug would keep the hot water off.

By a juror: Parks did not tell deceased to come out when he spoke to him about his clothes.

On behalf of James Parks, the engineer, the following witness was called:-

Richard Miles: I am an engineer, living at Stourbridge. I know the jacky pit where deceased was scalded, the engine, and the boiler. I know the connecting of all the pipes laid down there. It is usual to have the jacky pits cleaned out in the way that this said to have been done. It is not a proper thing to tap the boiler when a man is in the jacky pit. If the plug kept in the hot water could not get into the jacky pit, but would go into the valley below by means of a large drain. I should think it an indiscreet thing to do to tap the boiler while the man was in the jacky pit. I never knew such a thing done before.

By Mr. Homfray: The distance from the boiler to the jacky pit is 50 yards. It would take Parks 8 minutes to do the preliminaries necessary for tapping the boiler. From the time the engineer left deceased it would take the water about 15 minutes to reach the jacky pit. The diameter of the aperture through which the water would have to flow out of the boiler, is only one inch and a half. There is no other way in which the water could run.

By a juror: I do not know whether Parks had his tools ready or not when he left deceased.

There being no other witnesses to examine, the coroner asked Parks if he wished to make any statement, at the same time explaining to him that any such statement would be taken down in writing and might be used for or against him.

Parks then said: I was in the engine room washing me. When I came out I went to the jacky pit and Moulsey

stamped the shovel on the bottom. He says, 'You can hear it's all cleaned out, can't you?' I said, 'All right, that will do.' I then said, 'Come out, and I'll go and tap the boiler.' I chucked his clothes on the boiler side, and told him so. I did not know but he was coming out of the jacky pit there and then. I tapped the boiler, and did not know but that deceased was out.

The inquest was then adjourned until ten o'clock on Monday morning next, to allow a practical engineer to see the boiler tapped with the same plug in the pipe, and to report thereon to the jury."

Stourbridge Observer 9/6/1866

"Our readers will remember that the inquest before Mr. W. H. Phillips, Deputy Coroner, at the ROCK TAVERN, Brockmoor, on the body of John Moseley, otherwise spelt 'Moulsey', was adjourned from Thursday, the 29th ult, to Monday last for the purpose of allowing an impartial engineer to examine the place.

On this occasion Mr. Homfray watched the case on behalf of the engineer, Parks, and Mr. Addison on behalf of the deceased's widow.

Mr. Francis Holcroft, of Bilston, examined said: I made an examination of the jacky pit in which deceased is said to have met with his death on Saturday evening last. It is a square cemented cistern about 13ft deep. There is an archway some feet from the bottom, and in that archway there is a pipe communicating with the fly wheel pit. I had the engine boiler emptied in my presence. There was then a plug in the pipe, and under ordinary circumstances if the plug was in moderately tight the water could not get into the jacky pit. If the plug remained in the pipe the hot water would run direct to the wheel race, and empty itself by a drain in the end of the race into culverts, by which it would find its way out of the works. The plug was put in the ordinary way and it kept the water from the boiler out of the jacky pit. When the plug was put in the engineman gave it five or six knocks. I should not think it was a judicious thing to tap the boiler while a man was in the jacky pit cleaning it out. There would be no danger to the man in the pit so long as the plug was in, but there is an iron rod several feet long attached to the plug and the man cleaning the jacky pit might come against it, and thus bring out the plug. If the plug was knocked out while the hot water was running it would be impossible for a man in the pit to escape, for in less than a minute and a half it would fill the pit. The diameter of the pipe opening into the jacky pit is seven inches. I will not undertake to say whose duty it was to see the jacky pit safe. The engineer, however, knowing the man was in the pit, ought to have seen him out before he tapped the boiler.

By Mr. Addison: There is hemp round the plug which would prevent the water leaking. The hemp would make no difference as regards the safety of the plug.

By Mr. Homfray: The pressure on the plug would be barely 3lb to the square inch, or 27lbs to the area. The pressure on the plug would be just the same as the cork of a barrel 18 inches in circumference.

Samuel Moseley: I am a brother of the deceased, and a miner, and live at Brockmoor New Town. I know the jacky pit in which my brother was killed. I have cleaned it out two or three times, 11 or 12 years ago. I have knocked any plug in the pit when I cleaned it out. There was no plug used. I never knew the boiler tapped when I was in the pit. The Coroner summed up and the jury in about half an hour returned a verdict of Accidental Death. They thought that while the carelessness manifested by the engineer was not of a criminal character, it still called forth very strong censure. They also wished to recommend to Mr. Wheeley that some alteration should be made so as to allow the hot water to run off into other courses, to obviate the necessity of it running into the jacky pit."

1871 Census

Brockmoor

[1] *John Clulow* (44), publican, born Brierley Hill;

[2] *Caroline Clulow* (46), wife, born Coseley;

[3] *Ann Clulow* (15), daughter, born Brierley Hill;

[4] *John Clulow* (12), son, born Brierley Hill;

[5] *Ester Clulow* (9), daughter, born Brierley Hill;

[6] *Thomas Clulow* (5), son, born Brierley Hill:

Stourbridge Observer 8/4/1871

"*John Clulow*, beerhouse keeper, was charged by Superintendent Mills with keeping his house open for the sale of beer on the 19th ult, during prohibited hours. Mr. Clulow defended.

Police-sergeant Breton said he was on duty on the above date, and in consequence of complaints he received he visited the defendant's house. Saw the door opened by defendant's daughter, who looked up and down the street. He went into the house, and saw a man there drinking.

Mr. Clulow, for the defence, said from the facts he had heard he advised his client to plead guilty, but it was not a very flagrant case. Defendant was away at the time, or it would not have occurred; and he expressed his regret for what had happened.

In answer to the Bench, Superintendent Mills said defendant had once before been convicted about a year back, but there was a marked improvement in the house since that time.

The Bench said it was a very serious offence, and they were determined to put a stop to each offence, and fined him £3 and costs, with the understanding that defendant should do all he could to keep a respectable house.”

Stourbridge Observer 21/11/1874

“*John Clulow*, landlord of the ROCK TAVERN, Brockmoor, was charged by Superintendent Mills with having his house open during prohibited hours, on the 1st inst. Mr. Waldron defended.

Police-constable Hollins said about a quarter past eleven o’clock he visited the defendant’s house. In the kitchen he found a man named Capewell with a pint cup of ale on the fire grate. The landlord was sitting by the side of him. He asked him what brought him there, when he replied that he was a lodger, and had lodged in the house for a fortnight. Witness told the landlord he should summons him, when the wife asked him to look over it. Capewell lives half a mile from the house.

Police-constable Goodfellow gave corroborative evidence.

The defence was that the man Capewell was a lodger, but did not sleep in the house; and that he paid 12s per week for board and lodging.

Caroline Clulow, wife of the defendant, was called, and said that Capewell boarded in her house and paid 12s per week.

John Capewell, moulder, said that he boarded at the defendant’s house and paid 12s per week. Defendant had some ale before him, but he (witness) had none. He went to the house to have his breakfast. Did not sleep in the house, as there was no room.

In answer to the Bench, Superintendent Mills said the officer went to the defendant’s house to detect him from information received.

Fined £3 and costs.”

1881 Census

Brockmoor – ROCK TAVERN Public House

[1] *Benjamin Allen* (49), widower, licensed victualler and coal merchant, born Baveney Wood, Shropshire;

[2] *Harriet Allen* (26), daughter, born Bromley, Staffordshire;

[3] *Agnes Ellen Allen* (23), daughter, milliner and dressmaker, born Pensnett;

[4] *George Allen* (16), son, coal miner, born Brockmoor;

[5] *Faith Allen* (15), daughter, born Brockmoor:

[Baveney Wood is about 3 miles NE of Cleobury Mortimer.]

[Bromley could possibly be a part of Kingswinford.]

Evening Star 26/1/1882

“*Harriet Mills* (married), of Brockmoor, was charged with being disorderly and refusing to quit the premises of *Samuel Caswell*, the ROCK TAVERN, Brockmoor, on the 12th January. Mr. Waldron appeared for the complainant, and Mr. Holberton for the defendant.

Complainant alleged that defendant came to his house at seven o’clock on the night in question, after her husband. He had not been in many minutes but defendant created a disturbance, and said witness was harbouring her husband there. She called his wife by a foul name, and on being ordered to leave she refused to go. She returned again at ten o’clock.

The defence was that defendant’s husband was harboured at the house when he ought to be at work.

Defendant was ordered to pay the costs, and to find one surety of £5 to keep the peace for the next six months.”

1891 Census

Cressett Lane – FORESTERS ARMS ???

- [1] *Harry J. Scriven* (33), publican and glass maker, born Brockmoor;
- [2] *Mary Ann Scriven* (32), wife, born Brockmoor;
- [3] *Eleanor H. M. Scriven* (5), daughter, scholar, born Brockmoor;
- [4] *Fidda Emma Scriven* (4), daughter, born Brockmoor;
- [5] *Frank Harry Scriven* (1), son, born Brockmoor;
- [6] *Nora Mary Scriven* (5 months), daughter, born Brockmoor:

Mrs. *Mary Ann Scriven* was also a shopkeeper. [1896]

A team from here took part in the Brierley Hill and District Bowling League. [1900]

County Express 23/3/1901

“On Monday Mr. T. A. Stokes held an inquest at the ROCK TAVERN, Cressett Lane, Brockmoor, touching the death of *Harriet Thomas* (70), of Newtown, Brockmoor.

On the previous Friday she had been out at work, and in the afternoon complained of pains, and died the same day. A verdict of Natural Causes was returned.”

1901 Census

16, Cressett Lane – ROCK TAVERN INN

- [1] *David T. Holt* (33), publican, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Ann M. Holt* (34), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *David T. Holt* (12), son, born Brierley Hill:

County Express 19/10/1901

“On Saturday a supper was held at the ROCK TAVERN. After doing ample justice to the good things provided an entertainment followed. Mr. *Mathew Jones* being in the chair and Mr. *W. Jones* in the vice-chair. Songs, recitations and addresses were given by the Chairman, Vice-chairman, *R. Dennison*, *Bunn*, *Greanley*, *W. Jones*, *Derricote*, *Brown*, *R. Underhill*, etc. A vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. *Shakespeare* concluded an enjoyable evening.”

Enoch Westwood lost his job after watering the spirits.

1911 Census

Cressett Lane – ROCK TAVERN

- [1] *Walter W. Westwood* (49), licensed victualler, born Brockmoor;
- [2] *Fanny Westwood* (47), wife, married 28 years, born Delph;
- [3] *Fanny Westwood* (19), daughter, born Delph;
- [4] *Walter Westwood* (17), son, iron moulder, born Delph;
- [5] *Joseph Westwood* (15), son, steel worker, labourer, born Delph;
- [6] *Eolis B. H. Westwood* (11), son, school, born Delph;
- [7] *Lilly Westwood* (9), daughter, school, born Delph;
- [8] *Arthur Ernest Westwood* (7), son, school, born Delph:

The license was referred to the Compensation Authority on grounds of redundancy on 5th March 1928. This was not proceeded with on 12th May 1928.

The license was referred to the Compensation Authority on grounds of redundancy on 3rd March 1930. The license was refused on 28th July 1930. The license was extinguished on 27th December 1930.

ROCK TAVERN

68, (26), Hill Street, (10, Potter Street), (Chapel Street), The Dingle, (Rock Hill), BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Harriet Duggan, Stourbridge
Elwell, Williams (acquired c.1897)
Smith and Williams (acquired c.1916)
Julia Hanson and Son Ltd. (acquired on 2nd July 1934)
Brian Longville and Mark Ellis [1989]
Avebury Taverns [2000]

LICENSEES

John Roberts [1860] - **1870**);
Mary Ann Roberts (**1870 - 1871**);
Abel Richards (**1871 - 1875**);
Henry Richards (**1875 - 1877**);
Harry Duggan (**1877 - 1897**);
Fanny Selina Duggan (**1897 - 1898**);
Francis Corfield (**1898 - 1903**);
Matilda Corfield (**1903**);
Edward Fletcher Jr. (**1903 - 1904**);
George Henry Pearce (**1904 - 1906**);
George Henry Kirk Wheatley (**1906 - 1909**);
Richard Thomas Homer (**1909 - 1912**);
John Henry Hill (**1912 - 1914**);
Frederick Thomas Bird (**1914 - 1915**);
Ernest Albert Shorthouse (**1915 - 1920**);
Joseph Bangham (**1920 - 1922**);
George Edward Bagnall (**1922 - 1950**);
Joseph Murray (**1950 - 1956**);
George Herbert Freeman (**1956 - [1958]**)
Keith Evans (**2000 - []**)

NOTES

Hill Street [1860]
Rock Hill [1865]
26, Hill Street [1873], [1891]
10, Potter Street [1881]
Chapel Street
68, Hill Street [1940]

It was originally known as the ROCKS HILL TAVERN. [1862], [1872], [1873], [1881], [1892], [1896], [1904], [1912]

It had a beerhouse license.

1861 Census

ROCKS HILL TAVERN

- [1] *John Roberts* (40), innkeeper, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Mary Roberts* (40), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Richard Roberts* (19), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Sarah Roberts* (17), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *John Roberts* (16), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [6] *Thomas Roberts* (14), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [7] *Caleb Roberts* (12), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [8] *Charles Roberts* (10), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [9] *Silas Roberts* (8), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [10] *William Roberts* (7), son, born Stourbridge;
- [11] *Elizabeth Roberts* (6), daughter, born Worcestershire;
- [12] *Harry Roberts* (4), son, born Kingswinford;
- [13] *Mary Cox* (10), servant:

J. Roberts, beer retailer, Rock Hill. [1864]

Stourbridge Observer 30/7/1864

“*John Roberts*, of the ROCK’S HILL TAVERN, was summoned for having on Sunday the 17th day of July, drawn beer against the Act of Parliament.

This case was proved by [P.C. Arthur] Hill.

The landlord admitted drawing the beer, but the persons had it represented that they were travellers. As Mr. *Roberts* was relating his version he was told by the magistrates not to be so fast.

The Stipendiary [Isaac Spooner Esq.]: In this case I shall not impose a fine, but defendant must pay costs, 9s 6d.”

John Roberts, beer retailer and shopkeeper, Hill Street. [1868], [1870]

John Roberts died in 1870.

Harry Duggan = Harry Duccan

1881 Census

10, Potter Street – ROCKS HILL TAVERN

- [1] *Harry Duggan* (29), publican, born Brettle Lane;
- [2] *Fanny Duggan* (28), wife, born Birmingham;
- [3] *Nellie Duggan* (4), daughter, born Stourbridge:

The name was changed to ROCK TAVERN.

1891 Census

26, Hill Street – ROCK TAVERN

- [1] *Harry Duggan* (37), licensed victualler, born Brettell Lane;
- [2] *Fanny Duggan* (37), wife, born Birmingham;
- [3] *Nellie Duggan* (14), daughter, born Stourbridge;
- [4] *Minnie Duggan* (7), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *Harriet Duggan* (65), mother, born Knighton;
- [6] *George Duggan* (5), nephew, born Stourbridge:

A team from here took part in the Brierley Hill and District Bowling League. [1900]

1901 Census

Hill Street – ROCK TAVERN

- [1] *Francis Corfield* (39), publican under Elwell, Williams and Co, born Broseley, Shropshire;
- [2] *Matilda Corfield* (29), wife, born Lye;
- [3] Elizabeth Bourne (15), domestic servant, born Brierley Hill:

A team from here took part in the Elwell, Williams and Company Cricket League. [1901]

County Express 24/8/1901

“Thomas Williams, Hill Street, Brierley Hill, was charged with being drunk on the license premises of the ROCK TAVERN, Brierley Hill, on the 6th inst. Police-sergeant Harris proved the case, and said defendant had been ordered out by the landlord, and had refused to go. Fined 5s and costs.”

1911 Census

Hill Street – ROCK TAVERN

- [1] *Richard T. Homer* (36), publican, manager, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] Elizabeth Homer (40), wife, married 15 years, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] Jesse Homer (8), son, born Brierley Hill:

Richard Thomas Homer – see also FOUR FURNACES, and BELL.

It was demolished.

Rebuilt

Conveyance dated 2/7/1934

“All that plot of land situate at Brierley Hill aforesaid containing fourteen yards in width in front to Hill Street at the back part thereof six yards and in depth on one side thirty-six yards and on the other side sixteen yards and in the whole four hundred and ninety-six square yards and for the more accurate description the same plot of land is delineated on the plan endorsed on an Indenture dated the Seventeenth day of August One thousand eight hundred and forty-one And Also All That plot of land situate at Brierley Hill aforesaid containing twenty yards in width in front to a road now called Potter Street communicating with Hill Street and containing thirty-five square yards and on the other side twenty-five yards one foot and six inches and in the whole three hundred and thirty-five square yards and for the more accurate description thereof is delineated on the plan endorsed on an Indenture dated the First day of August One thousand eight hundred and forty-two And Also All That messuage or dwelling-house known as ROCK TAVERN (formerly ROCKS HILL TAVERN) erected upon the said plots of land or some part thereof Together with the Vendor’s [Smith and Williams] interest of and in all mines and minerals in and under the said premises.”

It reopened after refurbishment as a rock and pop music venue. c.1989

Closed

It reopened as the ROCK in September 2000.

[2001]

Closed.

It reopened as a supermarket in February 2004.



Ex Pub 2007

ROEBUCK

13, Amblecote Road, Mount Pleasant, (Amblecote Bank), BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Earl of Dudley

Atkinsons Ltd. (acquired c.1898)

Hereford and Tredegar Brewery Ltd. (acquired c.1928)

Ansells Ltd. (acquired on 31st December 1936)

Holt, Plant and Deakin

LICENSEES

Mrs. Sarah Morris [1871] - **1877**);

David Shaw (**1877 - 1879**);

Sarah Morris (**1879 - 1882**);

Sarah Millward (**1882 - 1885**);

Daniel Gill (**1885 - []**)

Oliver James Deeming (**1889 - 1890**);

Robert Warren (**1890 - 1897**);

Thomas Bullock (**1897 - 1899**);

Henry Homer (**1899 - 1900**);

Joseph Ameson (**1900 - 1902**);

John Robinson (**1902 - 1905**);

Mrs. Elizabeth Field (**1905 - 1911**);

Thomas Clarence Parkes (**1911 - 1916**);

Emily Jane Parkes (**1916 - 1921**);

Thomas Clarence Parkes (**1921 - 1933**);

Florence Portman (**1933 - 1937**);

William Frederick Clowes (**1937 - 1940**);

Arthur Sykes Waller (**1940 - 1941**);

Charles Fradgley (**1941 - 1944**);

Harry Henney Wakefield (**1944 - 1947**);

Clifford Halliwell (**1947 - 1950**);

Bertie Shenton (**1950 - 1955**);

Edward Baxter (**1955 - 1956**);

George Checketts (**1956 - 1957**);

Kathleen Elizabeth Checketts (**1957 - 1958**);

William Dennis Hill (**1958 - 1969**);

Thomas Muir Penman (**1969 - 1975**);

Samuel David Parton (**1975 - 1979**);

Timothy James Wilson (**1979 - 1980**);

Gary Turner (**1980 - 1981**);

Roy Neville Walton (**1981 - 1982**);

David Andrew Williams (**1982 - [1986]**)

Karen Forrest (**1992 - [1993]**)



1994

NOTES

BUCK INN [1912], [1916]

It had a beerhouse license.

1871 Census

13, Amblecote Road – ROEBUCK

[1] *Sarah Morris* (66), widow, publican, born Delph;

[2] *Louisa Ledburn* (25), servant:

1881 Census

13, Amblecote Road – ROEBUCK INN

[1] *Sarah Morris* (78), widow, innkeeper, born Brierley Hill;

[2] *Anne Perks* (17), domestic servant, born Dudley:

Evening Express 10/5/1881

“On Monday morning Mr. W. H. Collins (district coroner) resumed an inquiry at the ROEBUCK INN, Amblecote Road, Brierley Hill, touching the death of Jane Holland (52), the wife of Thomas Holland, cowkeeper and milk-seller, Amblecote Road. The inquest was opened a week ago, when it transpired from the husband’s evidence that the deceased was a woman of very drunken habits. On the previous Saturday night she was assisted home by four persons and placed upon the floor. Afterwards she sat in her chair partially undressed, and refused to go to bed. Her husband, however, retired, and about three o’clock on the next morning he was awoke by his dog, which had been left downstairs, making a peculiar noise, and on going down he found his wife dead. No evidence could be produced to show that the deceased had been drinking on the Saturday; but the husband stated that he believed her condition on that night was attributable to drink. That inquest was adjourned for a post mortem examination of her body to be made. Dr. Walker now stated that he had made the examination, and found the deceased’s lungs shrivelled up into a hard lump and her stomach empty. In his opinion the deceased died from paralysis of the heart caused by excessive drinking. The jury returned a verdict accordingly.”

1891 Census

Amblecote Road – ROE BUCK INN

[1] *Robert Warren* (24), brewer, manager, and clerk, born Kingswinford;

[2] *Anny Northwood Warren* (23), wife, born Kingswinford;

[3] *Caroline Warsell* (18), servant, born Kingswinford;

[4] *Charles Frederick Warren* (1), son, born Kingswinford:

1901 Census

13, Amblecote Road

[1] *Joseph Ameson* (49), publican, born Brierley Hill;

[2] *Caroline Ameson* (49), wife, born Brierley Hill;

[3] *George Ameson* (16), son, blacksmith’s striker, born Brierley Hill;

[4] *Hannah Ameson* (14), daughter, born Brierley Hill:

1911 Census

Amblecote Road

[1] *Thomas C. Parkes* (27), public house manager, born Stourbridge;

[2] *Emily Jane Parkes* (21), wife, married 1 year, assisting in business, born Brierley Hill;

[3] *Elizabeth Tulwell* (18), niece, assisting in business, born Stourbridge:

Mrs. Elizabeth Field, beer retailer, Amblecote Road. [1912]

Thomas Clarence (Clarrie) Parkes was married to *Ada*.

Plans were approved, for improvements to the sanitary arrangements, at the adjourned Licensing Meeting, on 4th March 1930.

David Williams was married to *Diane*.

[2014]



2009



2015

ROEBUCK

QUARRY BANK

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Matthew Morris [] - **1871**);
Ann Morris (**1871** - []

NOTES

Matthew Morris died in 1871.

ROSE AND CROWN

161, (91), Bank Street, Brockmoor, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Edward Harley (acquired in 1854)
Samuel Ingley
William Pitt (acquired in 1882 for £250)
Robert Harley Wood (acquired in 1946)
Holdens Brewery Ltd. (acquired in November 1949)

LICENSEES

Elijah Fisher [1860] – [1862]
Roseannie Fisher [1861] ?
William Whitcombe [1864] – [1865]
Elizabeth Russon [1870]
Richard Phillips [1870] – **1871**;
Levi Russon (**1871 – 1874**);
David Fulford (**1874 – 1875**);
David Dawes (**1875 – 1879**);
Thomas Dudley (**1879 – 1886**);
Fanny Dudley (**1886 – 1888**);
Samuel Hault Cartwright (**1888 – 1890**);
Robert Bache Wood (**1890 – 1904**);
Mrs. Sarah Ann Wood (**1904 – 1927**);
Robert Harley Wood (**1927 – 1949**);
Benjamin Bennett (**1949 – 1952**)
Robert Joseph Rock [1958] – **1964**);
William Ernest Ingram (**1964 – []**)
William Kelly (**1967 – 1983**);
Sidney Robert 'Sid Lee' (**1983 – 1998**);
Tony Pilsbury (**1998 – 1999**);
Tony Didlock (**1999**);
Christopher Radford (**1999 – 2000**)
Ian Desogher [2001]
Anthony 'Tony' Skelton and Stephanie Daly (**2005 – 2009**)
Mark Pritchard [2014]
Jodie Horton [2015]



1983

NOTES

91, Bank Street [1901], [1904], [1911], [1912], [1940]
161, Bank Street [1993], [1997], [2003], [2015]

It was originally two cottages built by Samuel Ingley (died 1881), on a site leased from the Earl of Dudley. They were later converted into a pub.

It was a home brew house.

1861 Census

Bank Street – ROSE AND CROWN

- [1] *Elijah Fisher* (42), ironstone miner, born Brockmoor;
- [2] *Roseannie Fisher* (41), wife, beer shop, born Brockmoor;
- [3] *John Fisher* (16), son, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Elijah Fisher* (10 months), son, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Eliza Wright* (13), nurse servant, born Kingswinford:

Stourbridge Observer 27/5/1865

“At the Petty Sessions, on Thursday last, before I. Spooner Esq., Stipendiary, *William Whitcomb*, licensed victualler, was charged by Superintendent Mills with selling ale at unlawful hours, on the morning of the 26th inst.

Police-constable Hughes said he visited defendant’s house at half past one o’clock, and found three men drinking. He called again at a quarter to two, and found one man in there.

The defence was that he did not draw any ale after 12 o’clock.

The Magistrates considered it was a bad case, and fined the defendant £1 and costs, £1 9s 6d.”

Stourbridge Observer 17/6/1865 & 1/7/1865

“To be let and may be taken at once, the ROSE AND CROWN, Bank Street, Brierley Hill. Coming in low.....”

1881 Census

Bank Street – ROSE AND CROWN INN

- [1] *Thomas Dudley* (54), licensed victualler, born Stourbridge;
- [2] *Fanny Dudley* (50), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Mary Dudley* (22), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Charles Dudley* (18), son, labourer in iron works, born Brockmoor;
- [5] *Jemima Dudley* (17), daughter, born Brockmoor;
- [6] *Elisha Dudley* (16), son, no occupation, born Brockmoor;
- [7] *William Dudley* (12), son, scholar, born Brockmoor;
- [8] *Joseph Dudley* (9), son, scholar, born Brierley Hill:

1891 Census

Bank Street

- [1] *Robert B. Wood* (26), pipe moulder foundry, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Sarah Ann Wood* (27), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Benjamin Wood* (4), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Annie W. Wood* (2), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *Sarah Bullock* (15), domestic servant, born Brierley Hill:

1901 Census

91, Bank Street

- [1] *Robert Bache Wood* (39), publican, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Sarahann Wood* (39), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Benjamin Wood* (14), son, labourer, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *John Wood* (10), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *Robert Richard Wood* (8), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [6] *Sushanna Wood* (5), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [7] *Beatrice Wood* (3), daughter, born Brierley Hill:

County Express 6/7/1901

“*Robert Bache Wood*, landlord of the ROSE AND CROWN INN, Bank Street, Brierley Hill, was charged with permitting drunkenness on his licensed premises on June 10th. Mr. Clulow prosecuted, and Mr. Waldron defended. Defendant pleaded guilty. Mr. Clulow said it was not a very serious case, and no evidence would be offered, seeing defendant admitted the offence. The Clerk (Mr. Wickham King) said he understood the defendant had kept the house very well for many years. Mr. Clulow said that was so. He did not ask for a heavy penalty; one of 5s and costs would satisfy them. Mr. Waldron said his client had kept his house for many years without the slightest complaint.

All this happened when Mr. *Wood* was engaged in the cellar. The Bench said it appeared to be a very slight case, but landlords must know they had to take some responsibility. They would fine *Wood* only 2s 6d, and costs, £2 10s 6d.

John Brown, High Street, Brockmoor, was fined 7s 6d and costs for being drunk on the premises. Police-sergeant Harris gave evidence.”

1911 Census

91, Bank Street – ROSE AND CROWN INN

[1] *Sarah Ann Wood* (49), licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;

[2] *Edward Wood* (25), son, shunter, born Brierley Hill;

[3] *Benjamin Wood* (23), son, steel worker, born Brierley Hill;

[4] *Annie Wood* (21), daughter, born Brierley Hill;

[5] *John Wood* (19), son, mill hand, born Brierley Hill;

[6] *Robert Wood* (17), son, brewer, born Brierley Hill;

[7] *Daisy Wood* (14), daughter, dressmaker, born Brierley Hill;

[8] *Beatrice Wood* (12), daughter, schoolgirl, born Brierley Hill:

Sarah Ann Wood was also a brewer. [1914], [1921]

She was fined £4 and costs, on 26th June 1916, for serving a greater measure than asked for.

Plans were approved for improvements to the sanitary arrangements at the adjourned Licensing Meeting, on 4th March 1930.

Robert Harley Wood was also a brewer. [1930], [1940]

He retired to Pensnett Road, Brierley Hill.

William Kelly was an ex merchant seaman and a lorry driver at Round Oak Steelworks.

He died in January 1984.

Sid Lee was married to Pat.

Tony Pilsbury was married to Wednesfield born Jackie.

A conservatory was added in 2000.

Tony Skelton was married to Steph.

They moved to Malvern.

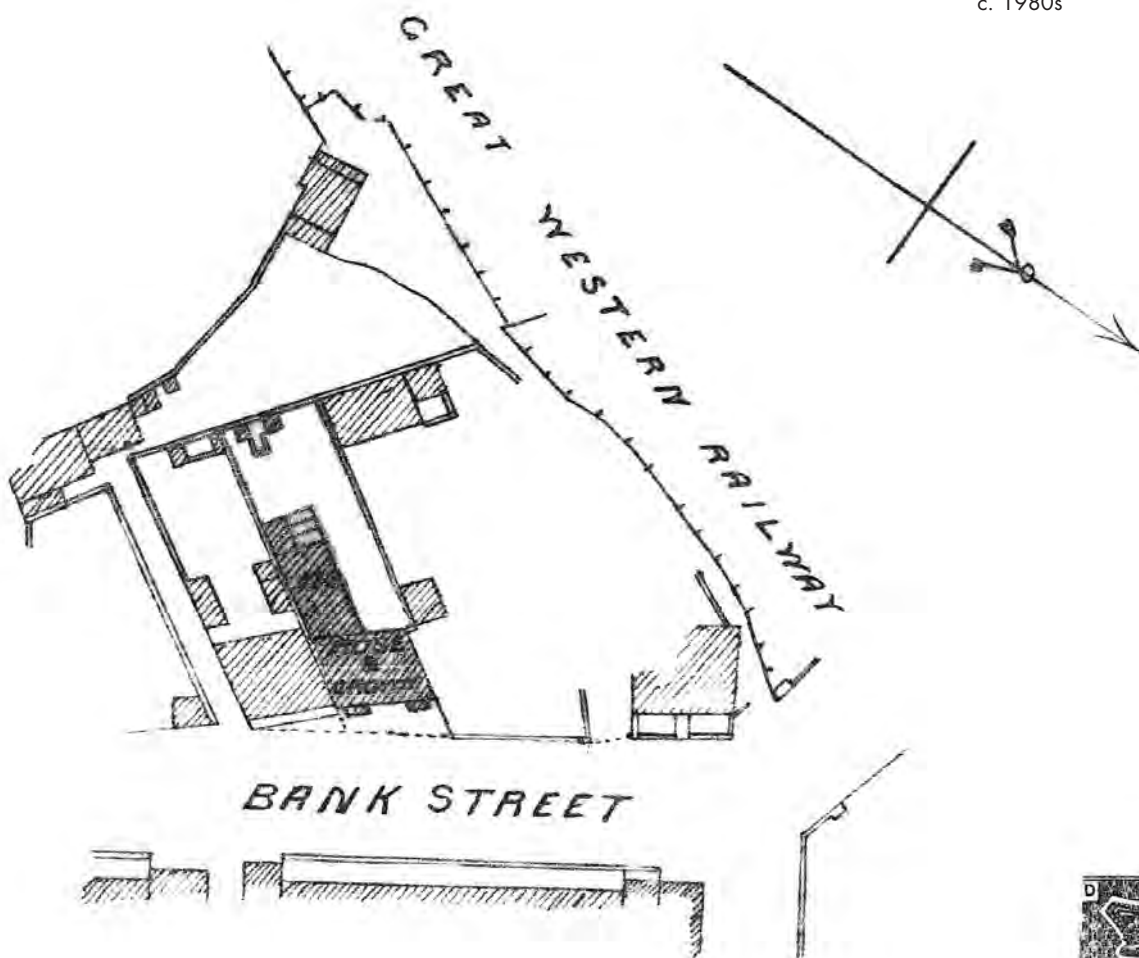
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2015



c. 1980s



Plan 1884

ROSE AND CROWN

114, Bromley Lane, Commonside, PENSNETT

OWNERS

Smith and Williams

Julia Hanson and Son Ltd. (acquired on 2nd July 1934)

LICENSEES

John Hale* [1845]
John Hall* [1849] – [1850]
Jeremiah Smith [1851] – [1854]
Elijah Fisher [1860]
Enoch Hall [1862]
Maria Hall [1864] – **1869**);
Francis Corbett (**1869** – []
Samuel Robert Williams [1872] – **1887**);
Francis James Williams (**1887** – **1903**);
Benjamin Beckley (**1903** – **1904**);
Thomas Brooks (**1904** – **1906**);
George Harry Laister (**1906** – **1907**);
David Eli Brooks (**1907** – **1908**);
Philip John Sykes (**1908**);
David Eli Brooks (**1908** – **1909**);
Samuel Parrish (**1909** – **1910**);
John Brown (**1910**);
William Mallen (**1910** – **1912**);
William Barwell (**1912** – **1916**);
Thomas Whitehouse (**1916** – **1923**);
Edward Hill (**1923** – **1924**);
John Blackford (**1924** – **1928**);
Charles Thomas Ashwin (**1928** – **1929**);
Charles Simeon Moseley (**1929** – **1930**);
Benjamin Bradley (**1930** – **1934**);
Julia Baker (**1934** – **1935**);
John Neath (**1935** – [1940]
William Kelly (**1968** – []

NOTES

It was the headquarters of Dreadnought FC.

* possibly the same person

Samuel Robert Williams was also a butcher. [1872], [1873]

Dudley Herald 12/5/1877

“Inquest on Joseph Griffiths (27), killed in accident at Tansy Green Colliery, near Himley.....” was held here.

1881 Census

Bromley Lane – ROSE AND CROWN

- [1] *Samuel Williams* (56), licensed victualler and butcher, born Dudley;
- [2] *Sylvia Williams* (53), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Arthur Williams* (22), son, butcher, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Robert Williams* (7), grandson, scholar, born Kingswinford:

1891 Census

Bromley – ROSE AND CROWN

- [1] *Francis Williams* (36), licensed victualler, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Agnes Williams* (23), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Samuel R. Williams* (13), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Beatrice G. Williams* (10), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Arthur Williams* (3), son, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Ann Cafferty* (16), domestic servant, born Stourbridge:

1901 Census

114, Bromley Lane

- [1] *Francis J. Williams* (45), licensed victualler, born Pensnett;
- [2] *Agnes E. Williams* (35), wife, born Pensnett;
- [3] *Beatrice G. Williams* (20), daughter, born Bromley, Pensnett;
- [4] *Arthur Williams* (12), son, born Bromley, Pensnett;
- [5] *Rupert J. Williams* (9), son, born Bromley, Pensnett;
- [6] *Eliza Fisher* (20), domestic servant, born Woodside:

Dudley Herald 7/1/1905

“Frederick William Smith, Blewitt Street, Pensnett charged with stealing £1 2s 6d, a locket and midget photographs the property of Edith *Brooks* of the ROSE AND CROWN Smith was using the private kitchen (where the purse was) to attire himself in female dress to sing in the smoke room.”

- He was sentenced to 1 month hard labour.

Tipton Herald 21/8/1909

“Mr. T. Stokes, Coroner for South Staffordshire, and a jury enquired on Tuesday, at the ROSE AND CROWN, Commonsides, Pensnett, into the circumstances attending the death of Joseph Henry Shepherd, aged 9, whose parents live at Bromley. Evidence was given showing that deceased was on the towing path of the Stourbridge Extension Canal, on Saturday with two younger children, and that he pushed a stationary boat, and fell into the water. The other children raised an alarm, which attracted the attention of a man who was some distance away, and who saw the boy struggling in the water. When the man arrived at the spot the boy had sunk, and his body was not recovered for an hour afterwards.

A verdict of Accidentally Drowned was returned.”

1911 Census

114, Bromley

- [1] *William Mallen* (29), labourer, carter, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Amy Mallen* (28), wife, married 4 years, born Stapleford, Nottinghamshire;
- [3] *Mary Edith Mallen* (3), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *T. William Mallen* (1), son, born Kingswinford:

Charles Thomas Ashwin – see also CROSS, Kingswinford

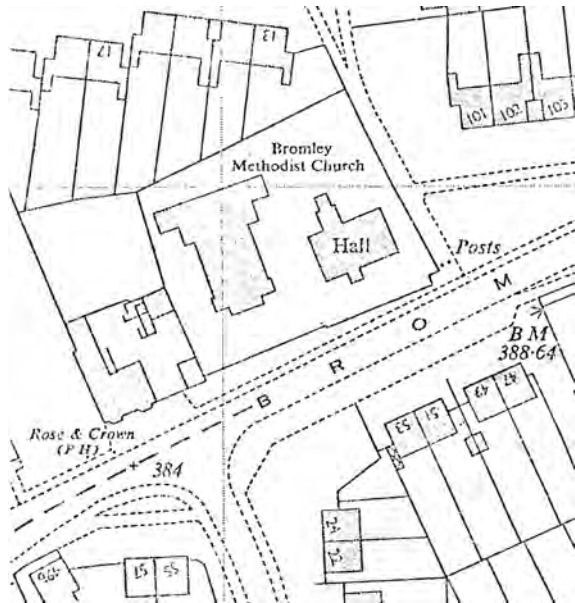
Conveyance dated 2/7/1934

“All that messuage or public house known by the sign of The ROSE AND CROWN INN situate at Bromley Pensnett aforesaid with the land brewhouse stable and outbuildings in the occupation of the Vendors or their undertenant.....”

A team from here took part in the Pensnett and Bromley Crib League. [1946]

A Cork Club was based here. [1960's]
It raised money for charity.

It closed in 1988.
Demolished



c. 1988

ROUND OAK

Dudley Street, (10, (14), Round Oak) / John Street, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

William Oliver and Sons Ltd.
William Henry Simpkins [1896]
Benjamin Phillips, Round Oak
Elwell, Williams (acquired c.1897)
Smith and Williams (acquired c.1920)
Julia Hanson and Son Ltd. (acquired in 1934)

LICENSEES

Anthony Ashton [1822]
John Bywater [1829]
Henry Hesselbee [1834] – [1835]
Thomas Yardley [1849] – [1854]
Robert Wright [1856] – [1860]
Samuel Williams [1861] – [1870]
Benjamin Phillips **(1868 – 1891);**
James Nicholls **(1891 – 1904);**
Alice Elizabeth Nicholls **(1904 – 1908);**
Herbert Bissell **(1908 – 1920);**
Ernest Albert Shorthouse **(1920 – 1926);**
Thomas Henry Maybury **(1926);**
William Henry Ellis **(1926 – 1930);**
Henry Fisher **(1930 – [1940]**
Les James [1970s]

ROUND OAK INN,
BRIERLEY-HILL.
—
BENJAMIN PHILLIPS,
PROPRIETOR.
—
ALES, WINES, & SPIRITS,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.
—
An Ordinary Every Day at One O'Clock.
Advert 1881

NOTES

14, Round Oak [1911]
10, Round Oak [1940]
Dudley Street

Thomas Yardley, ROUND OAK and lemonade and soda water manufacturer. [1849]
Thomas Yardley was also a pawnbroker. [1854]

Brierley Hill Advertiser 7/6/1856

“*Robert Wright*, landlord of the ROUND OAK INN, in this town, charged William Capewell and Richard Evans with threatening to assault him, in his own house, on the 24th ult. Mr. *Wright*, on being sworn, said the two defendants came to his house on the above named day, quite tipsy, and on his refusal to let them have any ale, they became very abusive and threatened to do him some bodily harm, and that it was not the first time they had done so. On being asked what they had to say, both defendants pleaded guilty, and were bound over in two sureties of £10 each, and themselves in £20 each, to keep the peace for six months.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 12/7/1856

“Quoit Ground, ROUND OAK INN, Brierley Hill. *R. Wright*, in tendering his sincere thanks to his friends, for the liberal patronage he has received since entering upon the above Inn, begs to inform them that he has opened a First-Rate Quoit Ground, where he hopes to see those of his friends who may enjoy the above manly game.

NB – The Ground is quite private, and with every accommodation.”

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Brierley Hill Advertiser 26/7/1856 - Advert

“Wanted, a Servant, to Groom and drive, also to manage a small Garden and wait at table. A quiet, Cheap Horse is wanted. Enquire at ROUND OAK INN for address.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 14/3/1857

“On Thursday 26th ult. a dinner was given at Mr. *Wright's*, the ROUND OAK INN, in this town, to Mr. Hughes, late in the employ of Lord Ward, and who has now become one of the partners of the Brockmoor and Tividale Iron and Tin Plate Company. The dinner was numerously attended by some of the most respectable inhabitants of the neighbourhood, and was served up in excellent style by the worthy host. Mr. H. Plant presided, and Mr. W. Onions, surgeon, officiated as vice-president.....”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 1/8/1857

“On Monday afternoon last, a quoit match, between the Round Oak and Highland clubs, took place on the grounds of the former, at the ROUND OAK INN. Eight members of each club, with an umpire, were the number appointed to play.

The game at the commencement was well contested; but at the close the Highland club was declared victorious by a majority of twenty one scores.

At seven o'clock about forty members of both clubs sat down to an excellent and well served repast, presided over by Mr. R. Forrest; the vice chair being filled by Mr. M. Pagett.....”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 3/10/1857 - Advert

“Public Notice / ROUND OAK INN, Brierley Hill / To be Sold by Auction, by Enoch Lovatt, Monday October 12th 1857, 100 gallons of choice Perry, in lots to suit purchasers; also, two 100-gallon casks which have been left at Mr. *Robert Wright's* ROUND OAK INN, and unless claimed before the day of sale will be sold to defray expenses. / Sale to commence at Four o'clock pm.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 2/1/1858 - Advert

“ROUND OAK Dancing Academy, ROUND OAK INN, Brierley Hill. Mrs. Harrison begs leave to return her sincere thanks for the kind support she has hitherto received, and begs to announce that the academy will re-open on Thursday next, the 7th inst.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 30/1/1858 - Advert

“To celebrate the Princess Royal's wedding. A Ball will be held at Mr. *Wright's* ROUND OAK INN. Tickets – Ladies 5s, Gentlemen 7s 6d. A Quadrille Band in attendance. Cars will be sent for the convenience of ladies and gentlemen within one mile.”

CELEBRATION OF THE PRINCESS ROYAL'S MARRIAGE.

THE above happy event will be celebrated by a BALL, which will take place at Mr. *Wright's*, Round Oak Inn, Brierley-Hill, on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16th, 1858, under the distinguished patronage of several Gentlemen.

A QUADRILLE BAND will be in attendance. Ladies' Tickets, 5s.; Gentlemen's Tickets, 7s. 6d., (supper included), may be obtained at the Bar of the Inn. Dancing will commence at Nine o'clock.

N.B.—Cars will be sent for the convenience of Ladies and Gentlemen within one mile.

Brierley Hill Advertiser 20/2/1858

“On Tuesday evening last, according to previous announcement. Mr. *Wright*’s ball took place at the ROUND OAK INN, Round Oak. A large company of ladies and gentlemen from the surrounding neighbourhood assembled to join in the festivities of the evening. The whole proceedings were conducted in the most admirable manner. Messrs. Alcock and Field’s band was in attendance, and performed a variety of dance music in a manner that highly delighted the assembly. The supper provided was of the most unexceptional quality, and the whole affair reflects great credit upon its worthy host and hostess. The company did not break up till long after the small hours had set in.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 24/4/1858 - Advert

“Quoit Ground, ROUND OAK INN, Brierley Hill. *R. Wright*, in tendering his best thanks to those Gentlemen who so liberally patronized the Quoit Ground last season, begs to inform them and the public, that the same will be open for the ensuing season, on Monday, May 3rd, 1858, when he hopes to receive, and merit a continuance of the attendance of those Gentlemen favourable to the, manly exercise. A free Dinner will be provided on the above day at three o’clock in the afternoon.”

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A free Dinner will be provided on the above day, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

Advert 1858

Brierley Hill Advertiser 11/9/1858 - Advert

“Wanted, a single Man, as Brewer and Ostler. One from the country preferred. A good character indispensable. – Apply to Mr. *Wright*, ROUND OAK INN, Brierley Hill.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 25/9/1858

“On Wednesday last, Mr. Phillips, chemist and druggist, of Holly Hall, married Miss Rowley, of Harts Hill. The happy pair – to use a stereotyped phrase – were united in the holy bonds of matrimony at Dudley, and after that ceremony had been performed which in the vernacular is said to tie a knot with the tongue which cannot be undone by the teeth, the bridal party processed on their way to the bride’s residence at Harts Hill, the bride and bridegroom in one carriage, and the two bridesmaids – sisters of the bride – with two gentlemen, in a second carriage, each being drawn by two horses. All went ‘merry as a marriage bell’ till they arrived at Queens Cross, when the horses in the latter carriage, from some cause or other, took fright, and ran away, the driver completely losing all control over them. They passed the carriage containing the bride, and ran on at a furious rate to the ROUND OAK, where, by the aid of shouting and throwing up of caps, they were brought to a standstill. The bridesmaids were assisted out, and conducted in a fainting state to Mr. *Wright*’s, the ROUND OAK INN, where by the aid of proper restoratives and kind attention they speedily recovered from the effects of the fright. No one sustained any injury, and the question how they were to get home naturally arose. Then came the fun play of chivalry which is so well worthy of notion. The horses were by his time quiet, and it was proposed that the party should proceed home in the carriage, as no danger was then to be apprehended. The bridesmaids expressed their perfect willingness to do so, but the gentlemen, who apparently had more respect for their necks than for the antiquated principles of knight-errantry, declined again to ride in the vehicle, even if the ladies did. The two bridesmaids ultimately were driven home in the carriage alone! and the two gentlemen followed in a dog cart which had been hired from the STAR HOTEL.”

1861 Census

Round Oak – ROUND OAK INN

- [1] *Samuel Williams* (45), victualler, born Feckenham, Worcestershire;
- [2] *Mary Williams* (52), wife, born Kings Norton;
- [3] *Harriet Williams* (24), daughter, born Birmingham;
- [4] *Amelia Williams* (11), daughter, born Feckenham, Worcestershire;
- [5] *Henry Williams* (18), son, born Feckenham, Worcestershire;
- [6] *Charles Williams* (15), son, born Feckenham, Worcestershire;
- [7] *Elizabeth Jones* (17), domestic servant. Born Kingswinford:

Stourbridge Observer 15/7/1865

“On Monday last, the annual feast took place of the Court Young Robin Hood, of the Ancient Order of Foresters, No. 2254, held at the house of Mr. *S. Williams*, the ROUND OAK INN. Seventy-four members sat down to a sumptuous dinner provided by the host, after which the officers were elected and the usual loyal toasts were given, and a very pleasant evening was spent.”

Stourbridge Observer 8/8/1868

“On Tuesday last an accident occurred to Thomas Wellings, a labourer, in the employ of the Earl of Dudley. It appears that the deceased was a bricklayer’s labourer, and was at work between some coal trucks and coal pens when a collision took place and so crushed the poor man that he died in an hour afterwards. Mr. Pearse was called in, but life was extinct. An inquest was held on Thursday last, at the ROUND OAK INN, before W. H. Phillips, Esq, Deputy Coroner, when from the evidence of Daniel Worthers, the above facts were proved. A verdict of Accidental Death was returned. The unfortunate man leaves a widow and six children to mourn his loss.”

Stourbridge Observer 1/5/1869

“On Saturday last, Mr. Phillips, Deputy Coroner, held an inquest at the FALCON INN, upon the body of a publican named *John Smith*, who resided at Stamber Mill. The evidence given showed that the deceased was about 35 years of age. On the previous Wednesday evening the deceased visited Brierley Hill upon business connected with an Order of Foresters, of which he was a member. The lodge was held at the ROUND OAK INN, and from this house *Smith* started about ten o’clock. He was seen alive for the last time near the Nine Locks pit, and on the following morning his body was discovered in the canal. It had the appearance of having been there for some hours. The Jury returned a verdict of Found Drowned.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 16/5/1869 - Advert

“ROUND OAK INN, Quoit Grounds, Brierley Hill. *Benjamin Phillips* begs respectfully to inform his friends that the Quoit Club held at his house will commence on Saturday next the 22nd. Gentlemen wishing to become members are requested to send in their names. Full particulars may be known on application.”

1871 Census

ROUND OAK

- [1] *Benjamin Phillips* (59), innkeeper, born Kingswinford;
 - [2] *Elizabeth Phillips* (52), wife, born Kingswinford;
 - [3] *Sarah Phillips* (19), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- and two servants:

Advert - 1881

“ROUND OAK INN, / Brierley Hill / *Benjamin Phillips*, / Proprietor / Ales, Wines and Spirits, / Wholesale and Retail. / An Ordinary Every Day at One o’clock.”

1881 Census

Round Oak

- [1] *Benjamin Phillips* (68), licensed victualler, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Elizabeth Phillips* (61), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Elizabeth Pearce* (21), domestic servant, born Dudley;
- [4] *Gertrude Lewis* (15), domestic servant, born Kingswinford:

1891 Census

Dudley Road, Brockmoor

- [1] *Benjamin Phillips* (78), licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Elizabeth Phillips* (72), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Sarah Horton* (39), daughter, widow, born Dudley;
- [4] *Florence A. Horton* (15), granddaughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *Elizabeth Shaw* (17), general servant, born Brockmoor;
- [6] *Eliza Shaw* (14), general servant, born Brockmoor:

Benjamin Phillips was formerly of the ROYAL OAK, Round Oak.

He was also a brewer.

He died on 17th November 1892.

County Express 24/2/1900

“On Wednesday evening a well-arranged smoking concert was given at Mr. *James Nicholls*’, the ROUND OAK INN, in connection with the Harts Hill and District Cycling Club. Mr. B. Martin presided over a large attendance, and the concert was in every way a success.”

County Express 17/3/1900

“Harts Hill Cycling Club held a smoker on Wednesday evening at the ROUND OAK INN, their headquarters. Mr. J. Robinson presided, and proposed ‘Success to the Club,’ expressing his pleasure at the meeting of his old cycling friends, and seeing the club (which is the oldest in the district) so popular....”

County Express 28/4/1900

“Hart’s Hill and District Cycling Club Dinner. On Wednesday evening the club held its annual dinner at the headquarters, ROUND OAK INN, Round Oak. Prior to the dinner, to which some forty five sat down, a muster of members went for a short spin The toasts to the ‘Host and Hostess,’ Mr. and Mrs. *Nicholls*....”

County Express 20/10/1900

“Brierley Hill Licensed Victuallers’ Association. On Thursday night the annual meeting of the above association was held at the ROUND OAK INN, Brierley Hill. Mr. H. F. Williams (president) was in the chair....”

County Express 27/7/1901

“On Monday night a very successful dinner in connection with the Hart’s Hill and District Cycling Club was held at the club’s headquarters, the ROUND OAK INN, when some 35 members partook of an excellent repast provided by Mr. and Mrs. *J. Nicholls*....”

1911 Census

14, Round Oak – ROUND OAK INN

- [1] *Herbert Bissell* (37), innkeeper, born Hackley, Staffordshire;
- [2] *Florence Bissell* (36), wife, married 14 years, born Amblecote;
- [3] *Maggie Runfield* (25), domestic servant, born Amblecote;
- [4] *Maggie Taylor* (20), domestic servant, born Quarry Bank:

James Nicholls was a committee member of Brierley Hill and District Licensed Victuallers’ Association.
[1902]

Tipton Herald 18/1/1913

“An inquest was held today (Friday) at the ROUND OAK, Brierley Hill, respecting the death of *Jane Westwood* (51), of John Street, Brierley Hill.

Ethel Westwood, daughter of the deceased, said that on Wednesday night she and her mother retired to bed about 11 o’clock. Next morning at 6 o’clock witness spoke to her mother, but got no reply, and found she was dead. Witness said her mother never complained to her of heart failure.

The Coroner pointed out that death was due to synope, and a verdict of Natural Causes was returned.”

County Express 20/11/1920

“Last night week the whole of the employees of the Town Brewery, Brierley Hill, were entertained by the firm at the ROUND OAK INN in celebration of winning, among 334 competitors, at the Brewers’ Exhibition, of the silver medal for the best mild ale. Following the dinner, Mr. E. F. Williams presided, and he was supported by Messrs. H. V. Smith, S. Smith, R. Williams, J. T. Higgs, W. Downing, J. R. Paterson, J. W. Alcock F.C.S., J. L. Pargeter, G. Priddie etc.

After the loyal toast, Mr. Higgs proposed ‘The Firm’. His mind, he said, was carried back to a day in May 1897, when with his father and five other gentlemen, he went to a small room in Pearson Street to form the business in which they were now interested. It fell to his (the speaker’s) lot as a young man to express the hope that the firm would prosper and grow to one of the great firms in Brierley Hill. That wish, he was pleased to say, had more than been fulfilled. From the grain of mustard seed sown in the small room in Pearson Street had sprung a large tree under the branches of which hundred houses had sprung up, and the 40 men they saw around the table were employed - (hear, hear). During the 23 years, they had had serious losses from the personnel of the firm’s pioneers. They remembered with gratitude the work they did during the times they were associated with the firm. In 1915 the firm of Smith and Williams was formed, and they all received a shock at the tragic death of Mr. William Smith. They were glad Mr. Verney Smith so well filled his father’s place. Mr. Williams (their chairman) was the only one left of the five who were present in Pearson street 23 years ago. To his long experience and natural abilities, backed by the youthful energies and business abilities of Mr. Verney Smith, a great deal of success was due - (applause). The employes had two employers of whom they had every reason to be proud - (applause). Now the firm had succeeded in taking the premier prize at the Brewers’ Exhibition, and he congratulated Smith and Williams on the magnificent success attained - (hear, hear). They must now go forward and make Brierley Hill as famed, for the beer of Smith and Williams, as it was for some of its great industries. It augured well for the future to see so much young blood being introduced into the firm. Mr. Williams had his son, and Mr. Smith his brother; might they prosper, and the concern grow until it was one of the landmarks of the town - (applause).

The Chairman thanked Mr. Higgs for his kind remarks. He had been connected with the firm from its first inception, and they had done their very best to put on the market an article which would meet the approbation of the working class - (hear, hear); for the working man was the best judge of English beer - (hear, hear). He was surprised to find that the prize they had secured was for seven-penny beer, which the working man drank. With the cooperation of the employes they had only to steadily follow on to get success in the future. It had been uphill work for some years. They had been harassed badly by people who did not like a glass of beer themselves, and, not satisfied with that, tried to stop others. He thought the men who had come over during the past few months to dictate to the working man what he should have to drink should not be tolerated. Beer, taken in moderation, was good for everyone, especially for the South Staffordshire men who worked so hard - (hear, hear). The firm tried to give a good article, as their success a few weeks ago proved. Up till the present, he was proud to say, there had been utmost cordiality between employer and employed. He hoped the cordial relations would continue, and while that was the first little dinner they had had together, he hoped it would be an annual event - (applause).

Mr. V. H. Smith also briefly responded.

Mr. V. H. Smith submitted what was in his opinion, he said, the toast of the evening ‘Our Brewer’ - (applause). Mr. Alcock was known all over England as one of the best brewers in the country - (hear, hear) - and it was to him the firm owed its success at the Brewers’ Exhibition. It was essential in a business like theirs to have the best men they could find at the head of each department, and in Mr. Alcock they had an excellent man. But he must have the co-operation of every man on the ground, and from what he (the speaker) saw, they all held Mr. Alcock in the highest esteem. He hoped that feeling would always exist. Brewing seemed Mr. Alcock’s study and hobby. He said he would not be satisfied till he won the gold medal, the premier prize in the brewing world, and then he would die happy - (laughter and loud applause). The firm were very proud of winning that prize and every bit of praise was due to Mr. Alcock - (applause).

Mr. Alcock thanked Mr. Smith for the very kind words about him. Mr. Smith had said the honour was due to him, but the success could not have been achieved without the co-operation of his fellow workers and the firm. It would be seven years on Saturday since a similar meeting to that was convened at Walsall. That afternoon, too, news came through that his brother, who was chief inspector of taxes in London, and also a barrister in the Inner Temple had gone to the Middle Temple - (hear, hear) - it was a remarkable coincidence that it should come that day. He expressed his indebtedness to his co-workers, and hoped this success would be an inspiration to go forward and bring the gold medal to Round Oak - (applause).

During the evening the toasts were interspersed with some charming ballads, sung by Mr. Walter Pugh, and humorous songs by Mr.....”

Bilston and Willenhall Times 11/2/1928

“The proposal that the Licensing Justices warranted them in extending the opening hours on week days from eight to eight and a half hours Mr. J. T. Higgs was the first to speak for the proposal. He said he represented *William Henry Ellis*, the licensee of the ROUND OAK INN, Round Oak, who asked that the permitted hours should be varied from eight hours to eight and a half. Mr. Higgs pointed out that by the Act of 1921 this could be done, if the Bench thought the special circumstances of the Division made the extension desirable and Mr. *Ellis*, for whom he appeared, was the licensee of a house opposite the Round Oak Steel Works.

At this point, Mr. Higgs said that Mr. Waldron appeared for the employers and men at these works. What applied to the ROUND OAK INN, applied equally to the MINERS ARMS, the BLUE BRICK INN, the ROUND OF BEEF, the WOODMAN, and other houses in the vicinity of the works. At 10 o'clock at night, men rushed out of the works to the doors of the public houses and demanded drink. When they could not get it they considered it a great hardship.....

The same thing applied to Brettell Lane. Mr. *Simpkiss*, of the FOLEY ARMS INN, frequently experienced half dressed men coming from the nearby ironworks at 2 o'clock and 10pm, demanding beer.....

William Henry Ellis said men frequently came rushing into his house asking for drink just as it was time to close, and he had to refuse them, although he knew they had only just left their work. He had had them beg for drink, because they were thirsty, and the perspiration ran from them because of the heat of their work.

At this point, it was stated the number of petitioners in favour of the application Totalled 2,393 The Bench retired to consider their decision, and on returning into Court, Mr. Dudley said the magistrates had listened to the arguments for and against the proposal, and had come to the unanimous decision to let the hours remain as they are.”

Henry Fisher was born in 1875 in Newcastle.
He was a draughtsman at Cochrane's, Brierley Hill.
He married Lizzie Beatrice Griffiths.

Conveyance dated 2/7/1934

“All that messuage tenement or dwelling-house with the brewhouse outbuildings garden ground and appurtenances thereto belonging called or known by the name or sign of The ROUND OAK INN situate at Round Oak Brierley Hill aforesaid And Also All That messuage or dwelling-house adjoining thereto numbered 1 John Street.....”

Demolished
It was rebuilt.
It reopened in 1939.

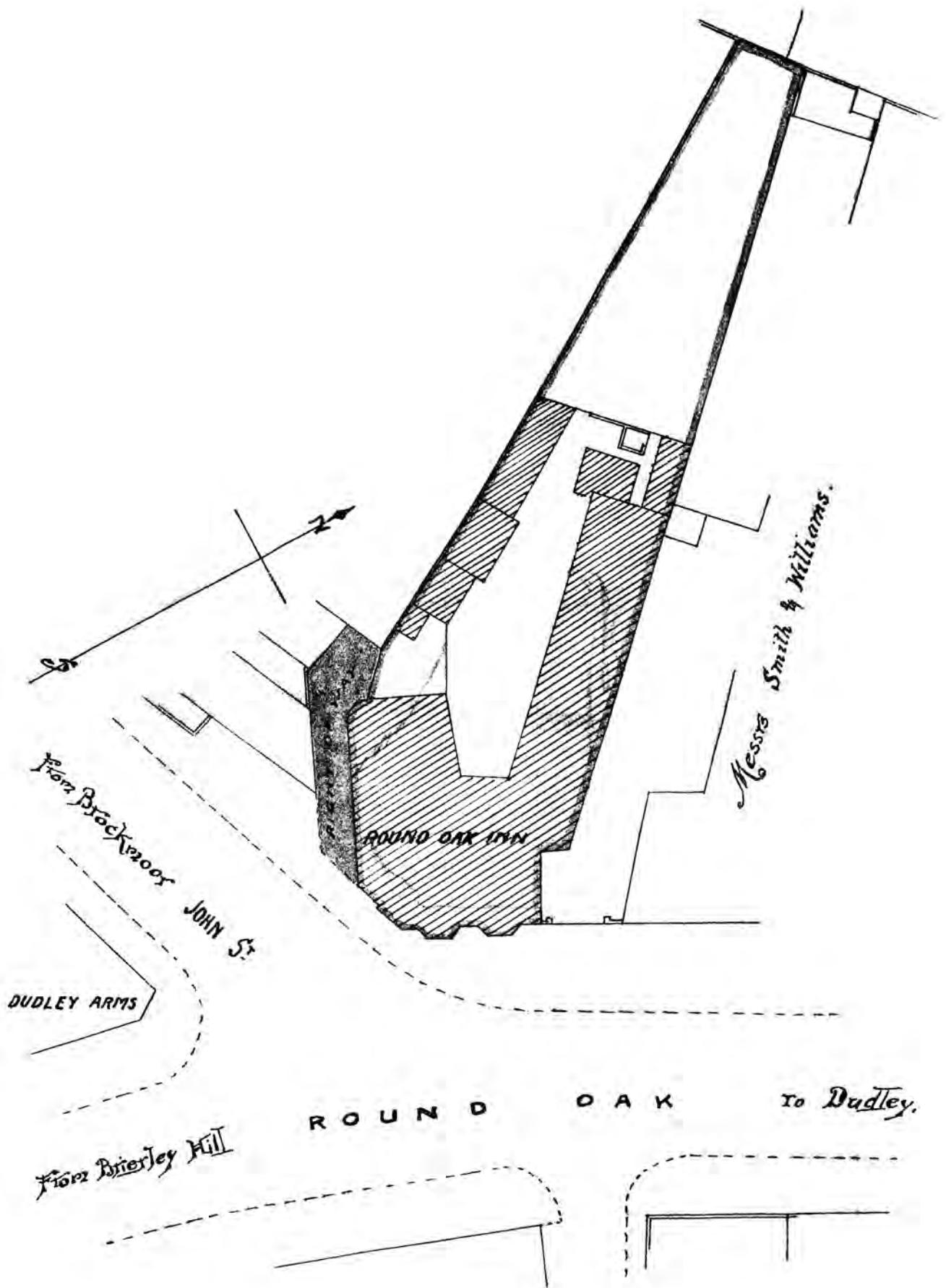
Les James was married to Doreen.
He died on 22nd March 2001.
See also WINDMILL, Lye.

It was closed in 1986.

It was converted into flats.



1983



Plan

ROUND OAK

Merry Hill, QUARRY BANK

OWNERS

Innkeepers Fayre

LICENSEES

Steve Evans [2003] manager
James McCluskey [2005]
Anthony Taylor [2015]

NOTES

It opened in March 1999.

[2015]



2015

ROUND OF BEEF

Dudley Street, (1, Round Oak), BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Thomas Davenport
Joseph Sadler
Samuel Insull
Joseph Sadler
Julia Hanson and Son Ltd. (acquired in 1900)

LICENSEES

Thomas Davenport [1871] – **1874**);
Joseph Sadler (**1874 – 1900**);
James Livingstone Gill (**1900 – 1904**);
William John Wyatt (**1904 – 1905**);
James Arthur Sadler (**1905 – 1908**);
Alfred Fradgley (**1908 – 1913**);
Annie Matilda Lamb (**1913 – 1914**);
Thomas Pargeter (**1914 – 1915**);
Sarah Jane Perry (**1915 – 1917**);
George Kendall (**1917 – 1922**);
Alice Davies (**1922 – 1923**);
George Harry Myatt (**1923 – 1924**);
John Henry Smith (**1924 – 1926**);
Harry Westwood (**1926 – 1929**);
Leonard Hawkins (**1929 – 1930**);
Constance Lilian Lenton (**1930 – 1932**);
William Smithies (**1932 – 1933**);
Sidney Morris (**1933 – 1939**);
John Thomas Hill (**1939 – 1944**);
Herbert James Challenor (**1944 – 1946**);
Horace Ernest Griffin (**1946 – 1948**);
James Thomas 'Tom' Garratt (**1948 – 1956**);
Harry Beasley (**1956 – 1958**);
Arthur Harold Bordicott (**1958 – [1966]**)

NOTES

It was situated next to the BLUE BRICK.

It had a beerhouse license.

1871 Census

ROUND OF BEEF

- [1] *Thomas Davenport* (60), publican, born Dudley;
- [2] *Elizabeth Davenport* (58), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Mary Parson* (18), niece, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Sarah Parson* (16), niece, born Kingswinford;

1881 Census

Round Oak

- [1] *Joseph Sadler* (39), publican, born Wombourne;
- [2] *Hannah Sadler* (38), wife, born Wombourne;
- [3] *George Sadler* (16), son, born Wombourne;
- [4] *Hannah Sadler* (13), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *Susannah Sadler* (12), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [6] *James Sadler* (9), son, born Brierley Hill:

1891 Census

ROUND OF BEEF

- [1] *Joseph Sadler* (49), publican, born Wombourne;
 - [2] *Hannah Sadler* (48), wife, born Wombourne;
 - [3] *James Sadler* (19), son, glassblower, born Round Oak;
 - [4] *Hannah Maybury* (75), widow, visitor, born Brockmoor;
- and a servant:

County Express 29/12/1900

“House warming At The ROUND OF BEEF, Round Oak.- On Christmas Eve, the customers of the above house were entertained to supper by the landlord, Mr. *J. L. Gill*. About 30 sat down to a good substantial meal. The cloth being drawn, Mr. W. Wellings was appointed chairman, and Mr. T. Knight, vice-chairman. The health of the host and hostess was drunk with musical honours, and the remaining part of the evening was spent in harmony. Songs were given by Messrs. J. Beckley, J. Young, S. Boden, J. Harris, and others. Mr. Edward Young presided at the piano.”

1901 Census

1, Round Oak – ROUND OF BEEF

- [1] *James Livingstone Gill* (30), fitter and licensed victualler, born Round Oak;
- [2] *Sarah Ann Gill* (31), wife, born Dennis Park;
- [3] *Annie Elizabeth Gill* (2), daughter, born Round Oak;
- [4] *Clara Eleanor Gill* (27), sister, barmaid, born Round Oak:

George Kendall was born in 1884.

His son, *Joseph*, died after falling into the fire here in 1918.

He died in 1928.

Leonard Hawkins was known as “Buller”.

Closed

ROYAL EXCHANGE

Bankwell Street, Brockmoor, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Charles Carson [1983]
Pat Murphy [1999]

NOTES

[1976]
[2008]

Closed [2011]

It became a shop. [2012]



2008

ROYAL EXCHANGE

71, Brettell Lane, (71, Silver End), BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Mrs. Elizabeth Webb [1870]

LICENSEES

Richard Bloxham [1860] – [1861]
John Chapman [1862]
George Duggan [1864] – **1865**);
Thomas Skidmore (**1865 – 1870**)
Elizabeth Webb (**1870**);
John Lowe (**1870 – 1871**);
Elizabeth Webb (**1871**);
Edward Dancer Blount (**1871 – 1877**);
Simon Plant (**1877 – 1879**);
Edward Rickards (**1879 – 1880**);
Thomas Hopkins (**1880**);
William Henry Cotterill (**1880 – 1882**);
James Brace Rhodes (**1882 – 1883**);
David Skelding (**1883 – 1885**);
Thomas Holden (**1885 – 1888**);
George Akenhead (**1888 – 1889**);
Henry Groves (**1889**);
Joseph Raybould (**1889 – 1895**);

NOTES

Richard Bloxham = Richard Bloxsom

George Duggan was also a boot and shoe maker. [1864], [1865]

Stourbridge Observer 6/1/1866

“At the Petty Sessions on Monday last, Elizabeth Payne, a domestic servant in the employ of *Thomas Skidmore*, of the ROYAL EXCHANGE, Brettell Lane, was charged with stealing a jacket, some aprons, and a quantity of other articles on the 15th of last December. Mr. Addison appeared to prosecute, and Mr. Burbury to defend the prisoner. Eliza Skidmore deposed that the prisoner was engaged by her husband as servant. From information she received she gave her into custody. Witness had lost a great many articles repeatedly, and defendant had taken both money and goods. On several occasions witness had made her pull things out of her bosom. The jacket produced was witness’s property. She could swear to it because it was not finished making, and she had stitched it together herself. She would swear to the apron.

Thomas Skidmore deposed that he engaged the defendant, but did not agree for wages. He engaged her in October but had never paid her any wages, because she had not asked him for any. The jacket produced belonged to his wife. Would not swear to the apron. He was quite willing to pay her wages.

Police-constable Hill said that he apprehended the prisoner, and charged her with the robbery. She said that her mistress gave her the jacket, and the burden for the apron was bought at Stourbridge, and her mistress was to stop the money out of her wages. When he apprehended her she was wearing the jacket and the apron on the pit bank. On her way to the station prisoner said that she was to have 1s 9d per week, and that her money would be stopped out.

Cross examined: She had been paid no wages. Her conduct was perfectly straightforward.

For the defence the father of the girl gave evidence, and said that Mrs. Skidmore stated to him that his daughter was very bare of cloth. He said, 'Yes' and she proposed to buy her some aprons. He said he would be glad if she would, as she had plenty of money in hand. She bought them, and had a bill. After a short consultation the prisoner was discharged."

Stourbridge Observer 13/8/1870

"*Thomas Skidmore*, landlord of the ROYAL EXCHANGE, was charged by Superintendent Mills with knowingly permitting drunkenness in his house, on the 30th ult. Mr. Waldron defended.

Police-constable Streeton said he was on duty on the above date, and at five minutes to three o'clock in the morning was near the defendant's house. When within thirty yards of it he heard a great noise. Went into the house, and saw one man drunk. Went into another room and saw one man lying asleep with his head on a bag. Called the attention of the landlady to it, and woke him up. He was helplessly drunk. There were from ten to twelve persons in the house.

An officer named Maland was passing, and witness called him in to see the two men drunk.

Mr. Waldron, for the defence, said he was instructed to deny the charge in toto, and should call witnesses to prove that there was no one in the house drunk, and called William Humphries, John Robins (Lye), William Lewis, John Humphries, Charles Dovey, and John Yardley, but there were several discrepancies in their evidence; and Mr. Spooner said it was an attempt to evade the law, by calling a number of witnesses. He had heard the evidence of the policeman, which had been given in a very straightforward way, and had always found him to do so, although he had many opportunities of watching his evidence narrowly, and if he had not been satisfied with his evidence he should adjourn the case for the other policeman's; but he was quite satisfied, and it did appear to him that a small fine was of no use. A great deal of crime, misery, and wretchedness was caused by men drinking too much, and here was an instance of drunkenness being sanctioned by the landlord.

Superintendent Mills proved that the defendant was fined £5 on the 10th of February for allowing gaming in his house.

Defendant was then fined £10 and costs - £10 12s 6d."

Stourbridge Observer 22/8/1868

"Samuel Baker, was charged by Daniel Price, a Jew, with stealing a sponge, his property, on the 17th inst. Mr. Addison appeared for the prisoner.

It appears that on the above date the prosecutor was hawking sponges outside the ROYAL EXCHANGE, Brettell Lane, when the prisoner took a sponge out of his basket. He immediately went for a policeman, and when he came back, the policeman and himself went into the tap room. Prisoner was not there.

Police-sergeant Carroll said that the prosecutor came for a policeman on the above date, and he went with him to the ROYAL EXCHANGE, to apprehend the prisoner. Prisoner was not in the tap room. There were seven or eight persons in the tap room, but the prisoner was not there.

Police-constable Mallen said that he went with the prosecutor and apprehended the prisoner, and charge him with stealing the sponge. Prisoner took up a shovel and said that if prosecutor came near him he would split his head.

Solomon Bate was then called, and said that on the day in question he was at the ROYAL EXCHANGE. There were eleven or twelve persons in the room. When the prosecutor came in with Police-sergeant Carroll, Baker was in the room. Baker did not leave the room at all from the time he (Bate) went in till he came out. Mr. *Skidmore* was in the room when they came in the first time.

Thomas Skidmore, landlord of the ROYAL EXCHANGE, said that on the above date Price came into his house with Police-sergeant Carroll. Baker was in when they came in. Prisoner was sitting near the clock. Prisoner was remanded for a week, bail being accepted in two sureties of £25 each."

Stourbridge Observer 27/8/1870

"..... the license [of *Thomas Skidmore*] was taken away altogether....."

Stourbridge Observer 30/9/1871

“The adjourned Licensing Session for the Kingswinford and Wordsley Petty Sessional Division was then held, when the following cases were disposed of.

Licensed Victuallers: *John Lowe*, ROYAL EXCHANGE, Brettell Lane, was called upon to show cause why his license should not be refused.

Mr. Superintendent Mills said that there had been two convictions against the house during the last three years. The first was when the house was kept by a man named *T. Skidmore*, who was fined £5 for permitting drunkenness; subsequently £10; and the defendant was fined £5 in February last for a like offence. When the license was transferred to the defendant he received a severe caution, but the house had given the police a great deal of trouble. Mr. Holcroft said the defendant was not a proper person to keep the house, and they would not be justified in renewing.

Mr. Mills said it had always been a bad house, and he had received many complaints from the neighbouring ironmasters, as the workmen were admitted into the house at all hours during the night.

Mr. Waldron, solicitor, informed the Bench that Mrs. Webb, the owner of the property, almost entirely depended upon the rent for a living, and if the license was taken away from the house it would be a great hardship towards her. Defendant, in reply to the Bench, said that he was willing to give up the house if the license was granted to Mrs. Webb.

The Magistrates said that they would grant the license to Mrs. Webb, but they hoped, as there had been so many complaints against the house, she would try to get a good tenant.

Mrs. Webb promised to do so, and the license was granted.....”

1881 Census

Brettell Lane

[1] *William Henry Cotterill* (50), licensed victualler, born Sheriff Hales, Staffordshire;

[2] *Elizabeth Cotterill* (45), wife, born Kingswinford;

[3] *Jane Elizabeth Cotterill* (22), daughter, born Kingswinford;

[4] *Edward Cotterill* (18), son, iron moulder, born Kingswinford;

[5] *Samuel Cotterill* (15), son, iron worker, born Wolverhampton;

[6] *William Cotterill* (12), son, scholar, born Bloxwich;

[7] *Susan Cotterill* (10), daughter, scholar, born Bloxwich;

[8] *Frederick Cotterill* (6), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;

[9] *Sarah Cotterill* (5), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;

[10] *William Holt* (?) (16), stepson, blacksmith, born Kingswinford;

[11] *Mary Holt* (?) (18), stepdaughter, born Kingswinford;

[12] *Joseph Holt* (?) (13), stepson, scholar, born Kingswinford;

[13] *Benjamin Holt* (?) (9), stepson, scholar, born Kingswinford:

1891 Census

71, Silver End

[1] *Joseph Raybould* (34), licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;

[2] *Sarah Raybould* (35), wife, born Brockmoor;

[3] *Mable Raybould* (13), daughter, born Brierley Hill;

[4] *Martha Raybould* (12), daughter, born Brierley Hill;

[5] *Emily Raybould* (7), daughter, born Brierley Hill;

[6] *Joseph Raybould* (11), son, born Brierley Hill:

Joseph Raybould died on 23rd August 1895, and an application for renewal was made by Benjamin Sedgeley.

License renewal refused on 30th September 1895 at an adjourned Licensing Session.

ROYAL EXCHANGE

41, Wallows Street, (4, Wallace Street), Round Oak, (Brockmoor), BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired c.1904)

LICENSEES

Jesse Smith [1871] – **1874**);
Moses Moore (**1874 – 1877**);
Thomas Priest (**1877 – 1878**);
Thomas Davies (**1878 – 1879**);
William Hill (**1879 – 1880**);
Abraham Lawrence (**1880 – 1887**);
Alexander Henry Quarry (**1887 – 1888**);
Solomon Henry Clarke (**1888 – 1894**);
Nehemiah Holds (**1894 – 1899**);
Issacher Higgs (**1899 – 1901**);
Thomas Pargeter (**1901 – 1904**);
Thomas Brookes (**1904 – 1923**);
Jane Dalrymple (**1923 – 1935**);
William Henry Lowe (**1935 – [1940]**)
James Evans [1940]

NOTES

Wallace Street [1881]
4, Wallace Street [1901]
41, Round Oak [1911]
41, Wallows Street [1912], [1940]

It had a beerhouse license.

1871 Census

Wallows Common – ROYAL EXCHANGE

[1] *Jesse Smith* (36), publican, born Kingswinford;

[2] *Jane Smith* (32), wife, born Dudley:

Jesse Smith, beer retailer, Brockmoor. [1872]

1881 Census

Wallace Street

[1] *Abraham Lawrence* (43), beerhouse keeper, born Boughton, Herefordshire;

[2] *Elizabeth Lawrence* (44), wife, born Thrupp, Herefordshire;

[3] *Georgina Lawrence* (21), daughter, brickmaker, born Birmingham:

1891 Census

Wallows Common

- [1] *Solomon H. Clarke* (37), clerk and beerhouse keeper, born Dudley;
- [2] *Louisa Clarke* (34), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Charles Y. Clarke* (12), son, scholar, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Alice G. Clarke* (10), daughter, scholar, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *George H. Clarke* (8), son, scholar, born Brierley Hill;
- [6] *Florence L. Clarke* (6), daughter, scholar, born Brierley Hill;
- [7] *William L. Clarke* (4), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [8] *Annie E. Clarke* (2), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [9] *Alfred J. Clarke* (1), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [10] *William Evans* (47), brother in law, coal miner, born Bromley:

1901 Census

4, Wallace Street – ROYAL EXCHANGE INN

- [1] *Thomas Pargeter* (41), licensed victualler and coal miner, hewer, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Mary Ann Pargeter* (38), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Edward Pargeter* (19), son, labourer, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Harriet Pargeter* (18), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Jasper Pargeter* (14), son, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Joseph Pargeter* (11), son, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Arthur Pargeter* (8), son, born Kingswinford;
- [8] *Alfred Pargeter* (5), son, born Kingswinford;
- [9] *Leonard Pargeter* (3), son, born Kingswinford:

Thomas Pargeter, beer retailer, Wallows Street. [1904]

He was also a miner. [1901]

1911 Census

41, Round Oak – ROYAL EXCHANGE INN

- [1] *Thomas Brookes* (40), bricklayer, born Dudley;
- [2] *Elizabeth Brookes* (39), wife, married 11 years, assisting in business, born Dudley;
- [3] *Christopher Brookes* (11), son, school, born Harts Hill;
- [4] *Zillah Whitehouse* (20), general servant, born Dudley:

Thomas Brookes, beer retailer, 41, Wallows Street. [1912]

County Express 9/6/1917

“*Thomas Brooks* (45), licensee of the ROYAL EXCHANGE INN, Wallows Street, Round Oak, was charged with using obscene language on May 27th. Mr. Wm. Waldron prosecuted. The case, he said, was regarded as a very bad one, having regard to the fact that the defendant was a licensee: he certainly ought to have known better than be guilty of the most disgraceful conduct he exhibited on this Sunday. He was a passenger from Kinver to the FISH, Coalbournbrook. Whilst on the car he used disgusting language, and the conductress, a highly respectable woman, felt very much hurt and disgusted. On arriving at the FISH defendant continued to use bad language, and Inspector Horton, of the Tram Company, requested him to be quiet, he refused. The motorman (John Horton) went to ascertain the cause of the bother, whereupon *Brooks* challenged him to a fight. The Inspector got between them for a time, but eventually defendant seized an opportunity and struck the motorman. Practically a fight ensued, and he (Mr. Waldron) was pleased to say the defendant got the worst of it. The motorman, however, got a black eye from a man who was with defendant. He asked the Bench to say that order and decency must be maintained in connection with the tram service, and not disturbed by men like the defendant, who became a public nuisance. This occurred on a Sunday, and he asked for the maximum penalty.

Inspector Horton gave evidence that the car which the defendant travelled from Kinver reached the Fish at 2.30 p.m., and was well laden with passengers. It was raining heavily at the time and as a lady and two children attempted to board the car, defendant pushed them in his effort to get off. He then commenced to use disgusting language, whereupon witness told him he was not fit to be with respectable people. The conductress was Mrs. Male. Defendant refused to be quiet and challenged the motorman, named Horton, who was not related to witness. After *Brooks* had struck the motorman he got the worst of the encounter.

John Horton, motorman, corroborated.

Defendant, in evidence denied using bad language. He was arguing when the driver rushed up, and after pushing him gave him a punch in the eye, knocking him down. When witness got up he received two more blows. He had to go to his doctor to have his injuries dressed. He denied being drunk.

PC Webb said he was called to defendant, who was under the influence of drink, and very excited.

Defendant fined 40s, or 21 days.”

ROYAL OAK

67, Brettell Lane, Silver End, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Elwell, Williams (acquired c.1912)
Smith and Williams (acquired c.1916)

LICENSEES

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Cotterill [1862] – **1873**);
Samuel Cotterill (**1873 – 1878**);
Samuel Cotterill Jnr. (**1878**);
William Henry Cotterill (**1878 – 1881**);
David Shaw (**1881 – 1899**);
John Jones (**1899 – 1900**);
Alfred Holt (**1900 – 1905**);
Arthur Holt (**1905 – 1910**);
Mark Bate (**1910 – 1911**);
Edwin Herbert Barker (**1911 – 1912**);
Frank Hill (**1912 – 1913**);
Walter Phillips (**1913 – 1915**);
Alexander Hadley (**1915**);
Henry Hodnett (**1915 – 1920**);
George Workman (**1920 – 1921**);
George William Henry Barwell (**1921 – 1926**):

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It was originally known as the BOARD. [1873]

It had a beerhouse license.

Mary E. Cotterill = Mary E. Cottrell

Mary E. Cottrell, retailer of beer, Brettell Lane. [1862]

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Cotterill, beer retailer, Brettell Lane. [1868]

1881 Census

Brettell Lane

- [1] *David Shaw* (40), publican, born Cradley;
- [2] *Elizabeth Shaw* (40), wife, born Cradley;
- [3] *Hannah Shaw* (18), daughter, born Cradley;
- [4] *Josiah Shaw* (13), son, scholar, born Cradley;
- [5] *Elizabeth Shaw* (11), daughter, scholar, born Cradley;
- [6] *Margaret Shaw* (9), daughter, scholar, born Amblecote;
- [7] *Phoebe Shaw* (5), daughter, scholar, born Amblecote;
- [8] *Eliza Shaw* (3), daughter, born Amblecote;
- [9] *Henry Shaw* (1), son, born Amblecote;
- [10] *Henry Hand* (25), son in law, butcher, born Kingswinford;
- [11] *Alice Hand* (21), daughter, born Cradley;
- [12] *John Hand* (1 month), grandson, born Kingswinford:

1901 Census

67, Brettell Lane

- [1] *Alfred Holt* (49), publican, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Isabella Holt* (49), wife, born Quarry Bank;
- [3] *Thomas A. Holt* (24), boarder, engineer, born Delph;
- [4] *Dora Lottie Holt* (22), born Amblecote;
- [5] *Annie Holt* (22), boarder, married, born Round Oak;
- [6] *Ethel Holt* (7 months), born Lye:

1911 Census

Brettell Lane – ROYAL OAK INN

- [1] *Mark Bate* (35), electric crane driver and licensed victualler, born Woodside;
- [2] *Mary Bate* (42), wife, married 8 years, born Woodside:

Edwin Herbert Barker was known as 'Herbert'.

Edwin Herbert Barker, beer retailer, Brettell Lane. [1912]

George Workman, beer retailer, Silver End. [1921]

The license was referred to the Compensation Authority on 1st March 1926.

The license renewal was refused on 28th June 1926.

The license was extinguished on 31st December 1926.

Conveyance dated 2/7/1934

“All that messuage tenement or public-house known as The VINE INN with the land outbuildings yards and appurtenances thereto belonging situate lying and being Brettell Lane aforesaid all which said premises are bounded on the South by Brettell Lane main road on the North by a path or footway formerly leading to a draw well which had been filled up on the East by a messuage and premises formerly belonging to George Wassell but now to _____ and on the West by a messuage and premises formerly known as the ROYAL OAK belonging to Harry Jenkins.....”

ROYAL OAK

Dudley Road, (10, Round Oak), BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Edward Smithyman
William Henry Simpkins (acquired with land on 21st August 1869)
North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd. (acquired in July 1896)
Elwell, Williams (acquired in 1897)
Smith and Williams
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1909)

LICENSEES

Edward Smithyman [1849] – [1862]
Benjamin Phillips [1864] – **1868**);
William Henry Simpkins (**1868 – 1901**);
William Paskin Simpkins [1901]
Richard Clarke (**1901**);
Thomas Banks (**1901 – 1908**);
Samuel Insull (**1908**);
George Radbourne (**1908 – 1909**);
Joseph Bratt (**1909 – 1911**);
Mrs. Alice Holloway (**1911 – 1912**);
Elizabeth Duncombe (**1912**);
Claude Hunt (**1912 – 1913**);
Thomas Henry Maybury (**1913 – 1926**);
William Baker (**1926**);
Rose Emery (**1926 – 1927**);

SICK AND DRAW CLUB,
ROYAL OAK INN BRIERLEY-HILL.
PERSONS desirous of joining a Benefit Society
are invited to inspect the Rules of the above,
which is now in a most prosperous condition.
Apply to Mr. E. SMITHYMAN.

Advert 1867

ROYAL OAK HOTEL,
ROUND OAK, BRIERLEY HILL,
B. PHILLIPS, PROPRIETOR.
B. P. begs to inform his Friends and the Public that his House is now
replete with every accommodation.
Wines, Spirits, Home-brewed Ales, Cigars, &c. of the choicest and best qualities.
AN ORDINARY EVERY DAY AT ONE O'CLOCK.

Advert 1865

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Edward Smithyman, beer retailer and shopkeeper, Round Oak. [1849], [1850]

Brierley Hill Advertiser 16/2/1856 - Advert

“Unreserved Sale at the ROYAL OAK, Round Oak, Brierley Hill. To be sold by auction by Mr. Dethridge, on Monday next, February 18th, 1856, the whole of the Household Furniture belonging to Mr. John Nokes, who has left the neighbourhood, and removed them to Mr. *E. Smithyman*'s, the above Inn, for convenience of sale.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 24/10/1857

“Sick and Draw Club / ROYAL OAK INN, Brierley Hill / Persons desirous of joining a Benefit Society are invited to inspect the Rules of the above, which is now in a most prosperous condition. / Apply to Mr. *E. Smithyman*.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 16/1/1858 - Advert

“On Monday evening last, about thirty of the friends of Mr. *E. Smithyman*, host of the ROYAL OAK INN, Round Oak, were provided with an excellent dinner. Ample justice being done to the various joints and of ceteras, which so plentifully bedecked the board, the cloth was withdrawn, and the remainder of the evening devoted to harmony and pleasure.....”

1861 Census

Round Oak

- [1] *Edward Smithyman* (60), victualler, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Ann Smithyman* (65), wife, born Northampton, Kingswinford;
- [3] *Daesy Mlls* (12), granddaughter, visitor, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Eliza Wassall* (23), domestic servant, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *George Manans* (24), servant, born Clent;
- [6] *Charles Allin* (34), boarder, born Malvern:

Dudley Herald 16/11/1867 - Advert

“To be sold by auction by order of the trustees under the will of the late Mr. *Edward Smithyman* at the house of Mr. *Benjamin Phillips*, the ROYAL OAK, Round Oak, Brierley Hill

Lot 1 – all that valuable substantially built old licensed public house situate at Round Oak known as the ROYAL OAK INN and now in the occupation of Mr. *Benjamin Phillips*. The house and premises consist of front bar, smoke room, tap room, kitchen, large club room, 4 bedrooms, brewhouse, malt room, good stabling, coach house and all other necessary outbuildings.”

Stourbridge Observer 4/1/1868

“An inquest was held yesterday, at the house of the ROYAL OAK, before Mr. W. H. Phillips, Coroner, touching the death of *Mary Bagley*, whose death was reported in our last weeks issue. Evidence was given as to finding deceased on the railway at Round Oak, with her clothes over her head, also that a bruise was on the back of the head, from the evidence of Mr. *Pearce*, death was caused by suffocation, and a verdict to that effect was returned.”

Dudley Herald 4/7/1868 - Advert

“Auction ROYAL OAK late in occupation of *Benjamin Phillips* front bar, tap room, parlour, kitchen,.....”

Stourbridge Observer 16/4/1870

“*Job Bache*, residing in Birmingham Street, Stourbridge, was charged with stealing a parcel from the Round Oak station, containing cotton socks, lace, &c, on the 9th inst.

Anna Maria Dunn deposed: I keep a shop in High Street, Brierley Hill, and am a general dealer. On the above date I went to Birmingham, and bought a quantity of goods. On returning I had four parcels. Two were given to the guard, and two I had charge of, and left about four o'clock for Brierley Hill. When I left the station I missed the parcel, which contained a quantity of cotton socks, laces, and other articles. The parcel was directed ‘Mrs. Dunn, passenger to Brierley Hill’ and worth £1 8s 8d.

William Baker, station master at Round Oak, said the train the last witness came by passed through Round Oak station. Before the train arrived, he saw the prisoner at the station. The train arrived at 5.5. Saw the guard put out a parcel with a brown paper covering, and he left on the platform seat, for Mrs. Dunn to claim it. The guard had previously told witness it belonged to Mrs. Dunn. Prisoner took a ticket to go to Stourbridge by the 6.19 train; but he did not go by that train, and while witness was attending to the train, prisoner left the platform with the brown paper parcel under his arm. Prisoner had no parcel when he took the railway ticket. After the train had gone, witness missed the parcel.

George Biddle, porter, at Round Oak station, said he saw the prisoner at the station at 6.15. He afterwards saw him go up the steps and leave.

William Henry Simpkins [sic], landlord of the ROYAL OAK, said the prisoner came to his house about 2 o'clock, and left about ten minutes past six. He had been having something to drink. Prisoner told him he was going to Stourbridge. He had no parcel with him then. Just before seven witness went into the kitchen, and found him there. He had a parcel with him then.

Rosanna Holt, servant at the QUEENS HEAD, said she saw the prisoner on Saturday night, at her master's house. He came in about a quarter past seven. He had a parcel with him, and put it on the table, and called for a pint of ale. Cannot say what was in it. Prisoner remained until eleven o'clock, when he left, and took his parcel, which I had put on one side, and gave it to him.

Police-constable Mayland proved apprehending the prisoner on Monday night, at the ROSE AND CROWN, Coventry Street, Stourbridge, and charged him with stealing a parcel from the Round Oak station, belonging to the Great Western Railway Company. Prisoner said, 'I know nothing about it. If I have done anything wrong, I am willing to pay for it.' Next morning I went to prisoner's house in Birmingham Street, Stourbridge, and found a railway ticket. Prisoner said it was the first time he had ever taken anything, and he should not have done so if he had been sober.

Mr. Spooner said it was a very serious offence. He could not help but think that the servants of the company were to blame in allowing the parcel to remain there so long, but the property of persons travelling on the railway, must be protected, and sentenced prisoner to six months' hard labour."

Stourbridge Observer 26/11/1870

"John Harrison was charged with obtaining 10s by false pretences, belonging to *William Henry Simkiss* [sic] at Brierley Hill, on the 29th of August.

Sarah Matilda *Simkiss* deposed: I am wife of *William Henry Simkiss*. He is an innkeeper at Round Oak. On the 29th of August prisoner came to our house. He said he had come respecting a club that was coming to our house from the QUEENS HEAD INN, called the Free Gardeners. He said they had had a meeting and agreed to bring it to our house, if we would accept it. He said he had not got any money to get some notes printed, and asked me to lend him 10s to have some notes printed. They were to be sick notes. He did not say anything else. He had a pint of ale which he paid for, and some bread and beef; but did not pay for that. He told me I should have the 10s back on the Saturday night when they were to meet at our house. I thought he was telling the truth.

Francis Beavan deposed: I live at Brockmoor, and am a butcher. I am Grandmaster of the Free Gardeners' Club. Prisoner is not a member of the club. He has never been a member. I have been present at every meeting. He was never authorised to move the club from the QUEENS HEAD to the house of *Simkiss*.

Police-constable H. V. Breton said: I am stationed at Brierley Hill. Prisoner was in custody on another charge on the 18th, when I charged him with obtaining money and goods by false pretences, from the wife of *William Henry Simkiss* at Round Oak on the 29th of August. Prisoner said there is only the 10s. I paid for the eating and drinking. It does not matter much; it does not amount to a felony.

Prisoner was further charged with obtaining 2s 6d by false pretences from Benjamin Roberts, blacksmith, Coalbournbrook on the 25th of July.

Benjamin Roberts deposed: I am a blacksmith, at Coalbournbrook. On the 25th of July last prisoner came to me and said his name was Joseph Timmins, engineer to the Earl of Stamford, at Enville. He said he had been building two houses between the cricket ground and Botany Bay, and he wanted two pumps 25 yards long, and the bore to be four inches. They were for the Earl of Stamford, and he would give me £20 for the two pumps. I went with him to Mr. Cookson's foundry to order some of the piping to make the pumps. He asked me if I had any money in my pocket. He said he had to buy some things in the town to take back with him to Enville. I told him I had half a crown. I gave him that. I paid 8d for refreshments. He said he would pay me back when I settled about the pump. I have no doubt but that prisoner is the man.

Emmanuel Cookson said: I am an ironfounder, at Audnam. Recollect prisoner coming to my foundry on the 25th of July, in company with last witness. He said he was Joseph Timmins. He was an engineer, in the employ of the Earl of Stamford and Warrington. He wanted two pumps 25 yards long. I questioned him about whom he was, and he said his name was Joseph Timmins, and that he was cousin to Josiah Timmins. He said his cousin had disgraced himself, and asked me if I had not seen anything in the paper about it.

Josiah Timmins said: I am engineer to Lord Stamford. I know prisoner. His name is not Joseph Timmins. He is not my cousin. He is not in the employ of the Earl of Stamford. He has not been in his employ for 17 years. Did not send prisoner to order any pump. Have not ordered him to act for me anywhere.

Police-constable John Dobson said: I am stationed at Enville. I apprehended prisoner on a warrant on the 16th instant at Stafford, as he was leaving gaol. I read the warrant to him. He said, 'I suppose it is that old man that is coming against me, and that other man that came with him to Stafford.'

Prisoner said, 'I have no witnesses to call here; I shall save them for another time.'

He was committed to take his trial at the next Adjourned Sessions, on both charges."

Brierley Hill Advertiser 11/3/1871 - Advert

"For Sale. Two large Ale Casks, in good condition. Sizes 300 gallons and 350 gallons – to treat, apply *William Henry Simpkins*, ROYAL OAK INN, Round Oak, Brierley Hill."

1871 Census

ROYAL OAK INN

- [1] *William Henry Simpkins* (28), victualler, born Kingswinford;
- [2] Sarah Simpkins (30), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] William Edward Simpkins (2), son, born Kingswinford;
- [4] Emma Whittington (21), general servant, born Kingswinford:

Brierley Hill Advertiser 22/7/1871 - Advert

“Sale at the ROYAL OAK INN, Round Oak To be Sold by Auction by Mr, Hawkins, on Tuesday next, July 26th, 1871.

A quantity of well seasoned Casks, capital Gathering, Mashing and Cooling Tubs, Sieve, excellent Maltrasher, superior Five-pull Beer Machine, with Stop taps and piping, pierced window blinds, Rail-back Forms, Ale Measures, Tables, Chairs, quantity of Hops Water-pump Tree and Rods, and other Effects removed from the WOODMAN INN, to the above premises for convenience of Sale.

Sale to commence at 11 o'clock.

Auctioneers Office, 32, Dudley Street, Brierley Hill.”

Stourbridge Observer 16/9/1871

“At the Petty Sessions, on Thursday last, before I. Spooner, Esq, Stipendiary, Mary Dennis was charged with being drunk and wilfully breaking a square of glass on the 11th inst, the property of *William Henry Simpkins*.

Complainant said he kept the ROYAL OAK at Round Oak. The defendant came to his house drunk, and broke a square of glass in the window, which was worth 6s.

Defendant was fined 1s, and ordered to pay 3s damage and costs; in default seven days.”

William Henry Simpkins was the son of William Simpkins.

He was born c. 1844.

He built a brewery on land he acquired with the pub in 1869.

He was described as a brewer. [1892]

The beer was brewed by Hercules Hazlehurst.

He sold the brewery and his pubs to North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd in 1896 for £20,000.

He retired in 1896.

He died in 1905.

Stourbridge Observer 8/2/1873

“Mr. J. L. Holberton applied, under the Licensing Act, on behalf of Mr. *W. H. Simpkins*, landlord of the ROYAL OAK INN, Round Oak, for permission to keep open the house until twelve o'clock on Thursday next, in consequence of a dinner to be held there to celebrate the marriage of Captain Smith-Shenstone M.A. After a brief consultation the Magistrates said they had pleasure in acceding to the request, as Captain Shenstone had always been a warm friend of the district.”

Stourbridge Observer 10/1/1874

“An inquest was held at Mr. *Simpkins*'s [sic], the ROYAL OAK, on Wednesday, before Mr. Phillips, coroner, touching the death of Sarah Ann Ive, aged two years. From the evidence adduced it appears the child was at tea on the 21st ult, when a cup of tea was accidentally turned over, which fell on the breast of the child, and the injuries were so great that she died from the effects of scalding, on the 3rd inst. The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

It had a brewery at the rear which had been built in the 1870's.

Elwell, Williams renamed it the Town Brewery. [1890]

1881 Census

Round Oak

- [1] *William Henry Simpkins* (39), licensed victualler, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Sarah M. Simpkins* (40), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *George H. Simpkins* (9), son, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Joseph P. Simpkins* (7), son, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Mary F. Simpkins* (2), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Sarah Thompson* (62), visitor, annuitant, born Oldswinford;
- [7] *Martha Higgs* (19), barmaid, born Brierley Hill;
- [8] *Emily Cartwright* (16), domestic servant, born Brierley Hill;
- [9] *Louisa Barker* (15), domestic servant, born Brierley Hill:

1891 Census

Dudley Road

- [1] *William H. Simpkins* (48), brewer, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *George H. Simpkins* (19), son, clerk, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Joseph P. Simpkins* (17), son, carpenter's apprentice, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Emma M. Richards* (21), barmaid, born Wollaston;
- [5] *Annie Rogers* (23), general servant, born Windmill End:

County Express 17/11/1900

"In connection with the Round Oak Lodge of the Associated Iron and Steel Workers of Great Britain, about 70 members sat down to supper provided Mr. *J. [sic] Simpkins*, ROYAL OAK INN, on Saturday night....."

County Express 12/1/1901

"The annual dinner and meeting of the Sick and Draw Society held at Mr. *J. Simpkins*'s, the ROYAL OAK, Round Oak, was held on Saturday, when over 40 members partook of an excellent repast. Mr. J. Broome presided, and Mr. A. Norwood was vice-chairman. The Secretary (Mr. W. Norwood) presented the report and balance-sheet for the fifth year. At the end of 1899 they were 29 strong, and at the present time 45, which was very satisfactory growth. He was sorry that there had been more sickness during the past year than ever before, but after paying all demands they had a balance of £29 6s. The balance-sheet showed the income to be £47 7s 6d, and the expenses £18 1s 6d, of which £13 15s was paid for sick and funeral expenses.

Mr. T. Catchpole gave the toast 'The Club,' remarking it had done a wonderful amount of good among the members. He hoped the marked progress would be maintained, and then they would be able to be of greater benefit.

Mr. W. Norwood (secretary) responded, saying the club had prospered year after year. As far as benefits were concerned, he might say there had not been a needy case brought before a meeting, unless the members had responded liberally, irrespective of club benefits.

The Chairman and Mr. J. Jones (auditors) gave their report, and other toasts honoured were 'The Visitors' and 'The Host and Hostess.' The Chairman, on behalf of the club, presented Mr. J. Jones with a silver medal, suitably inscribed, for services during the year.

The following excellent programme was given, Mr. G. Tolley, of Old Hill, and the Brothers Leone being greatly appreciated:— March, 'Belphegor March,' Mr. Davies; tambourine solo, Mr. Burrows; song, 'Sons of the Sea,' Mr. Burrows; song and dance, encore, clog dance, Mr. G. Tolley (Old Hill); recitation, 'The Quack Doctor,' Mr. Biddlestone; duet 'The Irish Jubilee,' encore, 'The Mashers,' Brothers Leone; comic song, 'The Three Little Pigs,' encore, 'The Girl I Left Behind Me,' Mr. G. Tolley; song, 'Marqueritte,' Mr. W. Worton; song 'Death of Nelson,' encore 'Good-bye Sweetheart, Goodbye,' Mr. W. Worton."

1901 Census

10, Round Oak – ROYAL OAK INN

- [1] *Joseph Paskin Simpkins* (27), commercial traveller, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Alice Sophia Simpkins* (22), wife, born Tividale;
- [3] *Joseph Henry Simpkins* (1), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Edith Maria Simpkins* (4 months), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *Jane Crowshaw* (15), general servant, born Harts Hill;
- [6] *Sarah Ann Dunn* (18), general servant, born Quarry Bank;
- [7] *Madge Hayes* (23), barmaid, born Seccunderabad, East Indies:

County Express 7/12/1901

“In connection with the Lodge of the Associated Iron and Steel Workers of Great Britain, held at the ROYAL OAK INN, Round Oak, about 72 sat down to an excellent spread. Mr. *Thomas Banks* catered excellently.....”

County Express 8/2/1902

“George Trevors, a railway porter, in the employ of the Great Western Railway Company, living at George Street, Wordsley, was charged with obtaining 6d from *Thomas Banks*, landlord of the ROYAL OAK INN, Round Oak, by falsely pretending that he was collecting for the widow and children of a shunter who had been killed at Dudley. Prisoner pleaded guilty.

Thomas Banks said on January 6th prisoner came to his house, and asked if witness could assist him by giving a trifle towards the widow and ten children of a shunter, who he said, had been killed at Dudley. Believing the story to be true, witness gave prisoner 6d, which was entered on the sheet produced.

Inspector Freeman (inspector for the G.W.R., Dudley district) said there had been no shunter killed at Dudley. On January 25th witness saw the station-master at Round Oak, where prisoner worked, and he also saw the prisoner, and asked the latter about the subscription list. Prisoner admitted collecting money, and witness immediately suspended him from duty. Prisoner had been in the employ of the company for about 16 years, and had held several posts. This was the first complaint they had had to make concerning him.

PS Harris, who arrested Trevors, said when charged prisoner admitted having 6d from Banks. He told witness he had burnt the list. He was sorry he had done it. Witness produced another list, upon which Trevors had got several amounts that he had collected, and upon searching him found 19s 6d which prisoner had collected. The total prisoner had obtained before suspension was £1 15s, and he went on collecting after being suspended, obtaining altogether £3 8s 6d.

The Bench said it was a very serious offence, and fined prisoner £10, or two month's imprisonment.

Prisoner: Well, I will go to prison for it.”

1911 Census

10, Round Oak – ROYAL OAK INN

- [1] *Alice Holloway* (33), married, publican, born Hazel Lane, Lye;
- [2] *Henry Holloway* (13), son, school, born New Street, Wollaston;
- [3] *Alfred Holloway* (11), son, school, born More Lane, Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Alice Holloway* (9), daughter, school, born More Lane, Brierley Hill;
- [5] *Dorothy Wood* (18), general servant, born Level Street, Brierley Hill:

The license renewal was referred to the Compensation Authority on 7th March 1927.

The license renewal was refused on 19th July 1927.

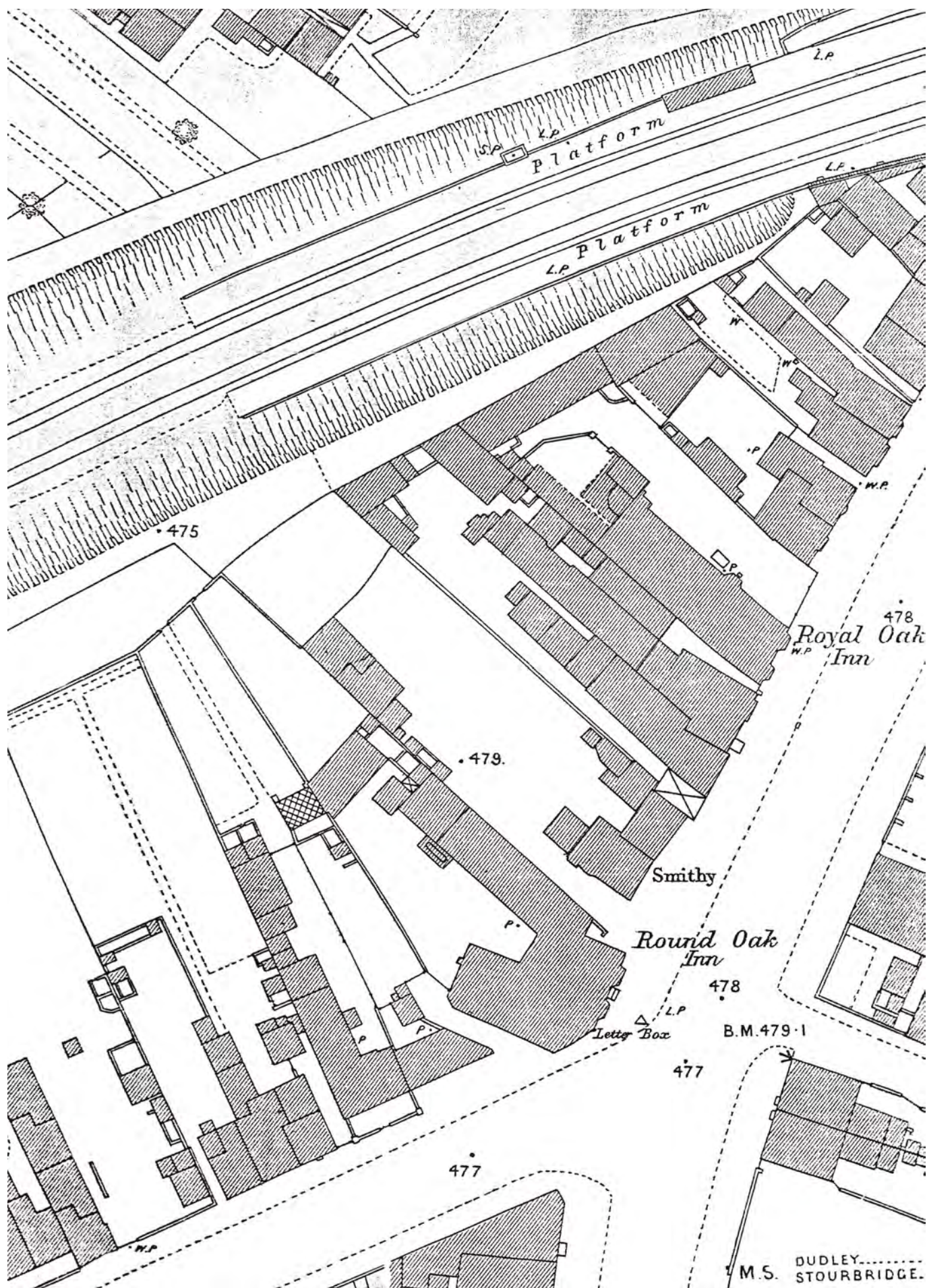
The license was extinguished on 31st December 1927.

The building became the offices and bottling store of Smith and Williams.

Demolished pre 1928.

Conveyance dated 2/7/1934

“All that suite of offices recently erected by the Vendors at Round Oak near Brierley Hill aforesaid on the site of the delicensed public-house known as the ROYAL OAK INN with the outbuildings and appurtenances thereto belonging.....”



Plan 1882

ROYAL OAK

11, Broad Street, PENSNETT

OWNERS

Messrs. Mitchell and Co. (acquired c.1894)
Showell's Brewery (acquired c.1908)
Albert Edward Hedges (acquired on 27th February 1924)

LICENSEES

William Evans [1870] - **1876**);
James Bond (**1876 - 1878**);
James Whitney (**1878**);
William Lewis (**1878 - []**)
William Buffery [] - **1880**);
William Sutton Husselbee (**1880**);
John Williams (**1880 - 1881**);
Jonah Worton (**1881 - 1882**);
Thomas Twigg (**1882 - 1891**);
Joseph John Garbett (**1891 - 1892**);
James Wilkes (**1892 - 1907**);
James Evans (**1907 - 1910**);
Joseph Raybould (**1910 - 1912**);
Cornelius Parfitt (**1912 - 1913**);
Alexander Hadley (**1913 - 1915**);
Edith May Chamberlain (**1915**);
Enoch Norrey (**1915 - 1920**);
Robert Rigby (**1920 - 1921**);
Edward Hill (**1921 - 1923**);
Albert Edward Hedges (**1923 - 1936**);
Annie Elizabeth Hedges (**1936 - 1938**);
Thomas Raybould (**1938**);
John Thomas Davis (**1938 - [1940]**)

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

Stourbridge Observer 17/9/1870

“Joseph Jones was charged with being drunk and riotous, on the 5th inst, and refusing to quit the ROYAL OAK public house, at Pensnett.

William Evans, landlord, proved that defendant was drunk, and refused to go out of the house when he requested him.

Fined 2s 6d and costs.”

1871 Census

Broad Street – Public House

- [1] *William Evans* (36), licensed publican, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Mary Evans* (34), wife, born Dawley, Shropshire;
- [3] *Sarah Jane Evans* (13), daughter, general servant, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Martha Evans* (4), daughter, born Kingswinford:

William Evans, beer retailer, Pensnett. [1872]

Stourbridge Observer 20/9/1873

“*William Evans*, landlord of the ROYAL OAK, Pensnett, was charged with permitting gaming on his premises on the 8th inst. Police-constable Goodfellow said on the above date about eight o’clock, he went to defendant’s house. From the bottom of the yard he heard bowling going on. He heard two men offer to bowl for a quart of ale, and two other men bet 6d each over the game. A woman afterwards came out of the house with a quart jug of ale. He went into the yard, and saw two men bowling. One of the men said it was for half a gallon. A man came out and stopped the bowling. Mr. Mills said there had been great complaints against the house. The defendant was cautioned and discharged.”

1881 Census

Broad Street

- [1] *John Williams* (33), beerhouse keeper, born Birmingham;
- [2] *Maria Williams* (22), wife, housewife, born Shelsley, Worcestershire;
- [3] *Agnes Ballard* (14), domestic servant, born Dudley:

1901 Census

11, Broad Street

- [1] *James Wilkes* (35), innkeeper, born Pensnett;
- [2] *Mary Wilkes* (28), wife, born Pensnett;
- [3] *Robert Wilkes* (7), son, born Pensnett;
- [4] *Eliza Wilkes* (6), daughter, born Pensnett;
- [5] *Annie Wilkes* (3), daughter, born Pensnett;
- [6] *Edward Hinton* (62), boarder, carpenter, born Haley Green, Worcestershire:

James Wilkes, beer retailer, Broad Street. [1904]

Tipton Herald 16/10/1909

“The ROYAL OAK Bowling Club held their annual dinner on Saturday, when upwards of 25 were present. After the dinner, Mr. C. F. E. Griffiths was voted to the chair, and he spoke of the club and the state of its finances, with which he was very pleased.....”

Cornelius Parfitt, beer retailer, Broad Street. [1912]

Robert Rigby, beer retailer, Broad Street. [1921]

ROYAL OAK

21, High Street, (Quarry Bank Road), (Thorns), QUARRY BANK

OWNERS

Jesse Billingham
John Edward Paskin
Atkinsons Ltd. (acquired c.1897)
Julia Hanson and Son Ltd. (acquired c.1928)

LICENSEES

Edward Paskin [1834] – [1862]
Joseph Paskin [1864] – **1872**;
Mrs. Elizabeth Paskin (**1872 – 1873**);
Jesse Billingham (**1873 – 1891**);
John Edward Paskin (**1891 – 1897**);
John Lemonde Pargeter (**1897 – 1900**);
Robert Warren (**1900**);
Elijah Bloomer (**1900 – 1901**);
Elizabeth Bird (**1901**);
Miss Florence Maud Mary Lyndon (**1901 – 1904**);
Benjamin Blackburn (**1904 – 1905**);
Abraham Matthews (**1905 – 1911**);
John Pillow (**1911**);
Percy Ronald Frost Handsaker (**1911 – 1913**);
Joseph Preece (**1913 – 1924**);
Edwin Mark Oldnall (**1924 – 1926**);
Stephen Richard Fisher (**1926 – 1927**);
John Mason Snr. (**1927 – 1930**);
John Ernest Welch (**1930 – 1932**);
Thomas Philpotts (**1932 – 1933**);
Willis Claude Warr Ffitch (**1933 – [1940]**)
R G Willetts [1976]
Alfred Wesley Pearson [c.1980]

NOTES

Thorns [1835]
Quarry Bank Road [1881]
21, High Street [1911]

Edward Paskin was also a maltster. [1854], [1860]

Brierley Hill Advertiser 29/3/1856

“The adjourned inquest on the body of David Taylor, who was killed at Quarry Bank, on the morning of the 10th, was held at Mr. *Edward Paskin*'s, ROYAL OAK INN, Quarry Bank, on Tuesday last, March 25th, before T. M. Phillips Esq. The names of the Jurymen were called and answered to. The only additional witness called was Mary Ann Morris, who, on being sworn, said – I am the wife of Joseph Morris, a puddler, living at Quarry Bank. On Monday evening the 10th of March, at about half past one o'clock, I and my husband were returning homewards, and on arriving near the NEW INN, Quarry Bank, I heard a noise, and saw some men standing on the opposite side

of the road. One of the men accused the others of ramming a cart against his door. Several voices denied having done so. They began to fight in the middle of the road. I believe they were all in a scuffle. I saw a man whom they called Joseph Chivers knock another man upon the ground. I heard him then say, 'I'll murder the b——.' He was upon him about five minutes. The deceased exclaimed, 'Oh, he is murdering me,' and gave one groan. When the man got off the other he walked up towards his own house, a distance of about 200 yards. We walked behind him. I then went home with my husband. I should say that a quarter of an hour or twenty minutes elapsed from the time I first saw the men until the deceased was knocked down. I did not see any one touch the deceased but the man who fell upon him.

The evidence of the former witnesses having been read over, that of Mr. W. L. Norris, surgeon, was received, and was similar in effect to that already published.

The Coroner shortly observed to the Jury that he would read to them the law upon the subject of murder and manslaughter, and it would be for them to judge whether or not they believed Joseph Chivers, jun, were guilty of murder, or manslaughter. The law upon the subject was 'Manslaughter is the unlawful and felonious killing of another without any malice, express or implied, as whereupon a sudden quarrel two persons fight and one kills the other, or where a man provokes another by some personal violence and the other immediately kills him.' Now, a quarter of an hour elapsed from the time Mrs. Morris first saw the people on the contrary side of the road, and heard them squabbling and quarrelling until he (Joseph Chivers) struck the deceased, and knocked him down. If they believe that that was the occasion on which the fatal blow was given, then Joseph Chivers was guilty of murder, because it was presumed there elapsed a sufficient time for him to have become perfectly collected in the interval of a quarter of an hour. The provocation was certainly very great, when they considered that the man's wife had been confined, and was then, he (the Coroner) supposed, in a dangerous state. He (Joseph Chivers) went out of his house in a great passion. Whether he thought the parties were merely pushing the cart against the door, or whether he thought they were breaking into the house, he (the Coroner) could not say. Mr. Norris believed the cut upon the chest was the cause of death, occasioned by some sharp instrument.

A Juror: I should say, for my own part, that he is guilty of murder.

The Coroner: You will consider your verdicts yourselves.

Several Jurors expressed themselves of opinion that the prisoner (Joseph Chivers) was guilty of murder.

The Coroner and other strangers then withdrew. After a consultation of about an hour's duration, the Coroner was requested to return to the room, and after a further consultation of twenty minutes, the strangers were admitted, when it was announced that the verdict of the Jury was one of wilful murder against Joseph Chivers. The witnesses were bound over, and the proceedings then terminated. We understand that a strict search has been made on Joseph Chivers's premises, but that no instrument likely to have inflicted the fatal blow could be found."

The second inquest on 20 years old manslaughter victim David Taylor was held here in 1856.

Brierley Hill Advertiser 25/9/1858

"*James Henry Astley*, publican and butcher, of Quarry Bank, charged Joseph Attwood, parish constable, with unlawfully bursting a door open, his property, on the night of Saturday, the 11th inst, whereby he had sustained damage to the amount of 5s. *Astley* also charged Attwood with threatening him to assault him. Attwood had also a summons out against *Astley* for keeping his house open at illegal hours on the above night.

Mr. Homfray appeared for *Astley*, and Mr. Burbury for Attwood, the constable. The three cases were all heard together.

Astley stated that on the night in question he closed his house about ten minutes before twelve o'clock, and went up stairs to bed. Attwood shortly after came to his house and rapped at the door. *Astley* got up to the window of his room, and looking down, said, 'Who's there.' Attwood replied, 'It's me,' upon which *Astley* said, 'Why, you are drunk.' This assertion was met by an enquiry on the part of Attwood as to whether he (*Astley*) would like to have murder done! Complainant then went down stairs and opened the door. Attwood did not go in, but went to Mr. Warrender's house, next door, and fetched a candle off the table. *Astley* stated that there was an old standing quarrel between his wife and Attwood's. The latter had handcuffs and a staff in his hand when he went to the house. In cross examination by Mr. Burbury, *Astley* stated that about eighteen months ago he had been fined for keeping his house open during church hours. Attwood did not give him time to admit him before he burst the door open.

John Warrender was called, and he deposed that Attwood was drunk when he came to his house for the candle, and that he heard him threaten to put *Astley*'s brains out, and burst the door open. He saw him do the latter. It was the back door he burst open, and he afterwards went round to the front door, which was opened to him.

Elizabeth Farr, servant at Mr. *Paskin*'s, the ROYAL OAK, Quarry Bank, deposed that Attwood was drinking in her master's house on the night of the 11th inst, and that he left about ten minutes before twelve. He was drunk when he left, and said he would go and heave the roof off *Astley*'s house.

Moses Stephens also deposed that he saw Attwood in the ROYAL OAK very much the worse for liquor. This witness stated that he heard Attwood threaten to fetch the roof off; but that he did not mention what house.

John Robinson, parish constable, deposed that as he was going along Quarry Bank, on the night in question his aid was called in by *Astley*'s wife to quell the disturbance consequent upon the above proceedings, a large number of people having assembled outside the house. In cross examination by Mr. Burbury this witness said he was fined 10s, some time ago at Brierley Hill by Mr. Leigh, and that Attwood served the summons on that occasion.

For the defence Hezekiah Pearson was first called. He stated that he saw Attwood at *Astley*'s house at the time above mentioned, but he was not more drunk then than he was on that day. He saw him go to the back door, and when he had opened it he said he had been led to understand that there were some people drinking in the house. He heard him threaten to strike *Astley* with a cleaver, but he did not see the weapon.

Maria Gadd, Attwood's servant, said her master was sober on the night in question; but Robinson who came to their house, 'looked as if he had been drinking.'

The Bench ultimately ordered Attwood to pay 5s, the amount of damage done to the door, with costs in that case, missing the charge of threatening to assault and also that against *Astley* of keeping open at illegal hours."

Joseph Paskin = Joseph Paskins

Stourbridge Observer 11/8/1866

"The anniversary of Court Garibaldi, No. 4538, was held at Host *Paskin*'s ROYAL OAK INN, Quarry Bank, on Monday evening last, when a goodly number of members and visiting members partook of an excellent dinner served up in the host's usual good style; after which Mr. Venners was called to the chair, and Mr. W. Finley to the vice chair....."

Stourbridge Observer 15/5/1869

"Samuel Stephens, John Stephens, Ellen Johnson, and Ruth Moore were charged by John Robinson, Parish-constable, of Quarry Bank, with assaulting him on the 4th inst. Mr. Holberton appeared for complainant, and Mr. Maltby for the defendants.

Complainant said he was a Parish-constable and on the above date he was at *Joseph Paskin*'s, the ROYAL OAK INN, Quarry Bank. A sale of property was held, and the four defendants were present. After the sale, Samuel Stephens came to where he was sitting at a table, and began to quarrel. Witness told him to go to his own table. He refused, and struck witness several times, and knocked him down. While down, he continued to strike him. Witness got up and closed with him, and they both went down together. Witness got the best of him, when the two female defendants and Johnson came up; the latter striking him on the face and blackening his eyes, and the females pulling him by the hair of his head, and laying hold of him by the arm. Witness then pulled his handcuffs out of his pocket. They took them off him, and continued to beat him until he became insensible. He had not seen the handcuffs since. He was unable to work for some time. A man named Bloomer came to his assistance.

Cross-examined: There is ale allowed at sales by auction. The two men were drunk. I was sober. Did not push the defendant (Samuel Stephens) down. Did not have a hand to hand fight with him.

James Bloomer, nailer, residing at Quarry Bank, said he was sent for to go the ROYAL OAK. He found John Stephens very drunk and abusive. He began by taking other person's ale. Complainant told him to be quiet, when by some means he slipped down. When he got up, he went straight and commenced beating complainant. Samuel Stephens also beat him, and witness believed if he had not gone to his assistance, Robinson would have been killed. Benjamin Millward gave corroborative evidence, and said that Samuel Stephens and complainant had a tussle together, and fell down.

Superintendent Mills proved that complainant came to him the day after the occasion. He was severely bruised about the head and face, and complained of other injuries.

Mr. Maltby then addressed the Bench for the defendant. He contended that Robinson committed the first assault by striking down Samuel Stephens; and that afterwards they had a fair stand up fight, in the course of which the injuries complained of were received; that in fact, it was a public house squabble, and they were all drunk together.

Elijah Raybould, chainmaker, was called for the defence and said that Samuel Stephens came and demanded some ale. Complainant told him to go to his own table. He refused to go, and still asked for ale, when Robinson pushed him down. Stephens then got up and a regular fight took place.

After hearing further evidence, the learned Stipendiary fined the two male defendants 20s each, and costs. The females were discharged.”

1871 Census

High Street – ROYAL OAK

[1] *Joseph Paskin* (35), miner and publican, born Kingswinford;

[2] *Elizabeth Paskin* (25), wife, born Staffordshire;

[3] John E. Paskin (3), son, born Staffordshire;

[4] Lucy Wadley (18), general servant, born Quarry Bank:

Stourbridge Observer 8/3/1873

“Mr. Holburton made an application on behalf of Mrs. *Paskins* [sic], of the ROYAL OAK, Quarry Bank, for an extension of one hour on Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday next, it being the occasion of the Quarry Bank Wake. The application was refused.”

1881 Census

Quarry Bank Road – ROYAL OAK INN

[1] *Jesse Billingham* (52), malster (sic) and innkeeper, born Kingswinford;

[2] Elizabeth Billingham (36), wife, born Kingswinford;

[3] Jeremiah Billingham (25), son, born Kingswinford;

[4] John Edward Paskins (13), son, born Kingswinford;

[5] Selena Little (17), general servant (domestic), born Kingswinford:

Jesse Billingham was also a maltster. [1892]

He also owned the BLUE BALL.

County Express 6/1/1900

“Sick and Draw Clubs.....

ROYAL OAK, Quarry Bank.– On Boxing day the members of this club held their annual dinner at Mr. *J. L. Pargeter*'s. Mr. Charles Cox presided. The Secretary (Mr. J. Davis) read the report, which showed a dividend of 13s 7d per member. After a vote of thanks had been passed to the host and hostess, the Chairman proposed the health of the Queen and the soldiers fighting in South Africa. Several of the members contributed to the evening's enjoyment.”

County Express 24/2/1900

“On Monday, Mr. T. A. Stokes (coroner) held an inquiry at the ROYAL OAK INN, on Mary Elizabeth Ever, aged 62, wife of Philip Evers, of Dunn's Bank, Quarry Bank. From the evidence of the husband it appeared that on the morning of the 15th his wife partook of some salted pork, and later on became unwell. Ultimately a doctor was sent for, but before he arrived death had occurred. A death from 'Natural Causes' was returned.”

County Express 3/11/1900

“The members of Court Garibaldi, No.4538 held their annual dinner on Saturday at the ROYAL OAK INN, Quarry Bank. Over 60 members sat down to an excellent repast provided by the host and hostess.....”

1901 Census

21, High Street

[1] *Elizabeth Bird* (41), widow, innkeeper, born Hatton, Warwickshire;

[2] Jenny Bird (14), daughter, born Brierley Hill;

[3] Maude Lyndon (20), boarder, barmaid, born West Bromwich;

[4] Eugene Lyndon (17), sister, barmaid, born West Bromwich;

[5] Lucy Baker (21), visitor, barmaid, born Tipton:

County Express 26/10/1901

“An interesting meeting took place on Wednesday night at the ROYAL OAK INN, Quarry Bank, when Court ‘Garibaldi,’ 4538, of the Ancient order of Foresters, had the distinction of initiating four honorary members.....”

County Express 2/11/1901

“Conservative And Unionist Association.- There was a large attendance of the members of the association at the ROYAL OAK INN on Monday evening on the occasion of a smoking concert.....”

County Express 25/1/1902

“A somewhat unusual accident led to the death of Wilfred Parkes, son of John Parkes, Quarry Bank, on Saturday morning. Deceased was playing with some other children in the brickyard belonging to Mr. G. K. Harrison, Dudley Road, where his mother worked. In the yard was a cart loaded with rubbish standing ready for a horse to be attached to take it away. The boy was playing round the cart, and it appeared from the evidence given at the inquest (held on Tuesday, at the ROYAL OAK INN, by Mr. E. Docker), that by some means the shafts came down, and one of them struck him on the head, killing him instantly. It is supposed he tried to take the skotch away, and this occasioned the mishap. Evidence was given by Davis Taylor, and a boy named Albert Hyde, and a verdict of Accidental Death was returned.”

Tipton Herald 18/7/1903

“In most of the districts round a walking contest has been inaugurated, and at last the craze has reached Quarry Bank, for on Saturday last the streets were crowded to witness such a contest arranged by Messrs. Atkinson, the well known brewers. A start was made about 3.30 from the ROYAL OAK HOTEL, and the route lay through the Lye, Pedmore, Hagley to the Woodman Hotel, Clent, and back again to Quarry Bank, via Stourbridge. The entire distance was about twelve miles, and there were some 20 competitors. The prizes were valued, first 30s; second 10s; and third 5s, medals being also awarded to those who did the distance under two hours and ten minutes. There was much excitement at the finish of the match, and the winners were – William Box, time 1 hour 52 minutes; second John Edwards, time 1 hour 54 minutes; third George Evans, time 1 hour 55 minutes. Mr. H. Stevens was the judge, and the competitors were accompanied by the members of the committee, who travelled by brake. Previous to the commencement of the contest the Cradley Heath Prize Band played selections, and also at the finish. In the evening there were sports on the green at the ROYAL OAK HOTEL, dancing and other amusements. Mr. T. Edkins carried out the general arrangements, and to him every credit is due. On Wednesday evening the distribution of the prizes, took place at the ROYAL OAK, to the successful competitors.”

A team from here took part in the Atkinson’s Air Gun League. [1904]

Tipton Herald 6/2/1909

“An interesting ceremony was performed last Saturday evening, at a meeting of the working men members of Court ‘Garibaldi’, No. 4538, AOF held at the Court House, the ROYAL OAK, Quarry Bank. The meeting was called for the purpose of initiating Major A. S. T. Griffiths-Boscawen, JP, prospective Unionist Candidate for the borough of Dudley, and Mr. A. P. Blackham honorary members of the Court.

Brother Wilfred Shaw, CR, presided.....”

1911 Census

21, High Street – ROYAL OAK

[1] *John Pillow* (37), hotel manager, born Cradley Heath;

[2] *Harriet Pillow* (39), wife, married 13 years, born Cradley Heath;

[3] *Bertha E. Pillow* (11), daughter, school, born Old Hill;

[4] *Cissie Pillow* (4), daughter, born Cradley Heath;

[5] *Jane Sarah Wilde* (19), general servant and barmaid, born Sand Street, West Bromwich:

John Mason was married to *Minnie*.

Black Country Bugle (November 1985)

‘John Mason – A Renowned Publican Of Quarry Bank’

“.....How well I [John Mason Jnr.] recall the long bar, with sweet smelling sawdust on the floor, and the bread and cheese and large box of snuff on the counter. Amongst his [*John Mason Snr*] regulars were ‘Paddit’, ‘Snoocher’ and big Jack Bradley besides being kept pretty busy as a publican, Mr. Mason informs us that his father was also employed as an engineer at the Earl of Dudley’s Round Oak Works. Prior to taking over the ROYAL OAK, *John* and *Minnie Mason* had spent 12 years at the ALBION INN, Brierley Hill, and afterwards retired from the RED LION (also in Brierley Hill). *Minnie* lived to be 76 and *John* reached the grand age of 92. He died around ten years ago.”

It was sold at auction on 14th October 1929 for £2,500.

SAMSON AND LION

87, (61), Chapel Street, PENSNETT

OWNERS

Thomas White
North Worcestershire Breweries (leased)
William Henry Smith, Brierley Hill (acquired c.1904)
Smith, Williams (acquired c.1916)
J. P. Simpkins (leased from 1924)
Julia Hanson and Son Ltd. (acquired on 2nd July 1934)

LICENSEES

William Southall [1845]
William Growcott [1849] – [1854]
George Growcott [1858] – **1875**);
Sophia Steele (**1875**);
Benjamin Homer (**1875 – 1883**);
Harry Homer (**1883 – 1886**);
Mrs. Mary Ann Smith (**1886 – 1895**);
Thomas White (**1895 – 1902**);
Thomas Griffiths (**1902 – 1903**);
William Henry Westwood (**1903**);
Herbert Smith (**1903 – 1907**);
James Parsons (**1907 – 1908**);
David Eli Brooks (**1908**);
Henry Turner (**1908 – 1909**);
Harley Chamberlain (**1909 – 1910**);
Josiah Reuben Plant (**1910 – 1924**);
Sarah Ann Plant (**1924 – 1925**);
Sidney Joseph Matthews (**1925 – 1926**);
Samuel Joseph Insull (**1926 – 1927**);
Simeon Robinson (**1927 – 1928**);
Thomas Harvey (**1928**);
Thomas Benjamin Stamford (**1928 – 1929**);
John Thomas Horton (**1929 – 1930**);
Edward Albert Thompson (**1930 – 1932**);
William Lewis (**1932 – 1933**);
Herbert John Holloway (**1933 – 1934**);
Thomas Arrowsmith (**1934 – 1938**);
Patrick Albert Hadley (**1938 – []**)
Thomas Arrowsmith [1940]
Joseph Dewhurst []
Billy Rowlands []
Fred Hancock []
George Hancox [1953]
Violet Dunn []
Don Griffiths [1970s]
Graham Harper [1985]

NOTES

61, Chapel Street [1901], [1911]

SAMPSON AND LION [1849], [1851], [1865], [1881], [1896], [1904]

Brierley Hill Advertiser 10/5/1856

“An inquest was held at the SAMPSON AND LION INN, Pensnett, on Monday last, before T. M. Phillips, Esq, on the body of a boy named Thomas Stinson, aged six years, who was killed by a brick wall falling on him on the 2nd inst. The deceased and other children were playing near the wall, when, it is supposed from mining operations, it fell and killed him, the others providentially escaping. Mr. J. Horton, assistant to J. Parris, Esq, surgeon, was immediately in attendance, but life was extinct when he arrived. Verdict Accidental Death.”

AND

“An inquest was also held at the above house on the 3rd last, on the body of a child named William Chase, aged ten months, who was taken ill on the 29th of April last and died the following day. Verdict Died from Natural Causes.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 20/3/1858 - Advert

“To Parties Wishing To Embark In The Public House Business – A Rare Opportunity Now Presents Itself. To be Let, that Long Established and Well accustomed road-side Public House, known by the sign of SAMSON AND THE LION, situate at Pensnett, in the Parish of Kingswinford, in the occupation of Mr. *George Growcott*, who is leaving in consequence of having entered into engagements in another part of the country.

There is an excellent business now being done at this house, which is known as one of the best in the Mining District for accommodation and convenience.

The Stock, Fixtures, and other Effects on the Premises to be taken to at a Valuation, which, to suit parties, will be reduced (if required) to about £250.....”

George Growcott = George Grocott

1861 Census

Chapel Street

[1] *George Growcott* (30), victualler, born Pensnett;

[2] Esther Growcott (34), wife, born Pensnett;

[3] Mary Growcott (7), daughter, born Pensnett;

[4] Matthew Growcott (3), son, born Pensnett;

[5] Esther Ann Growcott (1), daughter, born Pensnett;

[6] Lydia Richards (56), mother in law, widow, servant, born Pensnett:

Stourbridge Observer 20/8/1864

“*George Grocott* (sic), of Pensnett, was charged with a similar offence [allowing people to drink in his house during prohibited hours] on the same day [Sunday].

PC Hill deposed that he saw a pint of ale on the table, and when he was seen one of the men emptied it on the floor; there were three men in the house at the time.

Defendant said he was not at home, and was sorry for what had taken place.

Superintendent Mills spoke in commendable terms of the house.

Ordered to pay costs.”

Stourbridge Observer 21/10/1865

“An inquest was held on Monday last, at the SAMPSON AND LION INN, before Mr. W. Phillips, deputy coroner, on the body of Elizabeth Garbett, who was found dead in bed. The inquest was adjourned for the purpose of making a post mortem examination in consequence of certain rumours. Mr. Parish, surgeon, gave evidence to the effect that she had died from cold; her living being very low, had brought on inflammation. A verdict was returned of Died from natural causes.”

Stourbridge Observer 17/4/1869

“On Saturday afternoon, Mr. W. H. Phillips, Deputy Coroner, held an inquest at the SAMPSON AND LION INN, Pensnett, upon the body of a boy named Albert Fletcher, who was killed on the previous day.

On Friday morning, the deceased was upon the private railway of the Earl of Dudley, and attempted to jump upon some slack trucks as they were passing. He failed to secure a firm footing, and was dragged nearly half a mile under the wheels before he was discovered. He was shockingly mutilated; his head was nearly cut off, and his body was torn and shattered in a sickening manner.

The Jury, after hearing the evidence, returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

Stourbridge Observer 27/11/1869

“Extraordinary Commencement of a Free Gardeners’ Lodge. On Saturday evening last a lodge of the above order, belonging to the Bilston district, and to be called ‘Prosperity’, No. 991, was opened at the house of Mr. *George Growcott*, SAMPSON AND LION INN, Pensnett, when 140 members were duly initiated.

Prior to the opening of the lodge the then intended members paraded the district headed by the Tansey Hill Band, which played some very excellent music.

In consequence of the great number of members to be initiated, there was not time to appoint the officers for the ensuing half year, which will be done at the next meeting.

Messrs. Horton and Turner, of Dudley, were unanimously elected surgeons, and Dr. Horton, who was present to witness the interesting commencement of the lodge, returned thanks in a very appropriate speech.....”

1871 Census

Chapel Street

- [1] *George Growcott* (40), licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill
- [2] *Esther Growcott* (45), wife, born Coseley;
- [3] *Martha Growcott* (18), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Mary Growcott* (16), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Esther A. Growcott* (12), daughter, born West Bromwich;
- [6] *Rebecca Growcott* (10), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Enoch Growcott* (3), son, born Kingswinford;
- [8] *Elizabeth Cownall* (23), domestic servant, born Kingswinford:

Stourbridge Observer 16/9/1871

“On Saturday an inquest was held at the SAMPSON AND LION INN, on the body of a little boy, named Charles Betford, who was standing near a truck belonging to the Earl of Dudley, on Thursday last, when the side door fell on his head, cutting it open and killing him instantaneously.

The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

1881 Census

Chapel Street – SAMPSON AND LION INN

- [1] *Benjamin Homer* (51), licensed victualler, born Cradley;
- [2] *Mary Homer* (56), wife, born Middleton, Herefordshire;
- [3] *Hannah Homer* (17), daughter, born Kingswinford:

1891 Census

Chapel Street

- [1] *Mary Ann Smith* (72), widow, publican, born Gornal Wood;
- [2] *Eleana Mary Smith* (22), granddaughter, barmaid, born Pensnett;
- [3] *Miriam Rachel Cox* (18), granddaughter, barmaid, born Pensnett;
- [4] *Ann Bennett* (23), domestic servant, born Holby Hare, Worcestershire;
- [5] *Richard Roberts* (22), brewer, born Pensnett:

County Express 2/3/1901

“Last week the Pensnett and District Conservative Association held a very successful smoker at the SAMSON AND LION INN, Chapel Street, some 140 members out of a total membership of 150 attending. Mr. C. F. E. Griffiths (president) was in the chair, and the meeting, which was throughout of a convivial character, was most enjoyable. A vote of condolence with the Royal Family in their great loss was passed, on the proposition of the President, and this was followed by one expressing loyalty to the King.....”

1901 Census

61, Chapel Street

- [1] *Thomas White* (54), licensed victualler, born Dudley;
- [2] *Mary A. White* (64), wife, born Cradley, Worcestershire;
- [3] *Elizabeth White* (27), daughter, born Dudley:

Tipton Herald 14/8/1909

“A meeting of the Friendly Societies’ Parade Committee was held, last Wednesday, at the SAMSON AND LION, Mr. E. Bunce presiding. The Secretary (Mr. John Dudley) reported that the arrangements were well advanced for the flower stalls and services arranged for August 21st and 22nd. Collecting boxes have been placed at the local inns for the benefit of the fund. Mr. Hewitt has made arrangements with Mr. Turner, for his novelty, goat and carriage, to go round collecting on the two days, and for the sale of flowers, which will be thankfully received at the flower stalls.”

1911 Census

61, Chapel Street

- [1] *Josiah Plant* (27), coke burner, born Pensnett;
- [2] *Sarah Plant* (25), wife, born Pensnett;
- [3] *Zaccariah Plant* (2), son, born Pensnett:

An inquest was held here in December 1916 on 78 year old Thomas Ashmore, who was beaten to death by his son, Thomas.

Thomas jnr. later served 15 years in prison for manslaughter.

Conveyance dated 2/7/1934

“All that messuage or dwelling-house with the outbuildings and appurtenances thereto belonging used as a public-house and premises and known by the sign of the SAMSON AND LION INN situate in Chapel Street Pensnett aforesaid and containing five hundred and four square yards.....”

Black Country Bugle – Pub of the Month

“.....The present SAMSON AND LION was built around the original pub. Building began on that day in 1936 when King George V was buried There was *Joe Plant* – who committed suicide about 1921.....”

[1993]

Closed [1995]

It was converted into flats.



1995

SARACENS HEAD

33, (35), (20), Dudley Road, (Dudley Street), BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Daniel Plant, Brierley Hill
Kidderminster Brewery Co. Ltd. (acquired c.1921)
Ansell's Ltd.
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.
Penn Street Taverns, Birmingham

LICENSEES

Benjamin Whitaker [1854]
Samuel Wilkinson [1858]
Charles Harrison [1860] – [1862]
William Stafford [1864] – **1874**);
John Lloyd (**1874 – 1879**);
Thomas Wilcox (**1879 – 1886**);
Sarah Meese (**1886**);
Isaac Fisher (**1886 – 1888**);
George Young (**1888 – 1895**);
Mrs. Martha Mary Smith Young (**1895 – 1896**);
John Jones (**1896 – 1897**);
George Harry Bates (**1897 – 1901**);
Mrs. Charlotte Rebecca Bates (**1901 – 1911**);
Isaiah Cooper (**1911 – 1912**);
William Henry Cheadle (**1912 – 1921**);
Mrs. Maud Cheadle (**1921 – [1940]**)
J S Bembenick [1983]

NOTES

Dudley Street [1862], [1864], [1872]
20, Dudley Road [1872], [1873], [1881], [1891], [1896], [1901], [1904], [1912]
35, Dudley Road [1916], [1921], [1940]
33, Dudley Road [2001], [2003], [2005]

Benjamin Whitaker was also a butcher. [1854]

Brierley Hill Advertiser 11/12/1858

“*Samuel Wilkinson*, landlord of the SARACENS HEAD INN, Brierley Hill, was summoned on the information of PC Burton, with having his house open for the sale of drink between the hours of twelve and one on the night of the 28th ult. Defendant pleaded ignorance of the law; but was fined 5s and costs.”

Daniel Plant was related to Thomas Plant of Netherton.

Charles Harrison was also a butcher. [1860]

1861 Census

Dudley Street – SARACENS HEAD

- [1] *Charles Harrison* (30), victualler, born Alton, Staffordshire;
- [2] Ann M. Harrison (25), wife, born Cradley, Worcestershire;
- [3] Thomas I. Harrison (6), son, born Rowley Regis;
- [4] Kate Harrison (5), born Rowley Regis;
- [5] Harry Harrison (10 months), born Kingswinford:

1871 Census

Dudley Street

- [1] *William Stafford* (68), licensed victualler, born Kingswinford;
- [2] Elizabeth Stafford (60), wife, born Oldswinford;
- [3] Sarah Ann Stafford (23), daughter born Kingswinford;
- [4] Edward Stafford (30), son, born Kingswinford:

Thomas Wilcox = Thomas Willcox = Thomas Wilcocks

1881 Census

20, Dudley Street – SARACENS HEAD

- [1] *Thomas Willcox* (31), licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] Emily Willcox (27), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] Anne Willcox (4), daughter, scholar, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] Elizabeth Willcox (2), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] Joseph Willcox (10 months), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [6] Jane Cartwright (16), general servant, born Brierley Hill:

1891 Census

20, Dudley Street

- [1] *Geo Young* (44), licensed victualler, born Stourbridge;
- [2] Martha Young (45), wife, born Dudley;
- [3] Lidia L. Allen (46), boarder, living on her own means, born Camberwell, Surrey;
- [4] Phoebe Judge (22), general servant, born Birmingham:

1901 Census

20, Dudley Street – SARACENS HEAD INN

- [1] Henry N. Bates (63), born Wolverhampton;
- [2] Charlotte Bates (56), wife, born Cradley, Worcestershire;
- [3] *George H. Bates* (25), unmarried, son, publican, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] Amy Warren (9), granddaughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] Maggie Morse (21), domestic servant, born Kinver:

County Express 31/5/1902

“*Charlotte Rebecca Bates*, landlady of the SARACENS HEAD INN, Dudley Road, Brierley Hill, was charged under the Licensing Acts, with permitting drunkenness on her licensed premises on May 5th. She pleaded guilty. Mr. J. Walter Clulow, who prosecuted for the chief constable, said at a quarter to five on the afternoon named PC Tetlow went into the SARACENS HEAD, and in the smoke room saw John Griffiths, a well-known man, drunk, and with a pint cup before him. Tetlow went up the town and saw three more police officers, PC’s Dale, Wheatley, and Bucknell, and accompanied by these, went again to the house, this being half-an-hour after his first visit. Griffiths was found to be there still, and was very drunk. Upon *Mrs. Bates*’s attention being called to the fact that the man had been there half-an-hour, she stated the man came in very drunk, and she had only supplied the man who came in with him. *Mrs. Bates* was well advised to plead guilty, and under these circumstances he (Mr. Clulow) did not ask for a heavy penalty. The Bench imposed a fine of £3, including in which amount was £2 10s 6d Court Costs and solicitors’ fee.”

AND

“John Giffiths, of 35, Bromley, Pensnett, for being drunk on licensed premises, was, on the evidence of PC Tetlow, fined 5s and costs.”

Pigeon fanciers met here. [1913]

William Henry Cheadle was also a blacksmith. [1916]

[2010]

Closed [2011]

It was converted to a shop. [2013]



2009

SEVEN DWELLINGS

Mill Lane, Delph, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

James Thompson [1834] – [1835]

SEVEN STARS

69, Fenton Street, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Benjamin Scriven
Wordsley Brewery Co.

LICENSEES

Thomas Oates [] - **1871**);
Abraham Cope (**1871 - 1874**);
Emma Beddard (**1874 - 1881**);
Thomas Broad [1881]
Richard Price (**1881 - 1883**);
Benjamin Hendley (**1883 - 1886**);
George Bentley (**1886 - 1889**);
Thomas Craddock (**1889 - 1891**);
Benjamin Scriven (**1891 - 1905**);
Samuel Thomas Pitt (**1905**):

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

Abraham Cope, beer retailer, 69, Fenton Street. [1872]

1881 Census

69, Fenton Street – SEVEN STARS Public house

- [1] *Thomas Broad* (58), licensed victualler, born Great Bridge;
- [2] *Elizabeth Broad* (58), wife, born West Bromwich;
- [3] *Elizabeth Broad* (82), widow, mother, born Manchester:

1891 Census

69, Fenton Street – SEVEN STARS INN

- [1] *Thomas Craddock* (39), coal miner, born Oldbury;
- [2] *Harriet Craddock* (34), wife, born Brockmoor;
- [3] *Mary Ann Jewes* (16), daughter, married, born Langley;
- [4] *Albert Jewes* (22), son in law, sawyer, born Brockmoor;
- [5] *Beatrice Craddock* (10) daughter, scholar, born Langley;
- [6] *Elizabeth Craddock* (8), daughter, scholar, born America;
- [7] *Laura Craddock* (6), daughter, scholar, born Langley;
- [8] *Florence Craddock* (4), daughter, born Brierley Hill:

1901 Census

69, Fenton Street – SEVEN STARS INN

[1] *Benjamin Scriven* (64), beer seller, born Kingswinford;

[2] *Caroline Scriven* (64), wife, born Brierley Hill;

[3] *Clara Scriven* (36), daughter, born Brierley Hill:

Benjamin Scriven, beer retailer, 69, Fenton Street. [1904]

Brierley Hill Advertiser 14/1/1905

“To Let, the SEVEN STARS INN, Fenton Street, Brierley Hill. Ingoing by valuation. Early possession. Wordsley Brewery Co., Wordsley, Stourbridge.”

The license renewal was refused on the grounds that the house “is of disorderly character.”

It was delicensed on 3rd April 1905.

Appeal to the Quarter Sessions disqualified on 28th June 1905.

SHEFFIELD

65, Sheffield Street, QUARRY BANK

OWNERS

Smith, Williams (acquired c.1927)
Julia Hanson and Son Ltd. (acquired in 1934)

LICENSEES

Thomas Attwood [1872] – **1877**);
Samuel Mobberley (**1877 – 1891**);
John Weston (**1891 – 1895**);
William Edmonds (**1895 – 1903**);
James Street (**1903 – 1909**);
Samuel Mobberley (**1909 – 1914**);
Mrs. Elizabeth Mobberley (m. Harris) (**1914 – 1925**);
Samuel Thomas Attwood Mobberley (**1925 – 1926**);
Joseph Bunn (**1926 – 1928**);
Thomas Bunn (**1928 – 1944**);
Mrs. Sarah Ellen Bunn (**1944 – 1956**):

NOTES

SHEFFIELD ARMS [1881]

It had a beerhouse license.

A Horticultural Society was based here.

1881 Census

Sheffield Street – SHEFFIELD ARMS INN

- [1] *Samuel Mobberley* (28), publican, born Quarry Bank;
- [2] *Elizabeth Mobberley* (25), wife, born Quarry Bank;
- [3] *Samuel T. Mobberley* (5), son, born Quarry Bank;
- [4] *Florence L. Mobberley* (4), daughter, born Quarry Bank;
- [5] *Wallace J. Mobberley* (2), son, born Quarry Bank;
- [6] *Lilley M. Mobberley* (3 weeks), daughter, born Quarry Bank:

1891 Census

Sheffield Street – SHEFFIELD ARMS

- [1] *John Weston* (43), publican, married, born Quarry Bank;
- [2] *Minnie Weston* (13), daughter, scholar, born Quarry Bank;
- [3] *Joseph Weston* (9), son, scholar, born Quarry Bank;
- [4] *Wallace Mobberley* (12), nephew, scholar, born Quarry Bank;
- [5] *Flora Grove* (18), domestic servant, born Quarry Bank:

County Express 24/3/1900

“Mr. *W. Edmonds*, SHEFFIELD INN, Sheffield Street, Quarry Bank, writes under date March 21st:– ‘I find in your paper of last Saturday, a report of proceedings against *John Aston*, landlord of the STAR HOTEL, for selling liquor during prohibited hours on February 5th, and where a man of the name William Edmonds, residing at Sheffield, was charged with being in the house. I have been accused of being the same man because of having the same name, and living in Sheffield Street, Quarry Bank. I hope you will oblige by inserting this denial in your valuable paper on Saturday next, that I am the man referred to’.”

1901 Census

Sheffield Street – SHEFFIELD INN

- [1] *William Edmonds* (53), publican, born Cradley Heath;
- [2] *Hannah M. Edmonds* (50), wife, born Cradley Heath;
- [3] *Alice L. Edmonds* (28), daughter, born Cradley Heath;
- [4] *Flora Edmonds* (18), daughter, born Cradley Heath;
- [5] *Ernest Edmonds* (13), son, errand boy, born Cradley Heath;
- [6] *Phoebe A. Edmonds* (10), daughter, born Cradley Heath;
- [7] *Henry N. Edmonds* (7), son, born Cradley Heath;
- [8] *Sarah Collier* (40), visitor, relative, widow, born Cradley Heath:

County Express 20/4/1901

“Order Of Druids (‘Pride of the Mount’ Lodge).- The members of the above lodge had a dinner at the SHEFFIELD INN, last week. It is now 25 years since this lodge was enrolled, and to commemorate that event, Mr. *W. Edmonds* provided a substantial repast.

After dinner a social evening was spent with singing and recitations given by some of the members. Mr. Frank Webb presided and spoke of the usefulness of such a society in the district. It had done much useful service during the last quarter-of-a-century, and was now in a most prosperous condition. During the evening, on behalf of the members, he made a presentation to the secretary, in appreciation of his earnest and useful work for this lodge.”

James Street, beer and wine retailer, Sheffield Street. [1904]

1911 Census

65, Sheffield Street

- [1] *Samuel Mobberley* (58), beerhouse keeper, born Quarry Bank;
- [2] *Elizabeth Mobberley* (55), wife, married 37 years, assisting in business, born Quarry Bank;
- [3] *Ethel Mobberley* (19), daughter, assisting in business, born Quarry Bank;
- [4] *Mary Weston* (60), sister, visitor, widow, licensed victualler, born Quarry Bank:

Samuel Mobberley, beer retailer, Sheffield Street. [1912]

County Express 19/2/1916

“In Memoriam.

Mobberley. - In loving memory of my dear husband *Samuel Mobberley* (late of SHEFFIELD INN, Sheffield Street, Quarry Bank), who passed away February 6th, 1914. Gone but not forgotten by his dear wife and children.”

Mrs. Elizabeth Mobberley, beer retailer, Sheffield Street. [1916]

Elizabeth Mobberley married Job Harris on 3rd January 1918.

Dudley Herald 7/11/1925

“Sale of widely known double fronted, freehold, ante 1869 home brewing beer house.....”

Thomas Bunn was the brother of Ernest Bunn of the SALTWELLS, Netherton.

He was married to *Sarah Ellen*.

He died in 1944.

Conveyance dated 2/7/1934

“All that messuage public-house and premises situate in and numbered 65 Sheffield Street Quarry Bank aforesaid and known as SHEFFIELD INN with the land outbuildings and appurtenances thereto belonging and occupied therewith Except the mines and minerals thereunder which belong to the Lord of the Manor for the time being the Manor of Kingswinford.”

It closed in December 1956.

SHINGLERS ARMS

22, Commonsides, (Brockmoor Bridge), PENSNETT

OWNERS

South Staffordshire Brewery [c.1890]

John Bright Willis, COMMERCIAL, Pensnett (acquired c.1905)

LICENSEES

John Holloway [1845]

James Christopher [1849] – [1850]

Joseph Attwood [1851]

John Holloway [1851] – [1856]

James Talbot [1862]

Thomas Holloway [1864] – [1865]

Henry Walker [1870]

Thomas Holloway [1872]

John Holloway [1872] – **1873**);

Dudley Cartwright (**1873 – 1874**);

Thomas Henderson (**1874 – 1876**);

Joseph Pickett (**1876 – 1877**);

Lucy Hollis (**1877 – 1879**);

Jane Bastock (**1879 – 1880**);

Henry Male (**1880 – 1882**);

Edwin Lees (**1882 – 1883**);

William Bluck (**1883 – 1886**);

Enoch Bradburn (**1886 – 1887**);

John Bailey (**1887 – 1904**);

Thomas Jordan (**1904 – 1907**);

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

1851 Census

Commonsides

[1] *John Holloway* (38), publican, born Madeley;

[2] *Mary A. Holloway* (37), wife, born Kingswinford;

[3] *Sarah A. Holloway* (14), daughter, born Kingswinford;

[4] *Elizabeth Holloway* (13), daughter, born Kingswinford;

[5] *Thomas Holloway* (11), son, born Kingswinford;

[6] *John Holloway* (4), son, born Kingswinford;

[7] *Mary Ann Holloway* (1), daughter, born Kingswinford;

and two visitors:

Brierley Hill Advertiser 5/7/1856

“*Joseph Guest*, of the SWAN INN, Pensnett, *Thomas Wright*, of the LION HOTEL, Pensnett, and *John Holloway*, of the SHINGLERS ARMS, Brockmoor, were severally charged with having their houses open after hours, on Sunday, June 22nd, and fined 10s each and expenses.”

Thomas Holloway, beer retailer, Commonside, Pensnett. [1864], [1865]

Stourbridge Observer 16/4/1870

“At the Petty Sessions, on Thursday last, before I. Spooner, Esq, Stipendiary, Isaiah Elwell, J. Gill, and a man named Smith were charged by Superintendent Mills with being in the house of *Henry Walker* drinking ale during prohibited hours.

Defendants pleaded guilty, and were fined 5s and costs.”

Stourbridge Observer 16/8/1870

“At the Petty Sessions at Brierley Hill, on Monday last, before F. Evers and H. Smith, Esqrs, William Griffiths, Moses Gwilliam, and Thomas Bennett were brought up on a remand charged with stealing sheep on the 2nd of April, and other dates, the property of William Darby. Mr. Holberton appeared to prosecute, and Mr. Addison defended Bennett and Griffiths.

William Darby deposed: I am a maltster, residing at Mount Pleasant. On the night of the 2nd April I had a quantity of sheep in a field. The carcase of a sheep was taken away, and the skin left. On the night of the 10th, or early on the 11th of the same month, I lost one ewe sheep. The head and skin were left in the field, and the carcase taken away.

Police-constable Fairbanks deposed: On the 3rd of April I went into one of prosecutor’s fields, about eleven o’clock, in company with Sergeant Breton, and found a sheepskin and entrails buried in a mound. Saw several clog and foot marks there also. Went again with Sergeant Breton on the 11th of April, between seven and eight o’clock, and found a sheepskin, head, and entrails on the top side of the field, on the opposite side of the mound. Saw clog and shoe marks there also. On the 16th of May, in company with Sergeant Breton, I went into a field at Merry Hill, belonging to Mr. Dunn, and found a sheepskin and entrails, and found more clog marks in the rickyard, and in the direction of the wood. On the 4th inst, just before one o’clock, I was under the hedge in the field, and saw Bennett coming down the hedge side in a stooping position, looking over the hedge at the sheep, and passed on. The field is mowing grass, and there is no road through it. When he passed within a yard of me I jumped up and seized him. Bennett dropped the bag produced, and also something which looked like a knife. I charged him with stealing a sheep. Prisoner made no reply.

When at the station I charged him with stealing two sheep and one lamb, the property of Mr. Darby, and two sheep, the property of Mr. Dunn. Bennett made no reply. Shortly after I returned to the field where I arrested Bennett, and saw a knife and a razor. I picked up the razor, and Police-constable Mayland picked up the knife. I took prisoner Bennett’s clogs off, and compared them with the clog marks. The nails and length of the clogs exactly corresponded; also the same clog marks in Dunn’s field on the 16th May, and those in Mr. Darby’s field in April. I also found a small quantity of wool in the bag. On the morning of the 8th I went with Police-constable Hollins to Kates Hill, Dudley, and about two o’clock in the morning arrested Griffiths on the charge of sheep stealing. Griffiths said he did not steal the sheep, but would take witness down to Brownhills dock, where he took the man. Shortly after they went to Gwilliam, and Hollins charged him with sheep stealing. He said he knew nothing about it. Prisoner Bennett said, ‘Yes; those are the two men who helped me to fetch Dunn’s and Darby’s sheep.’ Griffiths said, ‘How can you say so?’ Bennett said, ‘Yes, you helped me to fetch all the sheep.’ Gwilliam asked for the dates on which the sheep were stolen. I gave him the dates. He then said, ‘I can prove I was at work all those nights.’ Griffiths said, ‘So can I.’ The same morning I took them down to Wordsley lock-up. Just before we got to the station Griffiths said, ‘Who would have thought of Bennett splitting?’ Gwilliam said, ‘Shut your mouth, or he will tear you to pieces.’ On the 16th of May, at half past twelve at night saw Griffiths and Gwilliam together, going towards Salt Wells Bridge, which was in the direction of Mr. Dunn’s field, where the sheep were stolen from.

Cross-examined: Did not see Bennett. Know nothing about him.

Police-constable Mayland deposed: On the 4th of June I went to Darby’s field with Police-constable Fairbanks about ten o’clock, and remained there till the next morning. About one o’clock the prisoner Bennett came into the field where we were. Bennett came down the hedge side in a stooping position. Just before he came to where we were he looked over the hedge where the sheep were. He walked past us. We jumped up, and I seized him by the collar. He had the bag produced, under his left arm. At the same time he dropped something else. Went back again, and found the knife and razor produced. I picked up the razor, and Sergeant Breton the knife. It was just in the same spot where we found him.

Police-constable Hollins said: On Monday the prisoner Bennett said to me, 'You know what I told you the other day?' I said, 'I don't remember.' He said, 'Not when I told you I did not have any of the mutton?' I said, 'Yes, I recollect you saying that.' Bennett said, 'Yes, but I know who did have it. I cautioned him. He said, 'I say now what I can say before any Magistrate. I know who did have it. One is a man named William Griffiths, at Kates Hill, who walks as if his hip was out. The other is a man who wears a velveteen jacket, and he is the man who went to temper the clay at Brown's. I was to have met the two on the Locks Lane Bridge, at eleven o'clock. They were to see that the field was clear on the other side, where the policeman 'nailed' me. I had been asleep, and was two hours behind time, and got 'nailed', or we were to have taken one of Mr. Darby's sheep that night. About three weeks on Saturday night I met Griffiths at the HEN AND CHICKENS INN, Dudley, and had some drink. We agreed to meet the following Saturday night, at one o'clock, on the bridge by the ROBIN HOOD. We all three met, and took one of Mr. Dunn's sheep. The one we had before was Mr. Darby's. I met Griffiths before on a Saturday night. We went to Shore's, and had some drink. The old man paid for it. We agreed to meet on the following Sunday night at 12 o'clock, on the Locks Lane bridge. We all three met again and took one of Mr. Darby's sheep. On the Saturday night before that I met Griffiths in Dudley about nine o'clock. We had one pint at Shore's. We agreed to fetch one of Mr. Darby's the same night. We met at Locks Lane bridge at twelve the same night. We took a sheep and a lamb of Mr. Darby's. I helped them to take four altogether. The one we took before was Dunn's. We killed it in the wood, and they took it away altogether. Griffiths always paid me. He gave me two or three shillings at a time, and he gave me one head and pluck. That is all I ever had of them.' After this I went with Police-constable Fairbanks to Dudley, and told Griffiths he would be charged with stealing sheep. He replied that he took no sheep, but would take me to the man who did. He then took me to Gwilliam, and charged him with stealing sheep. He said he knew nothing about it. We then brought Griffiths and Gwilliam to the station, and charged them all three together with stealing two sheep and a lamb, the property of Mr. Darby, and two sheep the property of Mr. Dunn, on various dates. Bennett said, 'Yes, these are the two men who helped me to steal all Darby's and Dunn's sheep.' Griffiths said, 'How can you say that I helped you to steal sheep?' Bennett said, 'Yes, you did, both of you.' Gwilliam said, 'What are the dates?' Fairbanks told him. Gwilliam said he could prove that he was at work all those nights. Griffiths said so could he. On the way to the station, Griffiths said, 'Who would have thought of Bennett 'splitting'?' Gwilliam said, 'Shut your mouth.'

Sergeant Breton deposed: I went to Darby's field on the 3rd and 11th of April, in company with Fairbanks. Found the entrails of some sheep, and clog and foot marks, and on the 4th found a knife. Saw Mayland pick up the razor. It was in a field of mowing grass. On the morning of the 16th of May saw Griffiths and Gwilliam together. Police-constable Fairbanks was with me. They were going in the direction of the Salt Wells, towards Mr. Roland Dunn's field. Went to Dunn's field and there saw clog marks, and measured them. They corresponded to the clog produced. William Ellis, of the Round Oak, shingler, said he saw Bennett and Griffiths at the SHINGLERS ARMS, on the night of the 16th, having ale.

William Sawyer, gardener, said he lived at Netherton, and knew Bennett well. Lived close to him. Had seen Gwilliam go to Bennett's house once or twice, six or seven weeks ago.

Police-constable Pitt said he saw the prisoners Bennett and Griffiths between Wood Street and Cannon Street, on the 14th of May, going in the direction of Dudley.

This being the case against the prisoners, Mr. Addison asked the Bench if they thought there was a case against any, all, or either of the men. The Bench considered there was.

Mr. Addison said he should call witness to prove that Gwilliam was at work on the date mentioned, and if there was a doubt he should ask them to give the prisoner the benefit of it.

John Hyde, sinker, residing at the Round Oak, said the prisoner Gwilliam came to work for him on the night of the 16th of May, and continued until the 27th of May. He engaged him on the 14th. Prisoner began to work on Monday night the 16th, at six o'clock, and worked eight hours. Knew nothing against him before.

Prisoners were then charged with feloniously stealing two sheep, the property of Roland Dunn. Mr. Homer appeared to prosecute, and Mr. Addison defended the prisoner.

Prosecutor said he kept cows, and lived at Mount Pleasant. On the 18th or 19th of April he missed one wether sheep, and another between the 15th and 16th of May. One sheep was taken wholly away; the skin and entrails of the other were left behind.

Mr. Homer said the evidence of the others was applicable to this case.

Bennett made a confession of the whole case, which was similar to that given by Police-constable Hollins, and all three prisoners were committed to take their trial at the next Stafford Assizes. Bail refused."

1881 Census

Commonside – SHINGLERS ARMS

- [1] *Henry Male* (48), glassmaker and publican, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Mary A. Male* (33), wife, born Dudley;
- [3] *Annie Male* (9), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Albert Male* (3), son, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Ada Male* (1), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *George Male* (1 month), son, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Mary Male* (19), niece, domestic servant, born Kingswinford:

1901 Census

22, Commonside – SHINGLERS ARMS INN

- [1] *John Bailey* (50), licensed victualler, coal, miner, hewer, born Harts Hill;
- [2] *Jane E. Bailey* (48), wife, born Holly Hall;
- [3] *Martha J. Bailey* (25), daughter, born Staveley, Derbyshire;
- [4] *John Bailey* (23), son, coal miner (hewer), born Brierley Hill:

County Express 16/11/1901

“*John Bailey*, landlord of the SHINGLERS ARMS INN, Commonside, and *Martha Bailey*, his, daughter, were charged with refusing to sell to *Samuel Edwin Tay*, an inspector under the Food and Drugs Act, a quantity of whiskey required by him for the purpose of analysis by the public analyst. *Mr. Harold Van Tromp*, chief inspector, appeared to prosecute. The evidence as stated by *Tay*, and deposed to by another inspector *Leonard Parkes*, was that they visited this inn on October 10th. *Martha Bailey* was in charge, and *Tay* asked her for half-a-pint of whisky. She said she could not supply it. *Tay* pointed to some bottles, marked Irish whiskey, on a shelf, and asked to be supplied with half-a-pint of it, at the same time tendering half-a-crown in payment. It was still refused. *Tay* then explained what he wanted it for, but *Martha Bailey* would not, and did not supply it.

Mr. Van Tromp said the inference was, there was some reason for not supplying it, and he asked for a sufficient penalty to act as a deterrent in similar cases.

John Bailey said he and his wife were away at Wolverhampton. They did not leave half-a-pint of whiskey, but had he or his wife been at home they would have mixed it and supplied it.

The Stipendiary said it was a serious case, but he did not think *John Bailey* would be so foolish as to tell *Martha Bailey* not to supply the inspectors. He would be fined 10s and costs. *Martha Bailey* was most obstinate in refusing to sell the whiskey, and would be fined £5 and costs.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 13/12/1902 - Advert

“SHINGLERS ARMS INN, Commonside, Pensnett Homebrew house on the market Freehold.”

The license was not required on 5th March 1906.

The license renewal was refused on 18th June 1906.

The license was extinguished on 24th August 1907.

SHOOTING CANTEEN

Barrow Hill, PENSNETT

OWNERS

Earl of Dudley

LICENSEES

Benjamin Bickley Mallen **(1900 – 1904);**
James Job Ecclestone **(1904 – 1907):**

NOTES

It had a six day license.

1900 application - "A rifle range had been established at considerable cost no person was served unless he was a rifleman."

It was first licensed on 21st August 1900.

The license was not renewed in 1907.

SPOTTED COW

104, (74), (81), (86), Moor Street, (81, Moor Lane), Brettell Lane, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

William Cartwright [1890]

LICENSEES

Edward Russell [] - **1872**);
George Sylvanus Gwillam (**1872**);
William Knight (**1872**);
Lucy Frazier (**1872 - 1874**);
Charles Batham (**1874 - 1875**);
William Newton (**1875 - 1880**);
William Child (**1880 - 1882**);
Benjamin Pearson (**1882**);
William Cartwright Snr. (**1882 - 1920**);
William Cartwright Jnr. (**1920 - 1935**);
Mrs. Florence Cartwright (**1935 - [1940]**)

NOTES

81, Moor Lane [1871]
81, Moor Street [1881], [1891]
74, Moor Street [1901], [1904], [1911]
104, Moor Street [1940]

It had a beerhouse license.

Lucy Frazier = Lucy Fraser

1881 Census

81, Moor Street – SPOTTED COW
[1] *William Child* (23), joiner and publican, born Yanworth, Gloucestershire;
[2] *Annie Child* (24), wife, born Brierley Hill:

The name was changed to NEW SPOTTED COW in 1887.

The name was changed back to SPOTTED COW in 1889.

1891 Census

81, Moor Street – SPOTTED COW INN
[1] *William Cartwright* (35), beerhouse keeper, born Brierley Hill;
[2] *Ruth Cartwright* (38), wife, born Brierley Hill;
[3] *Selina Cartwright* (12), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
[4] *May F. Cartwright* (5), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
[5] *Jane F. Cartwright* (3), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
[6] *Ruth Cartwright* (1), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
[7] *William Cartwright* (1 week), son, born Brierley Hill;
[8] *Mary M. Green* (20), general servant, born Brierley Hill:

County Express 10/11/1900

“Amateur Homing Society. This society held its annual dinner, meeting, and prize distribution at the SPOTTED COW INN, Moor Street, some forty being present. Mr. T. S. Brown presided, in the absence of the president, Mr. W. H. Smith, and Mr. John Westwood was in the vice-chair. The receipts showed an income of £27 11s 9d, and the expenditure £25 3s 1d, out of which £9 was spent in prizes. There were a large number of special prizes. The principal winner was Mr. F. Griffiths, £3 19s, and two specials. Various toasts were honoured during the evening, and harmony contributed.”

County Express 5/1/1901

“Annual Meetings Of Sick And Draw Clubs.....

SPOTTED COW INN (Brierley Hill).- The annual dinner of the sick and draw club was held at the SPOTTED COW INN, Moor Street. Upwards of thirty members sat down to the dinner provided by the host (Mr. *W. Cartwright*). Mr. T. S. Brown presided at the after proceedings, and Mr. W. Cole was vice-chairman. After the usual loyal toasts had been honoured, the Chairman proposed that of ‘The host and hostess,’ and Mr. *W. Cartwright* suitably responded. The Chairman presented the balance sheet which showed, after all expenses had been paid, a dividend to each member of 12s 4d. He said that all the members would regret the absence of the secretary (Mr. H. Westwood) through illness, and hoped that he would soon be able to resume his duties. Several members contributed songs, and the usual vote of thanks closed a most enjoyable evening.”

1901 Census

74, Moor Street

- [1] *William Cartwright* (45), beer retailer, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] Ruth Cartwright (47), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] Selina Cartwright (22), daughter, barmaid, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] May F. Cartwright (15), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] Jane Cartwright (13), daughter, dressmaker, born Brierley Hill;
- [6] Ruth Cartwright (11), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [7] *William Cartwright* (10), son, born Brierley Hill:

County Express 22/6/1901

“On Wednesday morning Mr. T. A. Stokes, coroner, held an inquest at the SPOTTED COW INN, Moor Lane, Brierley Hill, touching the death of William Henry Dimmock (45), of No.2, Tackeroo, Moor Lane, Brierley Hill, who died on Saturday under circumstances which gave rise to a suspicion that death was due to arsenical beer poisoning, and for which reason the burial certificate was withheld, and the coroner communicated with. Mr. J. J. Appleby was foreman of the jury.

Eliza Dimmock stated she was the wife of deceased, who by trade was a glassmaker. He had been ill on and off for some three years, and during that time had been attended on several occasions by Dr. Taylor. He became worse on May 30th, and four days later Dr. Taylor was called in, and attended him until Saturday, when death occurred. They had been married sixteen years, and during the whole of that time, and also previously, he had been in the habit of taking too much beer. The beer consumed at home was fetched from a public house, near, but her husband was very often away from home, and had the greater quantity from other places when he was travelling about.

Dr. L. A. Taylor, Brierley Hill, said he had attended Dimmock various times during the last three years. On all occasions his illness resulted from alcoholism, and upon one occasion he attended him when he had *delirium tremens*. He was again called in to the deceased on June 4th, and found him suffering from a disease called peripheral neuritis, which is a form of paralysis, produced really by inflammation of the nerves. The symptoms were very marked, and went on getting worse until Saturday, when the man died. There was a form of peripheral neuritis which was produced by alcohol, and in this case all the symptoms of arsenical poisoning were present.

The Coroner: Did you make post-mortem examination? – Dr. Taylor: Yes, yesterday afternoon.

Did the result of that examination lead you to believe that the man died from arsenical poisoning? – Yes.

Is it a fact that this arsenical poisoning might have been of long standing? – Probably it would be of some months’ duration.

We have all heard of this scare of beer poisoning; I suppose this might have been in the system for some considerable time? – Yes, for some months.

You have no reason to suspect that it is of recent origin? – No, not necessarily. I had not seen him until June 4th, since February. He had no symptom in February, but in the meantime probably it would develop. The first thing that called his wife's attention to it was that he fell down in the street, by losing the power of his legs. The symptoms would come on very gradually and he would lose power and tumble about for days, perhaps weeks.

It would take some considerable period of time for the amount of arsenic in the beer to end fatally? – Yes, because the amount contained in contaminated beer has been very small.

You have no reason to suspect the beer he had been having lately? – No, there has been no evidence of acute poisoning; the poisoning was chronic, and it would be due to small quantities over a considerable time.

The Foreman (Mr. Appleby): I should like to ask how long this man has been off work; do you know that? – Dr.

Taylor: I don't think he has ever done any work since I have known him, and that is a period of three years.

The Foreman: So it would not be possible for him to get any arsenic into his system on account of any work he is engaged in? – Dr. Taylor: No. I don't think so.

The Coroner: He is a glassmaker. – Dr. Taylor: He would not be liable in his trade to arsenic poisoning.

A Juryman (Mr. S. Moreton) asked how long was it since he had an attack of delirium tremens? Dr. Taylor said he could not tell exactly, but it would be more than twelve months ago.

The Coroner: In your opinion he died of peripheral neuritis, set up by chronic arsenic poisoning? – Dr. Taylor: That is so.

The Coroner: Gentlemen, you have heard the opinion of the doctor. Of course, when it was reported to me, and it was suggested that it was suspected the man died from arsenic poisoning, I thought it was important that we should enquire into the matter, and see whether it was a recent arsenical poisoning, or whether it was the result of bad beer which we know was brewed some months ago. You hear what the doctor says, that there is no reason to suspect the man died from recent poisoning, and if you agree with that, there is no one to blame and there is an end of the case.

The Foreman: I think we should try and ascertain where this man has been in the habit of having the beer from.

The Coroner: She cannot answer for what he got when he was away, and she says he was away sometimes all day, and that he frequently came back the worse for beer, so that is impossible for us to ascertain where he got it when he was away from home.

The Foreman: Quite so, but we have had no evidence that he had any quantity of beer from any place. Don't you think it would be advisable for a sample to be had and an analysis made to prevent such a thing in other cases.

The Coroner: Well, it is an old standing complaint, and the scare of this beer has been of some considerable months' duration now, and I have no doubt every brewer and brewery have taken care that they don't brew but pure-beer. I have no power to order an analysis to be made. If the police think fit they can do so.

Dr. Taylor: Or the medical officer of health.

The Coroner: Yes, or the medical officer of health, but I have no power to do so. You see the doctor says it is not poisoning of an acute character, and there is every reason to believe that it extended over a long period.

The Jury then returned a verdict that Dimmock 'Died from peripheral neuritis set up by chronic arsenical poisoning'."

County Express 5/10/1901

"The enjoyment of a Brierley Hill party at a day's rabbit shooting was cut short on Monday, by a serious injury to George Gamble (38), of Moor Street, Brierley Hill, employed at Messrs. Stevens and Williams' glass works. In company with Mr. *W. Cartwright*, of the SPOTTED COW, Moor Street, and Mr. L. W. Silver, he went to Wilsden, near Stourport, and, in company with two brothers named Joyner, had some rabbiting. At about four o'clock, however, one of the Joyners, who had a gun, made a pot at a rabbit which quite unexpectedly dashed from an embankment, where ferrets had been put in and nets laid. Unfortunately he did not perceive that Mr. Gamble was standing close to the hedge, some 40 yards distant, right in the line of fire, and Mr. Gamble received the full charge in the face. The seriousness of the accident was apparent in a moment, Mr. Gamble's face running with blood, his flesh being pierced by the shot. With the assistance of his companions he walked to Stourport, but no doctors could be found, and a car had to be obtained in which to take him to the Kidderminster infirmary. His injuries were found to be very serious, and he is still detained there. It was feared the Mr. Gamble would lose his eyesight, but one eye fortunately escaped, and there are hopes that the other might not be seriously affected."

William Cartwright Snr., beer retailer, 74, Moor Street. [1904]

1911 Census

74, Moor Street

[1] 74, Moor Street

[1] *William Cartwright* (55), beer retailer, born Brierley Hill;

[2] *Ruth Cartwright* (58), wife, married 34 years, assisting in the business, born Brierley Hill;

[3] *Ruth Cartwright* (21), daughter, assisting in the business, born Brierley Hill;

[4] *William Cartwright* (20), son, assisting in the business, born Brierley Hill:

William Cartwright Snr. was also a brewer. [1914]

William Cartwright Jnr. was the son of *William Snr.*

He was also a brewer. [1930]

Plans were approved, for improvements to the sanitary arrangements, at the adjourned Licensing Meeting, on 4th March 1930.

A wine license was granted on 26th April 1938.

SPREAD EAGLE

2, (155), High Street, (6, (7), Church Street) / Hill Street, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Henry Bate, Thorns, Quarry Bank
Hannah Bate, Caledonia, Brierley Hill (acquired in 1898)
George Wood Pearson (leased)
Bathams Brewery (leased from 29th September 1926 at £225 per annum)

LICENSEES

Jesse Barker [1856] – **1870**);
Mrs. Hannah Barker (**1870 – 1871**);
Mrs. Ann Kendall (**1871 – 1873**);
George Davies (**1873 – 1880**);
James Cox (**1880 – 1887**);
John Hatton (**1887 – 1898**);
Hannah Bate (**1898 – 1899**);
George Wood Pearson (**1899 – 1926**);
Arthur Joseph Batham (**1926 – 1944**);
Sidney James Bennett (**1944 – 1951**);
Charles Arthur Scott (**1951 – 1955**);
William Joseph Edmonds (**1955 – 1956**);
John Philip Bonas (**1956 – 1967**);

NOTES

Church Street [1860], [1861], [1864], [1865], [1870], [1871]
7, Church Street [1872], [1881]
6, Church Street [1873]
155, High Street [1891], [1892], [1896], [1901], [1904], [1912]
2, High Street [1916], [1921], [1940]

It had a brewery attached.

It had a double bay, front bar servery with 4 beer pulls, an off sales area, smoke room, cocktail bar, games room, dining room with ten covers, kitchen, office, two bedrooms, bathroom, cellar and car park.

Brierley Hill Advertiser 22/11/1856 - Advert

“Sale At The SPREAD EAGLE INN, High Street, Brierley HillMr. H. Detheridge Two Pit Ponies.....”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 29/8/1857

“*Jesse Barker*, of the SPREAD EAGLE INN, Brierley Hill, was charged with committing a similar offence [knowingly permitting drunkenness and disorderly conduct]. The charge was borne out by the testimony of Police-constable Freeman, and defendant was also malected in the sum of 20s and costs.”

1861 Census

High Street

- [1] *Jesse Barker* (41), publican, born Friars Ditton, Shropshire;
- [2] *Hannah Barker* (41), wife, born Stratford, Warwickshire;
- [3] *Elizabeth Humphries* (20), general servant, born Lindridge, Shropshire;
- [4] *William Jones* (18), boarder, mason's labourer, born Frome, Gloucestershire;
- [5] *George W. Carter* (40), boarder, excavator, born Tetbury, Gloucestershire:

Jesse Barker died in 1870.

1871 Census

7, Church Street – SPREAD EAGLE

- [1] *Ann Kendall* (44), widow, licensed victualler, born Church Stretton;
- [2] *Mary Ann Kendall* (19), daughter;
- [3] *Emma Kendall* (14), daughter:

Stourbridge Observer 7/10/1871

“*Ann Kendall*, SPREAD EAGLE INN, Church Street, was summoned for a similar offence [permitting drunkenness], committed early on the morning of the 26th ult.

Police-constables Mayland and Grady stated that they found several drunken people in the house, and that after defendant had been cautioned she continued to fill ale. The tap room was filled with lads, and they were all tipsy. Regret was expressed by the defendant, and she called a man named Thorneycroft, who was engaged as fiddler during the wake. He assured the Bench that he did not see more than one drunken man in the house, and that when the officers called the tap was stopped, and the house cleared.

This was denied by the police, and Mr. Mills said the house did not bear a good character.

The magistrates cautioned the defendant, and inflicted a fine of 10s and costs.”

Stourbridge Observer 4/11/1871

“*John Hand*, a youth, was charged by *Ann Kendall* with assaulting her on the 23rd ult.

From the evidence of complainant it appears that she keeps the SPREAD EAGLE INN. Defendant and several others came to her house, and called for a pint of cider. They began to make a great noise, and she ordered them out of the house. They refused to go, and she caught hold of defendant to put him out, when he struck her a violent blow on the side of the face.

Defendant did not deny the offence.

He was further charged with assaulting *Mary Ann Kendall*, at the same time and place.

The charge was proved, and defendant fined 6d in each case, and costs, 21s; in default three weeks' imprisonment.”

1881 Census

7, Church Street – SPREAD EAGLE

- [1] *James Cox* (50), fire clay miner, born Oldswinford;
- [2] *Matilda Cox* (46), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Sarah Cox* (25), daughter, dressmaker, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Caroline E. Cox* (22), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *James Cox* (20), son, fire clay miner, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Richard Cox* (18), son, glass bottle maker, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Matilda Cox* (16), daughter, dressmaker, born Kingswinford;
- [8] *Emma Cox* (14), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [9] *Annie Cox* (11), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [10] *Thomas Cox* (8), son, scholar, born Kingswinford:

1891 Census

155, High Street

- [1] *John Hatton* (34), licensed victualler, born Amblecote;
- [2] *Elizabeth Hatton* (32), wife, born Quarry Bank;
- [3] *Minnie Bate* (23), barmaid, assistant, born Deepfields;
- [4] *Harriet Bate* (19), sister in law, assistant, born Quarry Bank;
- [5] *Maud M. Hatton* (4 months), daughter, born Brierley Hill:

1901 Census

155, High Street

- [1] *George Pearson* (33), licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Milbro Pearson* (33), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Alice Pearson* (21), general servant, born Brierley Hill:

County Express 5/4/1902

“On Easter Monday an inquest was held at the SPREAD EAGLE INN, High Street, respecting the death of George Taylor, aged two years and eleven months, who resided with his parents at 51, High Street, who died on Good Friday from the effects of burns. Sarah Elizabeth Taylor (24), mother of the child, stated that on Wednesday last week she had occasion to go upstairs for a short time, leaving the child in the wash-house, some fire being under the boiler. Soon afterwards witness heard a scream, and running downstairs she was horrified to find her boy in flames. As quickly as possible these were extinguished, and Dr. Taylor sent for, but the child was so badly burned about the arms, head, and body, that it succumbed on the 28th ult. Witness had a fireguard in the kitchen. Before the child died he told her he was scrubbing the sink, when his clothes caught fire. A verdict of Accidental Death was returned.”

It had a bowling club. [1910]

1911 Census

High Street – SPREAD EAGLE INN

- [1] *George Wood Pearson* (43), licensed victualler, brewer, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Milbro Pearson* (43), wife, married 13 years, assisting in business, born Deepfields;
- [3] *Elsie Pearson* (9), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Lindon Pearson* (3), son, born Brierley Hill:

George Wood Pearson was also a brewer. [1914]

The brewing plant was removed [pre 1934]

It was sold in July 1946.

It was the subject of a Compulsory Purchase Order in 1967.

Closed

It was demolished in 1967.



Pre 1967



Pre 1967

STAFFORDSHIRE HOUSE

Thorns, (29, Caledonia), QUARRY BANK

OWNERS

Sarah Fellows
Priscilla Hill
Jeremiah Brooks, Lye (acquired c.1904)
Rogers and Calcutt
Tom Cresswell, brewer, Halesowen (acquired c.1922)

LICENSEES

Elijah Robinson [1851]
Samuel Fellows [1858]
Mrs. Sarah Fellows [1870] - **1884**);
Andrew Sidney Hill (**1884 - 1891**);
Mrs. Priscilla Hill (**1891 - 1902**);
Albert Pearson (**1902 - 1912**);
Emily Agnes Shirt (**1912 - 1913**);
George Harrison (**1913**);
Alfred Askew (**1913 - 1918**);
John Edward Young (**1918 - 1922**);
William Pritchard (**1922 - 1923**);
Herbert Tom Cresswell (**1923 - 1925**);
William Dodds (**1925 - 1926**);
William Thomas Carey (**1926**);
Tom Cresswell (**1926**):

NOTES

Caledonia [1881], [1896], [1912]

STAFFORDSHIRE HOUSE [1851], [1912]

STAFFORDSHIRE ARMS [1873]

1851 Census

Calidonia

- [1] *Elijah Robinson* (48), fire clay miner and publican, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Maria Robinson* (48), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Mary Ann Robinson* (17), daughter, dressmaker, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Eliza Robinson* (15), daughter, straw bonnet maker, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Phoebe Robinson* (13), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Hannah Robinson* (5), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *William Clarke* (18), apprentice, fire clay miner, born Stapford Bishop, Herefordshire;
- [8] *John Pritchard* (17), apprentice, fire clay miner, born Windslow, Herefordshire;
- [9] *Henry Hill* (21), lodger, fire clay miner, born Oldswinford;
- [10] *Maria Hill* (21), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [11] *Mary Hill* (5 months), daughter, born Kingswinford:

Brierley Hill Advertiser 22/3/1856 - Advert

“To be let with immediate possession, that well known Old-Licensed Public House, the STAFFORDSHIRE HOUSE, Caledonia, near the Lye and Brierley Hill. The above house is fitted with everything requisite for a publican, and is situated in the midst of an extensive colliery and mining district. The rent &c extremely low.....”

Sarah Fellows = Sarah Fellowes

1871 Census

Caledonia

- [1] *Sarah Fellows* (54), widow, licensed victualler, born Kingswinford;
- [2] Ann Smith (18), domestic servant, birthplace not known:

1881 Census

Caledonia – Public House

- [1] *Sarah Fellowes* (60), widow, innkeeper, born Caledonia, Staffordshire;
- [2] Annie Nock (16), general servant, born Iverley, Worcestershire;
- [3] Annie Smith (25), visitor, born Bromsgrove:

1891 Census

Caledonia – STAFFORDSHIRE HOUSE

- [1] *Priscilla Hill* (55), widow, publican, born Hay Green;
- [2] Andrew Sidney Hill (25), son, spade finisher, born Quarry Bank;
- [3] Alfred Hill (20), son, labourer, born Quarry Bank:

1901 Census

29, Caledonia

- [1] *Priscilla Hill* (64), widow, publican, born Stamber Mill;
- [2] Andrew Hill (36), son, spade maker, born Quarry Bank;
- [3] Alfred Hill (30), son, brewer, born Quarry Bank;
- [4] Mary Ann Grainger (29), domestic servant, born Wordsley:

County Express 6/4/1901

“Adam Trevis, Caledonia, Quarry Bank, was charged with being drunk in the STAFFORDSHIRE HOUSE INN, Caledonia, on the 23rd ult. Mr. Waldron defended.

Police-constable Lawson stated that he went into this house, and saw defendant drunk in the tap-room, and swearing. When outside defendant behaved like a madman, and was assisted into his house, and the door locked. He threatened to murder witness.

Police-constable Tranter gave corroborative evidence.

Mr. Waldron addressed the Court, and called the defendant, Eizah Trevis, Noah Kendrick, jun., and Noah Kendrick sen., who stated that the defendant was not drunk.

The Bench considered it a proper case to bring before them, but as there was a little doubt about the drunkenness, they gave the benefit of the doubt to the defendant and dismissed it.”

County Express 3/5/1902

“*Priscilla Hill*, STAFFORDSHIRE HOUSE INN, Caledonia, Quarry Bank, was charged with permitting drunkenness on her licensed premises on April 5th. Mr. Clulow prosecuted, and Mr. Waldron defended. Mr. Clulow stated that on April 5th at about ten at night, PC Lawson and PC Jones visited the STAFFORDSHIRE HOUSE INN, and in the tap room they saw William Bache, of Caledonia, and Thomas Knott, of Quarry Bank, both of whom were very drunk. At the moment the officers went in Bache was ordering ‘another bottle of stout.’ Knott was sitting at the table with a pint cup containing ale before him. In reply to Lawson’s enquiry as to Bache, the landlady, an old woman, said he had only been in about half-an-hour, and had had a pint of ale. She added, ‘He has been somewhere else and got drunk, and then he came here.’ As to Knott, the defendant said he had not had much, but that he had been in about half-an-hour, and she had once told him to go. PC Lawson and PC Jones gave evidence bearing out this statement, swearing positively as to the insobriety of the two men. Mr. Waldron for the defence, said the defendant’s case was a total denial to the charge of drunkenness. *Mrs. Hill*, William Bache, Thomas Knott, Mrs. Bache, John Yardley,

Mercy Hill, and Alfred Hill gave evidence as to the men's state. The bench decided to convict, and fined *Mrs. Hill* £5, including costs. They thought *Mrs. Hill* being an old woman, should sell this house and retire from the premises. William Bache, Caledonia, and Thomas Knott, Thorn's Road, Quarry Bank, were each fined 5s and costs for bring drunk in the STAFFORDSHIRE HOUSE INN."

1911 Census

Caledonia – STAFFORDSHIRE HOUSE INN

- [1] *Albert Pearson* (48), fruit warehouseman, born Lye;
- [2] *Julia Pearson* (50), wife, married 26 years, assisting in business, born Lye;
- [3] *Leslie Ewart Pearson* (22), son, no occupation, born Lye;
- [4] *Nellie Pearson* (19), daughter, assisting in house, born Lye;
- [5] *Frank Pearson* (15), son, no occupation, born Lye;
- [6] *Joseph Gilbert Pearson* (12), son, school, born Lye;
- [7] *Dorothy Maud Pearson* (9), daughter, born Lye;
- [8] *Gertrude Molly Pearson* (6), daughter, born Quarry Bank:

County Express 12/3/1921

"Adjourned Licensing Sessions Brierley Hill.....

The Bench renewed the license of the STAFFORDSHIRE HOUSE, Caledonia, Quarry Bank to *John Edward Young*. Supt. Rowbotham, who objected to the renewal on ground of redundancy, said the ale house was managed by *Young* for Messrs. Rogers and Calcutt, Wolverhampton). The three nearest houses were the DOG AND PARTRIDGE (163 yards away), The THORNS HOTEL, and the BRICKMAKERS ARMS, Lye (360 yards away). The population of the parish was 7,393. The house was well off the main road, and was not such a good commodious place as the others near by. The premises could be turned into a dwelling house.

Mr. W. S. Mobberley represented the licensee, and said the building was close to some large works. Trade had been bad because the brewery company, to whom the premises were leased declined to supply beer, and the licensee had to manage as best he could during the war.

Mr. J. Brooks, of Lye, deposed that he was the owner of the house, and had leased it for five years to a Quarry Bank brewery company, the period expiring in March next year. According to the terms of the lease, the company promised to keep the house in good order, but it had not been done. His (Mr. Brooks') hands had been tied. He had spent £300 on the house.

Evidence was also given by Mr. R. Glanville Slater, and, as stated, the license was renewed."

The license renewal was referred to the Compensation Authority on 1st March 1926 and renewed to *William Thomas Carey* as occupier.

The license renewal was refused on 28th June 1926.

The license was extinguished on 31st December 1926.

STAR

130, (93), High Street, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Daniel Plant, Kingswinford
Hannah and Mary Crowder (acquired c.1890)
North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1896)
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1909)

LICENSEES

Samuel Thompson [1822] – [1834]
Isaac Richards [1833]
John Thompson [1845] – [1850]
Issacher Pearson [1850] – [1858]
Henry Robert English [1860] – [1861]
Ann Crowder [1862] – **1868**);
Misses Hannah and Mary Crowder (**1868 – 1896**);
James Job Ecclestone (**1896 – 1898**);
Lucy Hinds (**1898 – 1899**);
William Plews (**1899**);
Beryl Beckett Cooper (**1899**);
John Aston (**1899 – 1906**);
William Samuel McGill (**1906 – 1908**);
Thomas Wilfred Grove (**1908 – 1909**);
Benjamin Wilkinson (**1909 – 1910**);
Ernest Pearson (**1910 – 1911**);
Edwin Evans (**1911 – 1912**);
Walter Wigmore (**1912 – 1913**);
Elizabeth Alice Bishop (**1913 – 1914**);
John Kidd (**1914 – 1919**);
Herbert Hall (**1919 – 1922**);
Frank Fernihough Blankley (**1922 – 1923**);
Frederick William Williams (**1923 – 1931**);
Arthur Lord Baron King (**1931 – 1934**);
Herbert Challenor (**1934 – [1940]**)

NOTES

93, High Street [1871], [1872], [1873], [1881], [1892], [1896], [1904], [1911], [1912]
130, High Street [1916], [1921], [1940]

It was situated opposite to where the Dudley Building Society Offices stand today. [?]

OLD STAR [1845]
STAR HOTEL [1861], [1868], [1870], [1896], [1909], [1912], [1916]

It was the headquarters of Brierley Hill Alliance FC.

It had stables [1822]

STAR INN CONCERT ROOM,

HIGH STREET, BRIERLEY-HILL.

FRESH ENGAGEMENTS.

THE following Talented Artists will appear this
Evening, (Saturday):—
MR. THOMPSON,
The Celebrated Nigger Singer, and Tambourine Player.
MR. F. DEMPSEY,
The Old-established Favourite, still continues to give the
greatest satisfaction.
Piano Forte,—MR. GRANT.
Violin,—MR. COLLIER.

Open every Evening—Admission Free.
I. PEARSON. PROPRIETOR.

Advert 1856

Samuel Thompson – check SUN

John Thompson was also a glass cutter of the Delph. [1849], [1850]

Issacher Pearson, beer retailer, Brierley Hill. [1850]

1851 Census

Brierley Hill

[1] Issach Pearson (32), publican, born Kingswinford;

[2] Emma Pearson (32), wife, born Kingswinford;

[3] Horace Pearson (3), son, born Kingswinford;

[4] Emily Pearson (1), daughter, born Kingswinford;

[5] Sarah Mason (24), servant, born Kingswinford:

Brierley Hill Advertiser 12/1/1856

“STAR INN Concert Room, High Street, Brierley Hill. First appearance of Mr. F. Dempsey, the old favourite Lancashire Comic Singer, who will open his New Budget of Comicalities. Also Miss A. Fitzwilliam, the much admired Characteristic Singer and Dancer, supposed to be the best Dancer in England, will make her First Appearance on Monday Evening next. Mr. C. Blackell will preside at the Pianoforte. *I. Pearson*, proprietor.”

An advert in September 1856, announced the addition of a Side Gallery to the Concert Room.

Brierley Hill Advertiser 17/1/1857

“STAR INN Concert Hall. Mr. F. Brandon, took his farewell benefit at this place of amusement, on Thursday evening last, on which occasion, the room was crowded by a very respectable audience, and the performance gave every satisfaction to those present.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 20/3/1858

“William Jones was charged with stealing £9, the property of Richard Parkes, boatman, of Standish, near Gloucester. Prosecutor stated that he met the prisoner at the STAR SALOON, Brierley Hill, on Tuesday evening, the 9th inst., and being slightly known to each other, he lent him 2s 6d, prisoner stating that he had no money. They remained drinking till about midnight, and came out together. Prosecutor spent about 3s 6d there, and had £14 in his pocket when he went into the house. Prisoner knew he had this money with him. After proceeding a short distance towards the CROSS INN, Brockmoor, prosecutor fell down, when prisoner came up to him, and kept pulling him up, and took the purse out of his trousers pocket, but prosecutor thought, as they were acquaintances, it would be all right, and expected to receive the money again. They then went together to the house of *Handel Male*, the CROSS INN, Brockmoor; prisoner in their introduction having given up the name to Alfred Male, who had been with them all evening.

Alfred Male was then examined, and corroborated the evidence given by the prosecutor. He also stated that prisoner, having kept the purse in his hand some minutes after he had taken it from the prosecutor, gave it to him. Witness took the purse home to his father’s house, the CROSS INN. They all three went together, and when they arrived there, he gave the purse up to his father, who counted the money out upon the table, three sovereigns, three half sovereigns, and 6d in coppers, and called upon prisoner to witness how much it contained.

Handel Male stated that he was the father of the last witness, Prosecutor, prisoner, and his son came in his house, on the evening above named, and knocked him up, witness having retired to rest. When they came in witness’s son said to him, ‘Here father is Parkes’s money.’ This was said in the hearing of the prisoner. Witness then turned the money out upon the table, and found there was three sovereigns, three half sovereigns, and 6d in coppers. He then called upon the prisoner how much there was in the purse, and he replied that he saw what the amount was, after which witness put the money in his pocket and went to bed. When he went down about seven o’clock the following morning he took the purse out of his pocket, turned the money out upon the table, and called the attention of the prisoner to the fact that the amount was the same as he counted on the previous night. Witness then put the money in the purse again, and gave it to the prosecutor. Prisoner left the house soon after, and as nothing was then said about the prosecutor having been robbed, witness went out to his work. When prosecutor came to his house on the Tuesday night he was not drunk, but ‘pert like.’

Mr. *Naylor*, landlord of the THREE CROWNS INN, Brierley Hill, next deposed to the prisoner having changed two sovereigns at his house on Wednesday morning, the 10th inst.

Daniel Guttery, clothier, of Brierley Hill, deposed that the prisoner came to his shop on the Thursday morning, and purchased three blue and white striped shirts, a silk handkerchief, and a pilot cloth waistcoat. In payment for these articles he tendered a sovereign. Witness gave him 3d change. Prisoner then left the shop, but returned about two o'clock in the afternoon, and purchased a pair of moleskin trousers, in payment for which he tendered another sovereign.

Joseph Dangerfield, of Westbury upon Severn, and captain of the boat on which the prisoner was employed, stated that he engaged Jones at 35s a voyage. He had been in the employment of the witness for about nine weeks previous to the 9th inst. On that day prisoner had no money, and drew 2s 6d in order, as he stated, to purchase some necessaries, preparatory to starting another voyage. This was between seven and eight o'clock in the evening, and witness then saw nothing more of the prisoner till half past three on the following Wednesday morning. He then said he had been in company with Richard Parkes, and that he had a great deal of money with him.

PC Singer deposed that from information he received he apprehended the prisoner at the THREE CROWNS, Brierley Hill, about half past three on Thursday afternoon last, and charged him with robbing Richard Parkes of £9. Witness then searched the prisoner, and found upon him one sovereign, and 19s 6d, in silver. He had three new shirts, an old one, and a new pair of moleskin trousers on. He denied having robbed the prosecutor, and stated that the money found upon him was his own.

Prisoner, when questioned by the Bench, pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to six months' imprisonment in the House of Correction, with hard labour."

Brierley Hill Advertiser 8/5/1858 - Advert

"To be Let, with immediate possession. That central, Old-Licensed, good business Public House, The STAR INN, Brierley Hill. The house comprises front Spirit Shop, Tap Room, large Concert Room, good Chambers, Cellaring, Brewhouse, and Piggeries, and is doing a most extensive Trade, being crowded every evening. The House is well situated, being in the centre of the Market Place; it also has a first rate ready-money connection, with several Clubs attached. Satisfactory reasons will be given for the present tenant's leaving.

Parties in search of a good business Old Licensed Public House, where a fortune may be realised in a few years, will do well to apply immediately to Mr. *Pearson*, on the Premises; or to Mr. Hawkins, Auctioneer, Brierley Hill."

Henry R. English was also a wine and spirit merchant. [1861]

Stourbridge Observer 10/9/1864

"The Colliers Strike. On Saturday last a conference took place at the STAR INN, Brierley Hill, between the masters and a deputation from the men on strike. Among the masters present were Mr. F. Smith (the Earl of Dudley's collieries), Mr. W. H. Haden (the Buffery), Mr. J. P. Hunt (Corngreaves), Mr. C. Cochrane (Woodside), Mr. B. St. John Matthews (Corbyn's Hall), Mr. Noah Hingley (Cradley), Mr. J. E. Swindell (Park Head), Mr. J. Holcroft (Old Hill), W. Pearson (Old Hill), J. Mills (Pensnett), H. Hall, Mr. W. Fisher, Mr. Grazebrook, Mr. W. Mathews, Mr. Cookson (for Mr. Foster), Mr. J. B. Cochrane, Mr. S. Mills, and Mr. William Collis.

The deputation was composed as follows:- Thomas Griffiths, Sams Lane, West Bromwich; Thomas Kimberley, Holts Colliery, Oldbury; Joseph Lilley, Mr. Hackett's colliery, Black Heath; John Edwards, ditto; Henry Bishop, Dudley; John Henry Green, Pensnett; Henry Parsons, ditto; William Breakwell, Kingswinford; Joseph Edwards, Black Heath; Silas Cox, ditto; Thomas Share, Tansley Green; Joseph Cartwright, Shut End; James Ford, Tividale; Benjamin Brookes, Saltwells Colliery; Charles Lander, Timbertree, Cradley Heath; John Colley, Kingswinford; Levi Brittain, Shut End; Thomas Hand, Horsley Heath; William Millward, Tipton.

Mr. William Matthews was called to the chair. The masters had some time ago, through the state of trade been compelled to reduce the price of iron and coal. They had given the colliers notice of a reduction in their wages, and similar notices were given in other parts of the district. But the men west of Dudley had resisted the reduction and struck. There might be some reasons to be urged on the part of the men for this course, for they might in their own minds deem that they were acting properly. He called upon the members of the deputation to express their views.

Mr. Thomas Griffiths, working at West Bromwich asked that some ground should be laid down as the basis of discussion. There were butty colliers and ground bailiffs connected with the subject, and in some parts of the district these men kept public houses where the miners had to spend their money.

Mr. Hingley asked if there were any butty colliers or ground bailiffs in the room, and Mr. F. Smith replied in the negative, but said that some of them were ready to attend, in order to give any information as to matters of detail which the men might require.

After some further conversation, the Chairman said that in his opinion the question was this - The masters had deemed it wise in order to meet the exigences of the market and trade, to give notice of a reduction. The men had struck upon this, and expressed a determination to carry out their proposition. The masters were equally determined to carry out their proposition. The masters had, at the invitation of the men, met the deputation to discuss this subject. Mr. Griffiths said the question was whether the men should have their wages reduced sixpence per day. According to the present price of coal, and the present state of trade, he thought that they ought to have five shillings a day. Their work was full worth that, and he did not see why the masters should reduce them while they were getting such a price for coal and iron.

Another member of the deputation appealed to the masters' sense of justice, whether the men ought not to have such wages as would enable them to keep their wives and families respectably.

Mr. Millward, (Tipton), another of the deputation, thought that the rate of wages in the district ought to be uniform, and that it was wrong for some masters to have to pay more than others. Various members of the deputation afterwards addressed the meeting, arguing that, according to the present price of coal and iron, the wages ought not to have been reduced. They referred to the past history of the coal trade, when coal was much cheaper, and yet the wages were higher. If the masters then could afford to pay proper wages they ought to be able to do so now.

Mr. F. Smith explained that formerly the quality of the coal in the pits was of a very superior and expensive kind, but that now comparatively little of such coal remained to be got; and that the expense of getting inferior coal was greater now than in former years was necessary to get the best coal. Another of the deputation said that at the meeting of the colliers, held at Princes End, it had been generally expressed that if the masters had in the first instance only proposed a reduction of 3d per day, they would have accepted it. One of the speakers said that he had worked for many years as a collier, and his experience shewed him that there was not so much work in getting the ribs and pillars as in the quick of the mine. This remark was good humouredly laughed at by the masters, all of whom seemed to be of opinion that the contrary of what the speaker stated was the case. They, however, gave him credit for having started an original idea.

Mr. F. Smith addressed the meeting. He said he had endeavoured to note down the views of the deputation, and he would try and reply to them. He referred to the time when the prices of coal and iron were raised, and when the masters without being asked advanced the wages of the men. At that time it was foretold that the prices could not be sustained, and this was found to be the case, for in the course a few months the trade was leaving the district. And this was not in consequence of the flatness of trade, but because at the prices they could not compete with rival districts. It was then deemed necessary to make the reduction in the prices which had been made, and the reduction of wages was but a natural consequence. With respect to some misapprehension as to the masters having sold at high prices after they had reduced the wages, he assured them that such was not the case. In different districts, it was true, that some of the large stocks of coal got at the old rate were sold at the old rate, and this was because no coal was being raised, as the men had struck. But much of this coal got at the old rate was sold at the reduced rates. There were men who were called 'jaggers', who had carted coal about and hawked it, and sold it for just what they could get; but this was not good coal. He wanted the men to consider that these were matters which should not influence them, but that they should consider the legitimate principles which should regulate fair trade. It was not likely that if in other districts the consumers could get coal cheaper than in South Staffordshire they would give their orders in this district? No; they would go to South Wales, Derbyshire or Lancashire - districts where the spread of education had taught the men to understand their own interests. He deeply regretted the lamentable misunderstanding - he could not call it a collision - between the masters and men and deplored that the men who were willing to work were prevented from doing so by the tyranny of others who did not want to work. The result of the present strike was that large contracts were taken from the district, and that some of those who had dealt largely with the district had made contracts with other districts for the next twelve months, and thus the men would see how seriously they were injuring their own prospects, and the prospects of their wives and families. In conclusion, he assured the men that there was every desire on the part of the masters to promote their welfare, and he pointed out some of the noble institutions which had been founded by the masters for the benefit of the men, and expressed a hope that ere long the most righteous of unions might be established - the union in good feeling on the part of masters and men. [Hear. Hear.]

Mr. J. E. Swindell said that the price of iron was reduced long before the reduction of wages was thought of, and that the reduction was an inevitable necessity, in order to enable the masters to compete with other districts. He asked the men to consider this, and to go back to work. They might depend upon it, the masters would not reduce

prices if such a course was not necessary. Common sense must tell them that. Let them consider, also, the wages paid in other districts, and they would see that 4s 6d per day was as much as the masters could afford to give.

Mr. J. Holcroft concurred in the remarks of Mr. Smith and Mr. Swindell.

Mr. W. Pearson referred to the time when there was comparatively no competition in the trade, and when from 1837 to 1848 the coal got was all best coal. Now he did not get one ton in one hundred tons of best coal. As to the rate of wages, he would show them that 4s 6d per day was comparatively a higher rate of wages than ever they had. Then what was the state of the case? Why, the masters had reduced coal 1s per ton, and only reduced the men 3d per ton. If the strike continued much longer he feared the masters would have to make a further reduction, for there had recently come coal into this district from other places which would very seriously compete with their own coal. Why, in consequence of the strike, coal had come into the district which never would have been received before, and the men had learnt to work it. [Hear.]

Mr. Noah Hingley hoped the deputation would perceive, from what had been said, that the commonsense view of the matter was that the masters had only acted justly and fairly, and that it was their duty to go back to work.

Mr. Griffiths (miner) said that in many instances the reason for the small get of best coal was the reckless way in which the butties caused the pits to be worked. Further he thought that if the masters thought proper, from motives of competition, to put best coal in as lumps, that was no reason why the men should be at a loss. He said that the men would not go in under 5s per day. Another miner contended that the average price of coal was more than 10s per ton, and that the men at the price of coal ought to have 5s per day. The masters denied that the average price was 10s. They said it was not more than 8s.

Levi Britain (miner) did not think that any cause had been shown by the masters for the reduction in the colliers' wages. When lumps were sold at 5s per ton and best coal at 10s, the men had 5s per day.

Mr. Hunt (British Iron Company) said that the works could be carried on with foreign coal, and that if their own coal was not got the ironmasters would continue to use foreign coal.

The Chairman, in summing up, said that they must bear in mind that they had to deal with facts. There had been a reduction in the price of iron of £1 per ton in every iron district in England. The railway system had given rise to a great extension of the trade all over the country, and the result was that South Staffordshire could no longer rule the markets, and dictate the rate of wages. He wished the thick coal men to bear in mind that the more they worked the nearer were they approaching the time when their wages would be assimilated to the wages of those who got coal for the manufacture of iron. If the men went on a long time on strike, and the strike might continue for four or five months, for aught he knew – the colliers would very much deteriorate their physical condition, and would do a very serious, if not permanent injury to the trade of the district. Mr. Matthews having concluded his observations, the members of the delegates immediately left the room, and the meeting broke up.”

Stourbridge Observer 25/9/1869

“West Staffordshire Registration – Kingswinford. The Court for this important district was held at the STAR HOTEL, Brierley Hill, on Thursday and Friday (yesterday). The net gain to the Conservatives was 205. Rowland Price, E. Fernie, T. L. Holberton, Phillips Price, and W. Waldron, Esqrs, appeared to support the Conservative claims and objections, and T. Homer, Esq, to support those of the Liberals.”

AND

“Amblecote. The Court for the hamlet of Amblecote was held at the STAR HOTEL, Brierley Hill, yesterday. The net gain to the Conservatives was 5. Mr. P. Price appeared on behalf of the Conservatives, and Mr. Homer for the Liberals.”

1871 Census

93, High Street

[1] *Hannah Crowder* (43), hotel keeper, born Wellington, Shropshire;

[2] *Mary Crowder* (35), hotel keeper, born Wellington, Shropshire;

[3] *Thomas Crowder* (34), no occupation, born Wellington, Shropshire;

[4] *Lucy A. Barnesley* (30), domestic servant, born Merry Hill, Staffordshire:

Stourbridge Observer 14/10/1871

“Mr. Paynton Pigott (the Revising Barrister) held a Court at the STAR HOTEL, Brierley Hill, for the revision of the county voters’ list for ‘that portion of Kingswinford parish in the parliamentary borough of Dudley.’ Mr. Simkiss (Wolverhampton), and Mr. Homer (Brierley Hill) appeared for the Liberals; and Mr. Fernie (Stafford), Mr. Waldron (Brierley Hill), and Mr. Price (Stourbridge) on behalf of the Conservatives. The Overseers’ objections, amounting to forty, were taken, after which the reclaims were heard.

Mr. Fernie objected to a claimant on the third column; but Mr. Homer, being sworn, said he knew that the man was entitled to three houses, under his father’s will, but at present the matter was in Chancery. The Revising Barrister held that he had sufficient proof, and allowed the claim. Mr. Fernie also objected to Mr. George Ford, on the ground that part of the house he claimed for was partially let to other persons. After Mr. Ford’s explanation, which was, to the effect that he had been objected to twice before, and upon appeal the present barrister’s predecessor had allowed him his vote. Mr. Pigott said the name must remain.

Mr. Fernie promised that he would not object to Mr. Ford again, and requested his expenses.

Mr. Pigott allowed 2s 6d, which Mr. Fernie paid.

The new claims were then heard. They were ten in number, but one alone was successful. The Conservatives and Liberal objections seemed to be about equal, and sustained the same proportion, but it is impossible to give a correct list, inasmuch as the persons entitled, or not entitled, to vote in Wordsley were upon the same sheets, owing to the whole of the places being in the same polling district. Next year this will be altered.”

Stourbridge Observer 10/10/1874

“On Saturday, Mr. R. Sawyer, the revising barrister for the Western Division of Staffordshire, held a Court at the STAR HOTEL, for the revision of the list of voters for Brierley Hill, Amblecote and Wordsley.”

1881 Census

93, High Street

[1] *Hannah Crowder* (52), unmarried, licensed victualler, born Wellington, Shropshire;

[2] *Mary Crowder* (48), sister, born Wellington, Shropshire;

[3] *Hannah Cartwright* (26), general servant, born Netherton:

1891 Census

93, High Street

[1] *Mary Crowder* (59), licensed victualler, born Wellington, Shropshire;

[2] *Hannah Crowder* (63), sister, licensed victualler, born Wellington, Shropshire;

[3] *Ann Crew* (64), sister, widow, born Wellington, Shropshire;

[4] *Clara Woodcock* (17), general servant, born Kingswinford:

County Express 17/3/1900

“*John Aston*, landlord of the STAR HOTEL, was charged with selling intoxicating liquor during prohibited hours on February 5th. Mr. Clulow represented the police, and Mr. Waldron defended.

Police-sergeant Bentley said on the morning of the 5th February, at 12.30, he was near the STAR HOTEL, when he heard voices inside the bar. Someone asked for whisky and soda, and he heard someone cross the room and return, and then money jingled on the table, and a cork was drawn. Afterwards, with Police-constables Young and Farrell, he went back to the STAR HOTEL, and Farrell and witness went to the back door. This was fastened, but they heard two men in the yard, who went into the house. Witness went to the front where he had left Young, and rang the bell. The person who was coming to it said, ‘Square yourselves up, it’s the bobby.’ The barman Braddock opened the door, and they went into the bar, where they found the landlord, William Edmonds (of Sheffield), Arthur Stevens (bricklayer), Enoch Lamb (labourer, of Delph Lane), Samuel Gallimore (of Buckpool), and the landlord’s two daughters. There were three glasses on the mantelshelf, two containing what he supposed was ale and one contained whisky. Aston had a glass of whisky and Edmonds had a glass of rum, and on the table, in front of Lamb, was a glass containing whisky and soda. Witness asked Aston how he accounted for having those men there, and he replied the Edmonds was staying there and the others were friends. At closing time he had asked them to stay for supper, and they were going to stay the night. He also said that Stevens was courting his daughter. The landlord’s eldest daughter then said, ‘But we turned them out at ten o’clock, and they came in afterwards.’ Witness said, ‘Oh, you did turn them out at ten o’clock,’ and she said, ‘Yes, we did.’ Farrell said he did not see any signs of supper, and the

landlord said, 'We had it in the other room,' pointing to a room which was lit up. Edmonds said he had wanted to pay for drinks, and they would not let him. Witness and the other officers left the house together, and at one o'clock they saw Stevens, Lamb, and Gallimore leave the house and go to the Five Ways, where they parted.

Police-constables Young and Farrell corroborated.

Mr. Waldron said the landlord had a perfect right to entertain his private friends at his own expense, and he submitted that there was in this case no intension to evade the Act. Aston was an old licensed victualler of some years experience, and was it likely that he, the holder of property valued at thousands of pounds, would jeopardise his position by a wilful evasion of the law? Another point was that if this drinking was going on, and a man was committing an offence against the law, was it likely that he would make noise enough to attract the attention of the police, and everyone else? So far as probabilities were concerned, they were all on his side.

John Aston, the defendant, deposed that on the Sunday night in question he saw Stevens in the bar. At ten o'clock the customers went out and the doors were closed. He went out to footpath close to the entry, and stood talking with Stevens till half-past ten. About that time Lamb and Gallimore came up – men whom he had known for three or four years or more. He spoke to them, and said that as Arthur Stevens was going away on the following Thursday, they had better come in with him and have some supper. All three went in and they had supper together. Nothing was paid for, it being supplied to them as friends. He heard a ring at the bell, about sixteen minutes to one o'clock, and sent the barman to answer the door, and Sergeant Bentley and another policeman came in. Witness told him how it was his friends were there. Cross-examined: Neither Lamb nor Gallimore had been to supper at his house before. Only three people had liquors, he had a rum, Mr. Edmonds had a rum, and the barman had a Scotch and soda. The men had nothing to drink except what was left from the supper of two quarts. No one paid for anything at all.

Samuel Gallimore, of Buckpool, and others also gave evidence for the defence.

The case was dismissed.”

County Express 5/5/1900

“Agnes Marsh, Bank Street, was charged with assaulting Mary Rhodes, single, Park Street; and Martha Barker, single, was charged with assaulting Agnes Marsh, married, on April 22nd. Mr. W. O. C. Addison appeared for Rhodes and Baker, and Mr. Waldron for Marsh.

Mary Rhodes, stallkeeper in the market, said on the 21st April Mrs. Marsh came to the stall, used bad language, and made a charge against her that was absolutely false. Mrs. Marsh struck her upon that occasion, and on the following night witness together with Martha Barker and Thomas Springe, went to the STAR HOTEL, and Marsh and her husband were there at the time. When they came out Mrs. Marsh struck witness, cutting her mouth inside. She denied that Martha Baker struck Mrs. Marsh.

Thomas Springe, who described himself as a boxer by profession, gave like evidence.

Martha Baker, defendant in the second case, gave evidence denying the charge, and admitted that some very disgraceful language was used.

Mr. Waldron, for the defence, called Agnes Marsh, who said that on the Sunday night she was coming through Brierley Hill, when she saw her husband talking to the two young women. She called to her husband to come away, whereupon Martha said, 'Oh! you are here, you ——!' Her husband was taking her away when Martha, taking her jacket off, followed and struck her, giving her a black eye, and tore off her coat.

Carl Laud, watchmaker, of 80, Mill Street, said he saw a woman pull off her coat, give it to a friend, and strike Mrs. Marsh.

Ernest Holt, crane driver, 48½, Hill Street; Albert Lovatt, hairdresser, of 5 Mill Street; Eunice Hill, and Fanny Brown, of 84 Bell Street, also gave evidence.

The bench said they were of opinion that Martha Barker had assaulted Agnes Marsh, but under very great provocation, and they would order her to pay the costs. In the case of Mary Rhodes v. Agnes Marsh, they considered Marsh committed an unprovoked assault upon Rhodes, and fined her 20s, including costs. They were sorry to say that from the evidence it appeared that the women had all of them made use of extremely bad language; it reflected anything but credit upon them, and they hoped they would do better in future.”

County Express 26/1/1901

“Court ‘Foresters’ Progress’.- The report and balance sheet of Court ‘Foresters’ Progress,’ No.4722, held at the STAR HOTEL, has been issued to the members. The auditors, Messrs. John Lane and J. E. Groom, reported on the satisfactory manner in which the secretary’s and treasurer’s books were kept. The total funds were: Sick and funeral fund £2,296 12s 2d, management fund £38 16s 7d, subsidiary benefits fund £16 15 4d; total £2,352 4s 1d, or a gain on the year of £145 2s 0½d, and the whole of the Court worth, with the exception of £61 in the treasurer’s hands, is invested. There are 281 beneficial members.”

1901 Census

High Street – STAR HOTEL

- [1] *John Aston* (48), licensed victualler, born Netherton;
- [2] *Ruth Aston* (50), wife, born Netherton;
- [3] *Sophia Aston* (18), daughter, born Netherton;
- [4] *Dolly Aston* (16), daughter, born Netherton;
- [5] *Sophia Aston* (8), niece, born Netherton;
- [6] *Emma Horton* (23), general servant, born Pensnett;
- [7] *William Onslow* (25), yard man, born Netherton:

County Express 3/8/1901

“Brierley Hill Alliance Football Club.- The annual meeting of this club was held on Wednesday night at the STAR HOTEL, Brierley Hill, when there was a large attendance.....”

County Express 2/11/1901

“On Thursday evening, the quarterly meeting of the Birmingham and District Council of Postmen’s Federation was held at the STAR HOTEL, Brierley Hill, this being the first time that the Federation has visited the town.....”

John Aston was a committee member of Brierley Hill and District Licensed Victuallers’ Association.
[1902]

County Express 4/1/1902

“On Tuesday afternoon, Mr. T. A. Stokes (coroner) held an inquest at the STAR AND GARTER HOTEL, High Street, on the body of *Eliza Guest* (68), of 35 Pearson Street, who died suddenly at her home on Sunday morning. *Rose Hathaway*, niece of the deceased, stated that Mrs. Guest was the wife of a retired Inland Revenue officer, and had been well until last Thursday evening, when about nine o’clock she said she was going to have a bilious attack. Witness sent for some brandy, and Mrs. Guest appeared better on Friday morning. Towards evening, however, deceased said she felt queer, and later she had some medicine and tablets from Dr. Gifford. On Saturday she had another attack and went to bed, and later seemed to improve, but on Sunday morning deceased’s husband called witness into the room, and Mrs. Guest died shortly afterwards. On Christmas day the deceased had more to eat than usual.

Dr. Gifford stated he had attended deceased from time to time. She was subject to attacks of acute dyspepsia, and had a very weak and irritable heart. From the symptoms, he thought she had too much to eat on Christmas day, and had an attack of the old trouble. In his opinion death was due to heart failure consequent upon exhaustion.

The Coroner remarked that the Christmas season seemed to be rather a fatal time. This was the fifth or sixth inquest he had held in which the cause of death was due more or less to over-eating at Christmas time.

A verdict in accordance with the medical testimony was returned.”

Tipton Herald 10/7/1909

“There was a large attendance at the annual meeting of the supporters and members of the Alliance Football Club, held on Tuesday evening, at the STAR HOTEL, Brierley Hill. Mr. Thomas Allden (treasurer) presided, in the unavoidable absence of the President (Mr. W. Waldron), owing to a business engagement.....”

Tipton Herald 30/10/1909

“A meeting of the licensing and allied trades of the district will be held at the STAR HOTEL, Brierley Hill, on Thursday evening next, to protect against the Budget Licensing Clauses. The arrangements made by Mr. John Davies, secretary pro tem, for the meeting should ensure a good attendance.”

Ernest Pearson was born in 1872, the son of Enoch and Esther.
 He married Frances Mary Cartwright. She died in 1901.
 He remarried Lily Everitt.
 He died in 1921.
 See also BLUE BRICK.

1911 Census

The STAR, 93, High Street

- [1] Ernest Pearson (39), licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] Lily Pearson (30), wife, assistant, born Sparkbrook, Birmingham;
- [3] Harry Norman Pearson (5), son, scholar, born Brockmore;
- [4] Horace John Pearson (3), son, scholar, born Brockmore;
- [5] Irene Lillian Pearson (1), daughter, born Bobbington;

Herbert Challenor enrolled as a member of the Brierley Hill and District Licensed Victuallers', Brewers' Wine and Spirit Merchants, and Beer Retailers' Association in January 1934.

Black Country Bugle 23/1/2003

Letter from R. E. Cook

".....When I was 15 years old, in 1950, I started training [boxing] at the OLD STAR in the High Street, Brierley Hill. The gym was in an old outhouse with a flight of wooden steps leading up to it at the rear of the pub and the trainers were Henry Attwood, Ted Hinton and Reg Street. Some of the boxers I used to spar with were Sammy Burgoyne, Jim Tyler, Lyndon Bennett and Chris Jenkins....."

Closed

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HIGH STREET, BRIERLEY-HILL.**

FIRST appearance of Mr. F. DEMPSEY, the old favourite Lancashire Comic Singer, who will open his *New Budget of Comicalities*.

Also, MISS A. FITZWILLIAM, the much admired Characteristic Singer and Dancer, supposed to be the best Dancer in England, will make her first appearance on Monday Evening next.

Mr. C. BLACKELL will preside at the Piano-Forte.
 I. PEARSON, PROPRIETOR.

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HIGH STREET, BRIERLEY-HILL.**

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THE following Talented Artists will appear this Evening. (Saturday):—

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THE BROTHERS DEVEREUX.

The celebrated Negro Melodists, Violin, Banjo, Tambourine, and Bone Players; they are also acknowledged to be the best Dancers in the Provinces.

Piano Forte,—MR. EMMINGS.
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The unrivalled Comic Duet Singers, Clog, Boot, and
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VIOLIN,—MR. H. COLLIER.

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TO be LET, with immediate possession, that central, Old-licensed, good business PUBLIC-HOUSE, the STAR INN, Briarley-Hill. The House comprises front Spirit Shop, Tap Room, large Concert Room, good Chambers, Cellaring, Brewhouse, and Piggeries, and is doing almost extensive Trade, being crowded every evening. The House is well situated, being in the centre of the Market Place; it also has a first-rate ready-money connection, with several Clubs attached. Satisfactory reasons will be given for the present tenant's leaving.—Parties in search of a good business Old-licensed Public-house, where a fortune may be realised in a few years, will do well to apply immediately to Mr Pearson, on the Premises; or to Mr. Hawkins, Auctioneer, Briarley-Hill.

Advert 1858

Adverts 1857

STAR +

Brockmoor, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

William Horton [] - **1871**);
Mary Willis (**1871** - []

STAR +

BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Horace Pearson [] - **1865**);
Joseph Bourne (**1865** - []

SUN

High Street, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Samuel Thompson [1818]

NOTES

Check STAR.

SUN

1, Sun Street, Brockmoor, (Brockmoor Green), (The Leys), BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

William Evans, Old Mansion, Kingswinford

George Millard, Stafford Street, Dudley (acquired in 1895)

Harriet Somers Millard (acquired c.1909)

Isaac Elwell Woodcock, BRITANNIA, Brockmoor (acquired on 8th September 1913)

LICENSEES

Richard Westwood [1818]

Thomas Sower [1834] – [1845]

James Thompson [1849] – [1854]

John Parkes [] – **1858**);

Samuel Thompson (**1858** – [1870]

Mary de Ville [] – **1870**);

William Evans (**1870 – 1887**);

William Small (**1887**);

William Henry Small (**1887 – 1895**);

Joseph Ellerton (**1895 – 1897**);

James Martin (**1897 – 1908**);

Ann Martin [1901]

Ernest Lewis (**1908**);

William Edward Dawes (**1908 – 1913**);

Mrs. Mary Maria Woodcock (**1913 – 1920**);

John David Andrews (**1920 – 1924**);

Charles Frederick Moore (**1924 – 1932**);

**FREEHOLD
HOUSES AND BUILDING LAND,
BROCKMOOR, KINGSWINFORD,
STAFFORDSHIRE.**

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, BY

MR. DETHERIDGE, on Monday, October
27th, 1856, at the house of Mr. James Thompson,
Sun Inn, Brockmoor, at Six o'clock in the Evening, subject
to conditions to be then read.

Advert 1856

NOTES

Brockmoor Green [1849]

The Leys [1862]

RISING SUN [1849]

It had an alehouse license.

Thomas Sower was also a brassfounder. [1834]

1851 Census

Brockmoor

[1] *James Thompson* (45), licensed victualler and iron roller, born Kingswinford;

[2] *Zippoarah Thompson* (46), wife, born Kingswinford;

[3] *Jane Thompson* (18), daughter, born Brierley Hill;

[4] *Henry Thompson* (10), son, born West Bromwich;

[5] *Eliza Thompson* (6), daughter, born West Bromwich:

John Parkes was the representative of *Zipporah Thompson*.

October 1856 - Advert

“Freehold Houses and Building land, Brockmoor, Kingswinford Staffordshire. To Be Sold By Auction, by Mr. Detheridge, on Monday, October 27th, 1856, at the house of Mr. *James Thompson*, SUN INN, Brockmoor, at Six o'clock in the Evening, subject to conditions then to be read.”

1861 Census

Brockmoor

- [1] *Samuel Thompson* (50), publican, born Brockmoor;
- [2] *Phoebe Thompson* (47), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Emma Thompson* (19), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *George Thompson* (17), son, born Harbourn;
- [5] *Mary Thompson* (12), daughter, born Harbourn;
- [6] *James Thompson* (9), son, born Harbourn;
- [7] *Harriet Thompson* (7), daughter, born Harbourn:

1871 Census

Sun Lane – SUN INN

- [1] *William Evans* (45), publican, born Ironbridge;
- [2] *Mary Evans* (39), wife, born Kingswinford:

Stourbridge Observer 29/4/1871

“*William Evans*, landlord of the SUN INN, Brockmoor, was charged by Superintendent Mills with permitting drunkenness in his house on the 22nd inst.

Police-constable Breton said he visited the defendant's house between nine and ten o'clock. It was very disorderly. Visited it again at ten minutes to twelve, and found two men in the tap room quite drunk. Called the attention of defendant to them. Defendant said the men had nothing to drink in his house.

Police-constable Goodfellow gave corroborative evidence as to finding two men in the house drunk.

The learned Stipendiary said defendant must learn to conduct his house properly. He fined him this time £5 and costs, the next would be £10, and the third £50.”

William Evans, beer retailer, Brockmoor. [1872]

1881 Census

Sun Street

- [1] *William Evans* (59), widower, licensed victualler, born Madeley, Shropshire;
- [2] *Mary A. Garbett* (20), adopted, born Brockmoor;
- [3] *Elizabeth Collins* (9), adopted, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Maria Cooper* (14), adopted, born Brockmoor:

1891 Census

Sun Street

- [1] *William Henry Small* (26), licensed victualler, born Wolverley, Worcestershire;
- [2] *Harriett Small* (24), wife, born Wolverley, Worcestershire;
- [3] *Thomas Small* (24), brother, slaughterman, born Wolverley, Worcestershire;
- [4] *Frank Harley Johnson* (8), nephew, born Wolverley, Worcestershire;
- [5] *Harry Bradley* (24), cousin, ironworker, born Wolverley, Worcestershire;
- [6] *Emily Bradley* (19), cousin, domestic servant, born Dudley:

1901 Census

1, Sun Street – SUN INN

- [1] *James Martin* (39), slip maker, pottery, born Longton, Staffordshire;
- [2] *Ann Martin* (34), wife, licensed victualler, born Brettell Lane;
- [3] *Kate Martin* (10), daughter, born Brockmoor;
- [4] *Fred Martin* (8), son, born Brockmoor;
- [5] *James Martin* (3), son, born Brockmoor;
- [6] *Nellie Martin* (6 months), daughter, born Brockmoor;
- [7] *Lizzie Hughes* (17), domestic servant, born Brockmoor:

Tipton Herald 22/8/1903

“Mr. T. A. Stokes (coroner) held an inquest on Thursday morning, at the SUN INN, Brockmoor, relative to the death of the male child of John James Griffiths, of the Hulland.

John James Griffiths, miner, of 47, Hulland, Brockmoor, said the deceased child was his son, and was five days old. He was a fully developed child when born, and very healthy up to about ten minutes before death. On Tuesday morning his wife woke him, and said, ‘Look at the child, John.’ Witness looked and found it was in a fit. Witness could tell because it was pulling its mouth in all shapes. He at once ran away for a midwife, and was some 15 minutes away. When he returned the child was dead. The previous day deceased had been suffering with its stomach. Witness had three other children, all of whom were living.

The Coroner described the case as a very simple one, and said there seemed to be no suspicion whatever. The jury returned a verdict of Death by Natural Causes.”

Ernest Lewis was found guilty of permitting gambling in February 1908.

1911 Census

1, Sun Street

- [1] *William E. Dawes* (38), licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Florence Dawes* (38), wife, married 17 years, born Lye;
- [3] *Clarence Dawes* (12), son, school, born Brockmoor;
- [4] *Gwendoline Dawes* (8), daughter, born Brockmoor:

The license was referred to the Compensation Authority on grounds of redundancy on 7th March 1932.

The license was refused on 26th July 1932.

£2,500 Compensation was paid on 24th December 1932.

The license was extinguished on 31st December 1932.

SUN

218, High Street, (Quarry Bank Road), QUARRY BANK

OWNERS

North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1896)

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1909)

LICENSEES

James Guy [] - **1868**
Harry Winwood [] - **1870**);
James Mason (**1870 - 1879**);
Ann Mason (**1879 - 1885**);
Emma Edwards (**1885 - 1888**);
John Edwards (**1888 - 1890**);
Montgomery Dunn (**1890 - 1893**);
Samuel Downing (**1893 - 1895**);
Thomas Morgan (**1895 - 1897**);
Thomas Smith (**1897**);
Frederick Charles Allcock (**1897 - 1901**);
Mary Ann Allcock (m. Raybould) (**1901 - 1905**);
George Price (**1905 - 1907**);
Richard Llewelyn Province (**1907 - 1912**);
Joseph Hollis (**1912 - 1923**);
Harry Guest (**1923 - 1926**);
Albert Ernest Hyde (**1926 - 1927**);
Charles Frank Arnold Mole (**1927 - 1928**);
Charles Fradgley (**1928 - 1929**);
Alfred Edwin Wragg (**1929 - 1930**);
William Bates (**1930 - 1931**);
Harry Coss (**1931 - 1932**);
Austin Gazzard (**1932**);
James Thomas Henry Smith (**1932 - [1940]**)
John Taft []
Garry Keable (**1997 - [1999]**)
Mrs. June Ashmore []

NOTES

Quarry Bank Road [1881]

It was originally the HAPPY RETURN. [1868], [1870]
It was renamed the SUN. [1872]

It had an ante '69 beerhouse license.
It was licensed before 15th July 1869.

James Guy, beer retailer, Quarry Bank. [1868]


CLEARING-OUT SALE, AT THE
HAPPY RETURN, QUARRY BANK.
TO PUBLICANS, PARTIES FURNISHING,
BROKERS, AND OTHERS.

TO be SOLD by AUCTION, by Mr. JOHN BENT, on WEDNESDAY NEXT, MAY the 20th, 1868, the whole of the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, consisting of Feather Beds, Straw Mattresses, Bedsteads, Washing Stands and Dressing Tables, Benches, Screens, well-seasoned Ale Casks, Mash Tub, Cast-iron Boiler, Oval Coolers, Set of Pegs and Bowls, Ale Measures, Cups and Jugs, together with the usual Kitchen Requisites, belonging to Mr. Guy, who is declining the business.
The Sale to commence at Eleven o'clock in the Morning.

Advert 1868

SUN INN,
QUARRY BANK.

ANN MASON, PROPRIETRESS.

 **Fine Home-brewed Ales**

Of the Highest Standard.

London and Dublin Stout.

CIGARS of the BEST QUALITY.

Advert 1881

Stourbridge Observer 7/3/1868

“*James Guy*, landlord of the HAPPY RETURN, Quarry Bank, was charged by Superintendent Mills with keeping his house open for the sale of beer on the afternoon of the 1st inst. Police-constable Fairbanks said he visited the house shortly after three o’clock. He found one man in the house with a quart jug on the table, and some ale in it. Police-constable Shenstone corroborated the last witness.

Defendant said there was no ale in the jug, and called Charles Thomas, who said he was a butcher, and on Sunday afternoon, about three o’clock, he went in to ask *Guy* to have a walk to Wordsley. There was a jug and glass on the table, but no ale in either of them.

Police-sergeant Carroll said he visited the house shortly after eleven the same day, and found several men in the house. As soon as they saw him they ran away.

The Bench: I find there are two offences in one day, and you put the law to defiance. I must see which is the strongest, the law or your pocket. I fine you £5 and costs.”

Dudley Herald 16/5/1868 - Advert

“Clearing out sale at HAPPY RETURN, Quarry Bank to be sold by auction household furniture belonging to Mr. *Guy*, who is declining the business.”

1871 Census

High Street – SUN INN

- [1] *James Mason* (38), forge hammerman and beer shop keeper, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Ann Mason* (38), wife, born Stourport, Worcestershire;
- [3] *Ellen James* (10), adopted daughter, born Staffordshire;
- [4] *John Edwards* (10), visitor, scholar, born Hill Top, Staffordshire:

Stourbridge Observer 2/9/1871

“At the Wordsley Police Court, on Monday last, *James Mason*, of High Street, Quarry Bank, was charged with permitting drunkenness in his house on the 21st instant.

The offence was proved by Police-constable Lavin and Griffiths, who visited the house of the defendant several times on the above date, and called his attention to the drunken condition of its inmates.

He was fined £2 and costs, or in default one months’ imprisonment.”

Stourbridge Observer 5/10/1872

“Superintendent Mills stated that, during the year, *James Mason*, beerhouse keeper, Quarry Bank, was fined £2 for permitting drunkenness, and £3 for having his house open during unlawful hours. The Chairman [of the Licensing Magistrates]: You can have your license this time, but you will lose it next year. You must try to keep your house properly, for if you lose your license it may ruin you.”

Ford’s Household Almanack for 1881 - Advert

“SUN INN, Quarry Bank / *Ann Mason*, Proprietress / Fine Home-brewed Ales of the Highest Standard / London and Dublin Stout / Cigars of the Best Quality.”

1881 Census

Quarry Bank Road

- [1] *Ann Mason* (48), widow, beerhouse keeper, born Stourport;
- [2] *John Russon* (29), brewer, born Brettell Lane;
- [3] *Selina Hodgkiss* (19), general servant (domestic), born Lye:

1891 Census

High Street – SUN INN

- [1] *Montgomery Dunn* (26), carter and beerhouse keeper, born Quarry Bank;
- [2] *Martha Dunn* (24), wife, born Quarry Bank;
- [3] *Amos Dunn* (11 months), son, born Quarry Bank;
- [4] *Elizabeth Careless* (15), domestic servant, born Commonsidge:

County Express 22/12/1900

“A smoking concert was given at the SUN INN, on Monday night on behalf of the Quarry Bank Excelsior Football Club, when there was a crowded attendance. Mr. Ketley occupied the chair, and the following supplied the programme: Messrs. Bloomer, T. Allcock, E. Allcock, C. Pegg, Ketley, and Kendrick.”

County Express 12/1/1901

“Sick And Draw Clubs.....

SUN INN (Quarry Bank).- The annual dinner of this society took place at the SUN INN, when upwards of 30 members sat down to a splendid dinner provided by the host, Mr. *F. Allcock*.

After dinner votes of thanks were passed to the chairman, secretary, treasurer, and other officers of the society, and to the host and hostess. The secretary read the balance-sheet, which showed a dividend of 16s 8d per member. During the evening songs were contributed by Mr. Allcock, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Smith, and others, Mrs. Pearson kindly presiding at the piano.”

County Express 21/9/1901

“We regret to announce the death of Mr. *Frederick Charles Allcock*, landlord of the SUN INN, Quarry Bank, the only son of Mr. William Allcock, of Merry Hill, who had been manager for Messrs. Mobberley and Perry’s fire brick and gas retort works for the last 28 years. Mr. *Allcock*, when apparently in the enjoyment of good health, developed consumption, and though everything was done for him, pneumonia appeared, and death ensued on Tuesday. Mr. *Allcock*, although quite a young man, was well-known, being a member of one of the local football clubs, of the Amalgamated Society of Gas Workers and Labourers’ Unions, of the Independent Order of Oddfellows, and other such kindred societies.

The funeral took place on Sunday afternoon, and was attended by a large number of members from these societies, besides a circle of relatives and friends. The coffin was borne shoulder-high to the grave. The ceremony in the church and at the grave was conducted by the Vicar in a very impressive manner. Wreaths were sent by the following: Mrs. F. C. Allcock (wife), Mr. and Mrs. Allcock (parents), Mr. and Mrs. Brittain, Misses Nell and Sylvia Brittain, Eliza, Emmie, and Lotties (sisters), Mr. and Mrs. Jordan and family (Bloxwich), Mr. and Mrs. C. Walker, Brierley Hill Football Club, employees at the Gas Works, employees at Messrs. Mobberly and Perry’s Brickyard, Independent Order of Oddfellows, and many others. The deceased leaves a wife and two young children to mourn his loss. His age was 24 years. Mr. William Allcock asks us to return thanks for the sympathy extended to him all round in his sad bereavement.”

County Express 4/1/1902

“Sick and Draw Clubs.....

SUN INN (Quarry Bank).- The members of this club had their annual supper on Boxing day, when about 30 sat down to a capital repast. After the cloth was drawn the secretary reported the dividend of 15s 7d per member, which was thought very satisfactory. The usual votes of thanks were passed to the officers for their services during the year, and also to the hostess for the creditable way in which she had catered. The rest of the evening was spent in harmony, songs being given by Messrs. T. Maybury, J. Martin, and others. The Quarry Bank glee party Messrs. Evans, Male, Cox and Ketley also contributed to the evening’s enjoyment.”

Mary Ann Allcock married Henry Raybould on 4th January 1903.

Mrs. *Mary Ann Raybould*, beer retailer, High Street. [1904]

Indenture dated 28/10/1909

“All that messuage or tenement known as The SUN INN with the malthouse and stable together with the outbuildings and yard thereto belonging situate at The Thorns Quarry Bank.....”

1911 Census

High Street – SUN INN

[1] *Richard L. Province* (33), innkeeper, born Quarry Bank;

[2] *Emily Province* (28), wife, married 10 years, born Quarry Bank;

[3] *Fanny Province* (3), daughter, born Quarry Bank:

County Express 12/3/1921

“Adjourned Licensing Sessions Brierley Hill.....

Representing the Wolverhampton and Dudley Brewery Co. Ltd., Mr. J. T. Higgs applied to the Bench for approval of plans presented at the licensing sessions a month ago for the re-building of the HIGH OAK INN, Pensnett. He said his clients had impressed upon the Local governing authority the necessity for the re-building of the property, especially having regard to the unsatisfactory condition of three cottages adjoining. As a result of alterations in the licensing laws, these had had to be built up. Now they had been condemned by the Council. His clients' difficulty was that the cottages were a considerable nuisance to users of the High Street, because the occupiers had to throw some of their rubbish into the roadway, and complaints were made about it. The re-building of HIGH OAK he submitted, would be a considerable improvement,

Supt. Rowbotham offered no objections to the proposed re-building. He agreed it would effect a considerable public improvement, and that the house would be better in every way. It would certainly be lighter, have better accommodation and bring about more satisfactory supervision.

The plans as submitted and explained to the Bench by Mr. A. T. Butler (architect), were eventually approved.

Mr. Higgs made similar applications in respect of the SUN INN, Quarry Bank, and the WHITE HART INN, Harts Hill, but the Chairman said the magistrates did not like the idea of passing plans, without the naming of a specified time in which the work would be done. It was necessary that when the plans were sanctioned, the work should commence immediately. When the owners were prepared to start work they could bring the plans forward again.

Mr. Higgs said that owing to the difficulty experienced in acquiring the necessary labour, he could not guarantee any specific time. The only thing for them to do was to start at the HIGH OAK with the labour available, and take other houses in the turn. Under the circumstances he withdrew those two applications.

Replying to the superintendent Mr. Higgs expressed his willingness to have any essential repairs at the two houses carried out in the meantime.”

County Express 31/12/1921

“Dividend Clubs.....

SUN INN, Quarry Bank. The dividend took place on Wednesday night, and £1 19s 6d each was most gratifying to the members. Messrs. G. E. Hart and H. Whiley were the auditors; Mr. E. H. T. Hart is secretary.”

South Staffordshire Times 21/7/1923

“The principal meeting of the Staffordshire Compensation Authority was held at Stafford on Tuesday, when the renewal of the license of the SUN INN, High Street, Quarry Bank, an ante 1869 beerhouse on amongst other licenses which had been referred for compensation, came up for consideration.

The license was objected to on the ground of redundancy.

Supt. Willis said within 500 yards there were eight fully licensed houses, four beer-houses and two off licenses. The SUN INN was the least commodious of the houses, and appeared to do least trade.

Replying to Mr. J. T. Higgs (for the owners) witness agreed that in the whole of his division there was one license to 198 people, whilst in the Quarry Bank district there was one license to 312 persons. Witness admitted that on land adjacent to the SUN INN an ex-Service men's Club had been opened.

Mr. Higgs: Do you consider a wooden erection used as an ex-Service men's club is more desirable for licensed premises than the SUN INN? – I don't consider the SUN or a wooden structure desirable at all. I would not have a club under any consideration.

Mr. Higgs: What is to prevent the club acquiring this place if it is delicensed and having all the trade? – Nothing that I know of.

Would that be a desirable thing from your point of view? – Undesirable, I should say.

PC Leonard described the SUN as the worst conducted house in the district.

Thomas Henry Smith, house manager for the brewery company, said the trade for the three years ending September 30th, 1922, averaged 216 barrels per annum, the takings averaging £1,828 per year, or £35 per week.

After consulting in private the committee renewed the license.”

The license was referred to the Compensation Authority on 5th March 1923.

The license was renewed on 17th July 1923.

Demolished
It was rebuilt in the 1930s.

A wine-on license was granted on 1st March 1937.

[2006]

Closed
Demolished [2008]



1994



2007

SWAN

High Street, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Joseph Davies [1857] – [1860]
Thomas Bird [1862]

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Brierley Hill Advertiser 14/2/1857

“The following inquests have been held during the week, before T. M. Phillips.....

On Friday, at the house of Mr. *Davies*, SWAN INN, High Street, on the body of a child named Eliza Jewiss, aged 13, who was taken ill on the 26th ult, with the bowel complaint; she continued to get worse until the 30th, when she died. Mr. Norris was sent for but arrived too late. The inquest was an adjourned one from Monday, in order that a post mortem examination of the body might be made. Verdict, Died from Natural Causes.”

SWAN

High Street / Sun Street, (Holland), Brockmoor, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

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[1822]

SWAN

70, (56), Mill Street, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Mrs. Ann Pearse

Edward David Percy Harley, Bank Street, Brierley Hill

Daniel Batham and Son Ltd. (leased from 24th November 1937)

LICENSEES

John Parkes [1849] – [1850]

William Pain [1871] – **1881**;

Elizabeth Pain (**1881 – 1884**);

William Hodgkiss (**1884 – 1899**);

Mrs. Zillah Hodgkiss (**1899 – 1908**);

Henry Allen (**1908 – 1914**);

George Smithyman (**1914 – 1922**);

William Smith (**1922 – 1924**);

Edward David Percy Harley (**1924 – 1928**);

George Smithyman (**1928 – 1930**);

James Henry Yates (**1930 – 1932**);

Robert Potter (**1932 – 1934**);

David Thomas Holt (**1934 – 1935**);

Frederick Webster (**1935 – 1938**);

Joseph Thomas Phillips (**1938 – 1939**);

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56, Mill Street [1871], [1881], [1904]

70, Mill Street

It was a home brew house.

John Parkes was also a trace and chain cable manufacturer. [1849], [1850]

1871 Census

56, Mill Street – SWAN INN

[1] *William Pain* (69), beer seller, born Rock, Worcestershire;

[2] *Elizabeth Pain* (60), wife, born Kingswinford;

[3] *William Pain* (31), son, ginger beer manufacturer;

[4] *Elizabeth Pain* (21), wife:

William Pain died c. December 1880.

1881 Census

56, Mill Street

[1] *Elizabeth Pain* (70), innkeeper, born Brierley Hill;

[2] *Amelia Pargeter* (43), daughter, widow, born Brierley Hill:

A full license was granted on 23rd August 1898.



Advert 1881

County Express 22/3/1902

“The landlady of the SWAN INN, Mill Street, Brierley Hill, *Zillah Hodgkins*, was charged under the Child Messenger Act with knowingly delivering to Harry Roberts, a person under the age of 14, a vessel containing beer which was not corked and sealed, on February 24th.

PC Walsh saw Harry Roberts, who is only ten years old, leaving the SWAN INN with a quart bottle containing a pint of beer. Upon examining the bottle Walsh found it was not sealed. He took the boy and the bottle back to the house, and ascertained the boy had been supplied by Mrs. Bissell, the landlady’s daughter, who was assisting in the management of the house. While witness was there the landlady came in and she said she stopped serving anyone who was under 14 years of age.

The Bench allowed the case to be withdrawn on payment of the costs.”

Mrs. Zillah Hodgkiss, beer retailer, 56, Mill Street. [1904]

1911 Census

Mill Street – SWAN INN

[1] *Henry Allen* (41), coal haulier and licensed victualler, born Ludlow;

[2] *Sarah Allen* (37), wife, married 14 years, born Brierley Hill;

[3] *Henry Allen* (9), son, scholar, born Brierley Hill;

[4] *Cyril Allen* (7), son, scholar, born Brierley Hill;

[5] *Orris Allen* (8 months), son, born Brierley Hill:

County Express 26/11/1921

“The annual meeting of the Brierley Hill Homing Society was held at the headquarters, The SWAN INN, Mill Street, on Wednesday night. Mr. George Rowley presided over a good attendance, including Messrs.....”

Midland Advertiser 8/2/1930

Plans for alterations were submitted.

Inventory of 25th August 1938

“Bar, tap room, 6 cast iron spittoons, one enamel, smoke room including 3 enamelled spittoons for quality spitting, club room and two bedrooms.”

The license was referred to the Compensation Authority on 6th March 1939.
It closed on 30th December 1939 after £337 10s compensation was paid.

SWAN

61, (63), (60), Moor Street, (Moor Lane), BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Frederick Higgs
Thomas Jeffries
Frederick Smith, Aston Model Brewery (acquired on 20th January 1936)

LICENSEES

Richard Cooper [1834]
William Richards [1834] – [1835]
William Onions [1849] – [1854]
George Wild [1858]
Richard Moore [1860] – [1865]
Robert Dancer [1870] – **1880**;
Herbert Hazlehurst (**1880 – 1883**);
Maria Hazlehurst (m. Higgs) (**1883 – 1919**);
Frederick Higgs (**1919 – 1921**);
Thomas 'Tom' Jeffries (**1921 – 1936**);
Frederick Walter Malin (**1936 – [1940]**)

**A RARE OPPORTUNITY.
TO PARTIES WISHING TO ENTER THE
PUBLIC BUSINESS.**

TO BE LET, with immediate possession, that Old-Licensed House, the SWAN INN, Moor Lane. LICENSES, GOOD-WILL, STOCK, FIXTURES, and BREWING VESSELS, to be taken at a fair valuation. For further particulars apply on the premises, or to Mr. H. Detheridge, Public-House Agent, High Street, Brierley-Hill.

Advert 1856

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Moor Lane [1849], [1856], [1865], [1870], [1881], [1896], [1904], [1912], [1940]
63, Moor Street [1871], [1872]
60, Moor Street [1891]
61, Moor Street [1901], [1911]

WHITE SWAN [1864], [1865]
SWANN INN [1892]

Blackcountryman – Summer 2014 – A Black Country Pioneer

“.....The Hudson’s Bay Company representative focused on Brierley Hill as being an ideal location to recruit workers and he arranged a meeting one Saturday evening in the early months of 1854 in the SWAN pub in Brierley Hill with that in mind.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 11/10/1856 - Advert

“A Rare Opportunity, / To Parties Wishing To Enter The Public Business. / To Be Let, with immediate possession, that Old-Licensed House, the SWAN INN, Moor Lane. / Licenses, Goodwill, Stock, Fixtures, and Brewing Vessels, to be taken at a fair valuation. For further details apply on the premises, or to Mr. H. Detheridge, Public House Agent, High Street, Brierley Hill.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 10/7/1858 - Advert

“Unreserved Sale at The SWAN INN, Moor Lane, near Brierley Hill.

To be Sold by Auction, by Enoch Lovatt, on Monday Next, July 12th, 1858, highly valuable Household Furniture, cask of rum, gin, brandy, two casks of porter, and other effects, belonging to Mr. *George Wild*, who is giving up the public business.....”

Stourbridge Observer 3/12/1870

“At the Petty Sessions on Thursday last, before I. Spooner, Esq, Stipendiary, *Robert Dancer*, landlord of the SWAN INN, Moor Lane, was charged by Superintendent Mills with keeping his house open for the sale of beer on the 27th ult, before the hour of half past twelve.

Police-sergeant Breton proved that he visited the defendant’s house at nine o’clock, and found one man in the kitchen, with a pint of ale.

The defence was that the man came to see him about some repairs, and he gave him the ale.

Ordered to pay the costs.”

1871 Census

63, Moor Street – SWAN INN

[1] *Robert Dancer* (45), licensed victualler, born Kingswinford;

[2] *Jane Dancer* (53), wife, born Kingswinford:

1881 Census

Moor Lane – The SWAN

[1] *Herbert Hazlehurst* (26), licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;

[2] *Maria Hazlehurst* (31), wife, born Brierley Hill:

Evening Star 15/6/1882

“*Herbert Hazlehurst*, landlord of the SWAN INN, Moor Lane, Brierley Hill, was summoned for being drunk on his own licensed premises, on the 27th ult. Mr. Hatherton defended.

That night Police-constable Lafford saw a man being carried out of the defendant’s house drunk and incapable. Going into the house to see if there were any more people there in the same condition, he found defendant sitting in the tap room drunk. As soon as he made his appearance defendant sprang up and said, ‘You ——, I will kick you out. I will —— well kill you if you come into my house.’, and then struck at the officer.

The Stipendiary said he was in some doubt as to the extremity of the law, in such cases, but he would fine the defendant 10s and costs, and remind him that a charge of assaulting the police could have been preferred against him.”

Maria Hazlehurst married Mr. Higgs c. 1886.

1891 Census

60, Moor Street – SWAN INN

[1] *Walter E. Higgs* (33), glass cutter, born Devizes;

[2] *Maria Higgs* (41), wife, innkeeper, born Brierley Hill;

[3] *Bertie W. Higgs* (8), son, born Brierley Hill;

[4] *Charles H. Higgs* (6), son, born Brierley Hill;

[5] *Frederick J. Higgs* (2), son, born Brierley Hill;

[6] *Harry H. Higgs* (2 months), son, born Brierley Hill:

1901 Census

61, Moor Street

[1] *Walter E. Higgs* (43), retired glass cutter, born Devizes;

[2] *Maria Higgs* (51), licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;

[3] *Bertie W. Higgs* (18), son, glass maker, born Brierley Hill;

[4] *Charles H. Higgs* (16), son, iron moulder, born Brierley Hill;

[5] *Frederick J. Higgs* (11), son, born Brierley Hill;

[6] *Harry H. Higgs* (10), son, born Brierley Hill;

[7] *Arthur S. Higgs* (8), son, born Brierley Hill:

Tipton Herald 22/5/1909

“An inquest was held last Saturday, at the SWAN INN, Moor Lane, Brierley Hill, by Mr. T. Allan Stokes, on the body of George Parsons, aged 62, a signalman, of 60 Moor Lane, who died suddenly on the previous day whilst on duty at the Kingswinford Junction signal-box, at Brettell Lane Station of the Great Western Railway. Mr. Dyer Drakeford was the foreman of the jury, and Mr. John Morgan, district inspector of Dudley was present on behalf of the railway company.

The evidence of Helen Parsons, the widow, went to show that deceased left the house on Friday morning shortly before four o'clock to go to his box. As he was putting his boots on he observed, ‘my back gets worse,’ and stated that he had suffered two or three days, although witness had heard no complaints from him previously. She was under the impression that he was going to have an attack of lumbago. Deceased had never complained about his heart, and had not been attended by Dr. Taylor for five years.

A shunter, named John Ayres, informed the Jury that he was at work on Friday morning near the signal-box, and shortly before eight o'clock, hearing a crash of glass, he looked up at the box, and saw that the deceased had smashed one of the panes of glass, with his head as he reeled. On going into the box he discovered Parsons in a sitting condition in a corner with his back to the window and appeared to be dead.

PS Tunnicliffe, on visiting the signal-box shortly after eleven, found one of the panes of glass knocked out, another one cracked, and in the corner where the deceased was found by Ayres there were bloodstains. Later on the officer saw the body of the deceased at his home, and saw that he had a small cut on his forehead, another on his left cheek bone, and a further one on his top lip. These injuries were consistent with the statement that the deceased had fallen against the window of the box.

The jury returned a verdict of Death from Natural Causes, probably heart failure. The deceased had been in the employ of the company for about 34 years, and was greatly respected.”

Tipton Herald 12/6/1909

“*Maria Higgs*, SWAN INN, Moor Lane, Brierley Hill, was summoned for selling beer to a person under the age of 14 in a bottle which was not properly sealed. As Superintendent Johnson thought it was an oversight on the part of the defendant, he was willing to withdraw the summons on defendant paying costs, 6s. This was agreed to.”

1911 Census

61, Moor Street

- [1] *Walter Elijah Higgs* (53), licensed victualler, born Devizes;
- [2] *Maria Higgs* (62), wife, married 23 years, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Frederick Higgs* (21), son, engine fitter, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Harry Higgs* (20), son, glass cutter, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *Arthur Higgs* (19), son, cashier's clerk, iron works, born Brierley Hill;
- [6] *Clara Roberts* (25), domestic servant, born Wordsley;

Maria Higgs was also a brewer. [1914]

Thomas Jeffries was also a brewer. [1923]

Bilston and Willenhall Times 3/11/1928

“The SWAN INN Flying Club, Moor Lane, Brierley Hill, despite the prevalence of canker among birds during the year, had a very successful season. The prize money averaged £5 14s 6d per race, and the total amount distributed among the successful members, including the pool money, was nearly £160.

The annual supper and prize distribution took place at the headquarters on Saturday. Thirty one members and friends sat down to a substantial repast provided by Mr. and Mrs. *Tom Jeffries*, host and hostess. The after proceedings were presided over by Mr. Sid Wheeler, in the absence of Mr. Rutland, of Stourbridge.....”

Plans were approved, for improvements to the sanitary arrangements, at the adjourned Licensing Meeting, on 4th March 1930.

It closed on 31st December 1958.

SWAN

102, (13), High Street, (Swan Terrace), PENSNETT

OWNERS

Henry Palmer

North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1896)

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1909)

LICENSEES

Samuel Page [1854] – 1870)

William Palmer (1870 – 1874);

Henry Palmer (1874 – 1896);

Albert Proudler (1896 – 1898);

George Harry Simpkins (1898);

Emma Mountford (1898 – 1900);

Richard Ball (1900 – 1902);

George Thomas Freeman (1902 – 1903);

Thomas Alfred Bradley (1903 – 1905);

Edward Charles Darby (1905 – 1908);

Arthur Hough (1908 – 1910);

Elisha Powell (1910);

Arthur Lindley (1910 – 1911);

Mrs. Harriet Pope (1911 – 1914);

Horace Whitehouse (1914 – 1926);

Frank Middleton (1926 – 1929);

Alexander Taylor (1929 – 1930);

Albert Edward Willetts (1930 – 1931);

William Neale (1931 – 1932);

John Frederick Jones (1932 – 1933);

Frederick William Spicer (1933 – 1938);

Ernest Lockett (1938 – 1941);

Sidney Joseph Matthews (1941 – 1949);

Henry Harwood (1949 – 1952);

William Raybould (1952 – 1955);

Muriel Kathleen Middleton (1955 – 1977);

Peter Warwick Hytch (1977 – 1981);

Frank Boundford (1981 – 1983);

Michael Thomas Dean (1983);

Derek Arthur Pye (1983);

Barrie James Hickman (1983 – 1985);

Roy Nevin (1985 – 1986);

June Ashmore (1986);

David Roger Jarvis (1986 – 1987);

David Higginson (1987);

Frederick Keith Hall (1987 – 1988);

Andrew Jamieson (1988 – 1990);

Barry Bull (1990);

David James Morton (1990 – 1991);

Edmund Gordon James (1991 – 1992);



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13, High Street [1901]
102, High Street

A meeting of freeholders on Pensnett Chase was held here in 1857, in order to carry out the provisions of the Pensnett Chase Enclosure Act.

Brierley Hill Advertiser 6/3/1858

“On Saturday afternoon last, an inquest was held at the SWAN INN, Pensnett, before W. H. Phillips, Esq, on the body of a man – whose name did not transpire – who met with his death in the following extraordinary manner. Deceased was a waggoner in the service of Mrs. Mary Bedington, miller, of Birmingham, and on the morning of the 26th ult., he left Birmingham with his waggon and team to proceed with a load to Mr. Williams, corn factor, of Pensnett.

When he arrived at Pensnett he was not very sober and he fell to the ground from the seat of the waggon, where he had been sitting driving. He had a companion with him who did not observe the accident at the moment, and who consequently let the waggon proceed several yards, when the deceased succeeded in getting up and walking a short distance. He was, however, much hurt, and his companion got him into a cart that was going in the same direction as the waggon. When they arrived at Mr. Williams’s he was left in the war(?) house while the waggon was unloading, it being supposed that he was simply intoxicated. In a short time, however, he was found to have expired, and on examination it was found that he had sustained a fracture of the skull and an injury to the shoulder. The inquest was adjourned from Saturday till Monday last, when the jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 2/10/1858 - Advert

“Freehold House and Premises, Chapel Street, Pensnett.

To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. W. Hawkins, on Monday, the 18th day of October, 1858, at the house of Mr. *Page*, the SWAN INN, Pensnett.....”

1861 Census

High Street

- [1] *Samuel Page* (41), victualler, born Dudley;
- [2] *Ann Page* (42), wife, born Gornal;
- [3] *Samuel Page* (18), son, brewer, born Rowley;
- [4] *Thomas Page* (14), son, born Rowley;
- [5] *Mary Page* (11), daughter, born Pensnett;
- [6] *Ruth Page* (9), daughter, born Pensnett;
- [7] *Joseph Page* (7), son, born Pensnett;
- [8] *Walter Page* (4), son, born Pensnett;
- [9] *Jane Payton* (21), general servant. Born Wordsley:

Samuel Page, High Street, Pensnett. [1864]

Dudley Herald 4/4/1868

Samuel Page, licensed victualler, Pensnett – bankrupt.

Dudley Herald 18/4/1868 - Advert

“Unreserved sale [29/4] The SWAN INN, Pensnett to be sold by auction *S. Page* a bankrupt whole of the excellent brewing plant.....”

Stourbridge Observer 27/8/1870

“Mr. *Samuel Page*, landlord of the SWAN INN, committed suicide on Saturday evening last. The deceased had recently experienced reverse in fortune, and for some days previous to his death had been in a very melancholy state of mind. His friends had reason to fear that he would attempt self-destruction, and, on the evening in question his son accompanied him to bed, and was told to watch his father.

Mr. *Page*, sen, waited until his son was asleep and then committed suicide by hanging himself to the bed post.”

1871 Census

High Street – SWAN INN

[1] *William Palmer* (47), licensed victualler, born Abberley, Worcestershire;

[2] *Mary Ann Palmer* (41), wife, born Abberley, Worcestershire;

[3] *Mary Ann Hyde* (15), domestic servant, born Dudley:

Stourbridge Observer 16/9/1871

“Thomas Hardwick, shoemaker, residing at Pensnett, was charged with cutting and wounding John O’Connor, on the 6th instant. Mr. Homer defended.

Complainant, whose face and head was bandaged, deposed: I live at Pensnett, and am a miner. On the 5th inst I was at Mr. *Palmer*’s public house. Went about half past twelve o’clock at night, with my brother. The prisoner was in the house. A dispute arose between the prisoner, and James Oliver about staking money for a pigeon. The prisoner staked 2s for his pigeon to ‘whome’, and said James Oliver had got it. Oliver came to me and said, ‘John don’t let him hit me,’ and I pushed my hand out and held prisoner by the shoulder, saying, ‘You won’t hit him.’ Prisoner said he should, and that he would knock his face off. I said, ‘You won’t hit him while I am here.’ I then loosed the prisoner and went outside the door to look after my dog. Prisoner said he would make him pay for it. I said, ‘What for?’ The prisoner replied, ‘For interfering with me.’ I told him I could not help that, and went back into the house. Prisoner followed me in. I remained in the house a quarter of an hour. There was no row going on during that time. I then left the house, and was calling my dog, when prisoner followed me out across the road, and struck me across the right side of the face, which began to bleed. I said, ‘Tom, this chap has cut me; run after him.’ My brother did run after him. I followed for a short time, until I became insensible. My brother did not catch him.

Mr. Bradley, surgeon, was sent for, and has attended me since.

Cross-examined: A good few were in the house at the time the row took place. Was not drunk when I went to *Palmer*’s house. Had been to the SWAN INN. Was there about three hours. Had not much to drink. I did have a dog with me. It is a bulldog about 20lbs weight. Did not see my dog jump at a woman. He did not bite her. There was a row about some pigeons. Did not offer to fly pigeons with the prisoner. Did not throw him on the floor. He was not on the ground. Did not strike him.

John Bradley deposed: I am a surgeon, residing at Pensnett. Was called to attend the complainant at his house, between one and two o’clock. Found the complainant, who was in a state of collapse, suffering from two incised wounds. The one wound extended from below the right ear to the corner of the mouth. The wound was to the bone on the cheek, which lay bare, and extending five inches in length. There was also a wound on the upper lip on the left side of the face, one inch in length, and completely cut through. The wounds were dangerous, but they were going on well. It should take another fortnight before they were healed up. Had attended him up to the present time. The wounds were caused by a knife or some sharp instrument, as they were clean cuts.

In answer to Mr. Homer, witness said he believed the complainant was sober at the time, and that the wounds were not caused by a fall.

James Oliver gave evidence corroborating that of the complainant, and said he saw the prisoner strike at O’Connor, but found that he had cut him. He followed prisoner with another man, and gave him into custody.

Thomas O’Connor also gave evidence, and Police-constable Storer proved apprehending the prisoner.

Prisoner was committed to take his trial on the charge.”

Stourbridge Observer 5/10/1872

“The adjourned Licensing Session for the petty sessional division of Kingswinford was held on Monday last, at the Brierley Hill Police Court Superintendent Mills stated that *William Palmer*, landlord of the SWAN INN, Pensnett, was, on December 21st last, fined £5 for permitting drunkenness in his house, and a further sum of £5 for having his house open during prohibited hours. Since his conviction the house has been pretty well conducted, but still complaints were received concerning it.

The Chairman [H.W. Foley]: We shall grant you the license, but you will certainly lose your license next year unless there is a marked change in the management of your inn.”

Stourbridge Observer 6/9/1873

“John Thomas Peacock, was charged with refusing to quit the SWAN INN, Pensnett, when requested to do so on the 28th ult.

William Palmer, landlord, said defendant was in his house on the above date. Witness requested him to go and he refused. Defendant was further charged with assaulting complainant at the same time and place. Complainant said he was putting defendant out when he kicked and struck him several times.

Police-constable Keenan, stationed at Pensnett, said he saw defendant at half past seven. He was very drunk.

Complainant said defendant tore the shirt of his coat off and did damage to the amount of 10s.

Defendant said he was not drunk. He went to the house after his dog and complainant pushed him into the street.

For refusing to quit, defendant was fined £1 and costs, and for the assault 5s and costs; in default one month.”

Stourbridge Observer 31/10/1874

“At the [Brierley Hill] Police Court, on Monday, before Messrs H. Smith and H. Hall, *Henry Palmer*, landlord of the SWAN INN, Pensnett, was charged with keeping his house open after eleven o’clock, on the 20th inst.

Police-constable Keenan proved visiting defendant’s house at ten minutes past eleven o’clock, on the night in question, and finding two men drinking. He called defendant’s attention to the men, and he said he was not aware it was after eleven o’clock. Defendant pleaded guilty, and was fined 5s and costs.”

1881 Census

SWAN INN

[1] *Henry Palmer* (32), licensed victualler, born Abberley, Worcestershire;

[2] *Mary Palmer* (31), wife, born Kingswinford:

[Abberley is about 5 miles SW of Stourport on Severn.]

1891 Census

High Street

[1] *Henry Palmer* (41), licensed victualler, born Abberley, Worcestershire;

[2] *Mary Palmer* (42), wife, born Pensnett;

[3] *Helena Palmer* (18), daughter, pupil teacher, born Harts Hill:

1901 Census

13, High Street

[1] *Richard Ball* (49), publican, born Pensnett;

[2] *Ann Ball* (49), wife, born Kingswinford;

[3] *Moses Ball* (27), son, coal miner, born Kingswinford;

[4] *Edward Ball* (25), son, coal miner, born Kingswinford;

[5] *Richard Ball* (17), son, coal miner, born Kingswinford;

[6] *George Ball* (12), son, born Kingswinford;

[7] *Rose Ball* (9), daughter, born Kingswinford;

[8] *Miranda Ball* (19), daughter, born Kingswinford:

The license was renewed in March 1903 after a boundary wall was raised.

1911 Census

High Street – SWAN INN

[1] *Arthur Lindley* (31), publican, manager, born Dudley;

[2] *Sarah Lindley* (26), wife, married 2 years, born Sedgley;

[3] *Dinston Lindley* (1), son, born Coseley:

[1983]

It closed on 6th February 1992.

It became Pensnett and Bromley Liberal Club.

SWAN

High Street, PENSNETT

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Haywood Candlin [1864] – [1865]

NOTES

SWAN HOTEL [1865]

SWAN +

PENSNETT

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Miss Ann Addenbrooke [1845] – [1851]

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Mrs. Ann Addenbrooke, SWAN, Pensnett. [1849], [1850]

SWAN +

PENSNETT

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Joseph Guest [1856]

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Brierley Hill Advertiser 5/7/1856

“*Joseph Guest*, of the SWAN INN, Pensnett, *Thomas Wright*, of the LION HOTEL, Pensnett, and *John Holloway*, of the SHINGLERS ARMS, Brockmoor, were severally charged with having their houses open after hours, on Sunday, June 22nd, and fined 10s each and expenses.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 11/10/1856 - Advert

“Unreserved Sale, At The SWAN INN, Pensnett. To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. Hawkins, on Monday next, October 13th 1856, the whole of the Excellent Public House Fixtures, Drinking Tables, Screens, Window Blinds, Capital Four-Pull Beer Machine, Bar Fixtures, Brewing Vessels, Sixteen Bushel Mashing Tub, Boiler and Settings, Vats, well-seasoned Casks, Gathering Tubs, Stock of Ale, Malt Crusher, and other effects, belonging to Mr. *Joseph Guest*, who is going to Australia.....”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 25/10/1856 - Advert

“To Be Let, with immediate possession, the SWAN INN, Pensnett. Coming-in, about £20. – Apply to Mr. *Guest*, upon the Premises; or to Mr. Hawkins, Auctioneer, Brierley Hill.”

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AT THE SWAN INN, PENSNETT.
TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, BY
MR. HAWKINS, on Monday next, October
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HOUSE FIXTURES, Drinking Tables, Screens, Window
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Settings, Vats, well-seasoned Casks, Gathering Tubs, Stock
of Ale, Malt Crusher, and other effects, belonging to Mr.
Joseph Guest, who is going to Australia.
Sale to commence at Eleven o'clock in the Morning.
Conditions as usual. THE HOUSE TO BE LET.

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SWAN +

PENSNETT

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Jarvis [1845]

SWAN +

PENSNETT

OWNERS

LICENSEES

George Smith [1849] – [1850]

SWAN +

PENSNETT

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Joseph Cartwright [1850] – [1851]

NOTES

Joseph Cartwright, beer retailer, Pensnett. [1850]

SWAN +

PENSNETT

OWNERS

LICENSEES

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Dudley Herald 1/10/1870 - Advert

“Pensnett – To be disposed of immediately, the licenses, fixtures and possession of that well known and old established public house, the SWAN INN, having four good clubs attached, and carried on by the late proprietor for the last 20 years. There is a good supply of water and every facility for carrying on an extensive and respectable business.”

SWAN WITH TWO NECKS

Brettell Lane, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

NOTES

[1845]

Brierley Hill Advertiser 16/1/1858

“An inquest was held at the SWAN WITH TWO NECKS, Brettell Lane, on Wednesday last, by T. M. Phillips, Esq, on the body of a little boy, six years of age, named William Lee. From the evidence of Police constable Shenstone it appeared that he was passing down Brettell Lane last Tuesday morning, when he saw a man and woman walking together, the man carrying the child. He afterwards saw the man give the child to the woman, and go into the SWAN WITH TWO NECKS, the woman shortly afterwards followed him in, and, as she was entering the police constable heard her exclaim ‘Good God. My child is dead.’

Police constable Shenstone then went into the house and saw the child. It was quite dead, and blood was flowing from its nose. He immediately sent for the superintendent and a surgeon; but life was quite extinct. The man said he had had three children die in the same manner. The inquest was adjourned till Monday next at four o’clock.”

TALBOT

341, (5), (2), Brettell Lane, Silver End, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Thomas Brettell [1822]
Henry Walker
F. Warren, Plough Brewery, Brierley Hill
Executors of F. Warren, Plough Brewery, Brierley Hill
J. P. Simpkins (acquired on 6th February 1928)
Graham Keeling

LICENSEES

John Bowater [1822] – manager
Benjamin Wellings [1822] – [1835]
John Corbett [1845] – [1862]
William Bullock [1864] – **1896**;
Mrs. Catherine Bullock **(1896 – 1907)**;
Henry Jeavons **(1907 – 1910)**;
Robert Warren **(1910 – 1921)**;
Mrs. Amy Northwood Warren **(1921 – 1926)**;
William Ernest Fox **(1926 – 1951)**;
Norris Higgs **(1951 – 1953)**;
William Henry Hadley **(1953)**;
Wilfred Bowden **(1953 – [1958]**
W H Rogers [1983]
Graham Keeling []



1996

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2, Brettell Lane [1872], [1892], [1896], [1901], [1904], [1912], [1916], [1921]
5, Brettell Lane [1940]

It was a home brew house.

1851 Census

TALBOT INN

- [1] *John Corbett* (50), victualler, born Kinlet, Shropshire;
 - [2] *Ann Corbett* (46), wife, born Bilston;
 - [3] *Mary Ann Corbett* (17), daughter, born Kingswinford;
 - [4] *Henry Corbett* (13), son, born Kingswinford;
 - [5] *Emma Corbett* (8), daughter, born Kingswinford;
 - [6] *William Corbett* (4), son, born Kingswinford;
 - [7] *John Corbett* (1), son, born Kingswinford;
 - [8] *William Corbett* (20), nephew, moulder of iron, born Kingswinford;
 - [9] *Mary Ann Turner* (19), servant, born Kingswinford:
- [Kinlet is about 8 miles S of Bridgnorth.]

John Corbett was also a farmer. [1860]

1861 Census

Brettell Lane

- [1] *John Corbett* (54), widower, victualler, born Kinlet, Shropshire;
- [2] *Emma Corbett* (18), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *William Corbett* (13), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Ellen Hartland* (21), general servant, born Kingswinford:

Stourbridge Observer 15/7/1865

“An adjourned inquest was held at the TALBOT INN, Brettell Lane, before W. H. Phillips Esq., coroner, on the body of a man named Richard Evans, who had been ailing some time, and who, after taking a fluid and some pills, which he had from a quack, died. The inquest was resumed on Monday last, and from the evidence then adduced, it appears deceased died from natural causes, and a verdict was given to that effect.”

Stourbridge Observer 9/6/1866

“On Saturday night last, some considerable excitement took place in Brettell Lane, in consequence of a report that one brother had killed another in a fight. Upon enquiry it appeared the two brothers, named Joseph Darby and Thomas Darby, sons of a boatman, were at the TALBOT INN, Brettell Lane, about eleven o'clock. Joseph is about 20, Thomas about 18 years of age. As they were coming down Brettell Lane the younger brother threw a stone at the elder one, who ran after him and he fell down. The brother shouted out ‘Murder’, and a man named Ball came to his assistance and helped to pick him up, but he only breathed twice and expired.

An inquest was held at the TALBOT INN, on Monday last, before Mr. H. Phillips, and a woman named Mary Ann Darby gave evidence to the effect that she heard someone threaten the deceased, but she gave her evidence as reluctantly that the coroner repeated cautioned her. There were no external signs of violence. Although the general opinion is that deceased died from a kick, there was nothing to show that any violence has been used, and the inquest was adjourned until Monday next to allow time for a post mortem.”

1871 Census

Brettell Lane – Public House

- [1] *William Bullock* (52), publican, born Wellington, Shropshire;
- [2] *Catherine Bullock* (43), wife, born Bloxwich;
- [3] *William Bullock* (16), son, clerk, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *F. James Bullock* (13), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *P. Henry Bullock* (11), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Penelope E. Bullock* (8), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Robert Parrender* (74), wife's father, labourer, born Shifnal;
- [8] *Susan Wood* (21), general servant, born Kingswinford:

1881 Census

Brettell Lane

- [1] *William Bullock* (62), innkeeper, born Leighton, Staffordshire;
- [2] *Catherine Bullock* (53), wife, born Bloxwich;
- [3] *William Bullock* (26), son, printer (compositor), born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Frederick John Bullock* (23), son, brewer, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Robert Henry Bullock* (21), son, foundry clerk, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Penelope Bullock* (18), daughter, barmaid, born Kingswinford:

1891 Census

TALBOT INN

- [1] *William Bullock* (72), publican, born Wellington;
- [2] *Catherine Bullock* (63), wife, born Bloxwich;
- [3] *Harry Bullock* (31), son, clerk, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Penelope Bullock* (29), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *Thomas Priest* (56), lodger, wheelwright, born Ackleton, Shropshire:

1901 Census

2, Brettell Lane

[1] *Catherine Bullock* (72), licensed victualler, born Bloxwich;

[2] *Thomas Priest* (44.5), boarder, wheelwright, born Ackleton, Shropshire;

[3] *Mabel Bullock* (20), general servant, born Brierley Hill:

Black Country Bugle

'When A Brierley Hill Pub Toasted Queen Victoria's Jubilee in 1897'

".....It [TALBOT] was very primitive, with no electricity [in 1908], only gas lighting. There was a small brewery at the back, which my father [*Robert Warren*] had taken down, and a kitchen built. There was no hot water, but there was always a big copper kettle kept on the big black cooking stove in the kitchen.....

The taproom floor was red quarry tiles There were seats all around the white top tables, and a huge black grate with 'Pay today – trust tomorrow' inscribed on the iron surround. The bar was to the right and the counter was by the window. The floor was covered in dark brown lino and there were wooden armchairs and round tables, plus an iron grate with the inscription 'Poor trust is dead, bad pay killed him'. There was also a club room."

1911 Census

Brettell Lane

[1] *Robert Warren* (45), licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;

[2] *Amy Warren* (43), wife, born Brierley Hill;

[3] *Frederick Warren* (21), son, clerk, born Brierley Hill;

[4] *Amy Warren* (19), daughter, born Brierley Hill;

[5] *Charlotte M. Warren* (17), daughter, born Brierley Hill;

[6] *Robert Warren* (15), son, wheelwright's apprentice, born Brierley Hill;

[7] *Victoria Warren* (14), daughter, born Brierley Hill;

[8] *Thomas Warren* (12), son, school, born Brierley Hill;

[9] *Agnes Warren* (9), daughter, school, born Wolverhampton:

It was put up for auction in March 1926. The catalogue described it as:

"Fully Licensed. Under short tenancy. An important, roomy, double fronted property, situate on the main road in a thickly populated district, close to several works and occupying a large area of land. The accommodation includes Entrance Passage, Bar smoke room (front), smoke room (front) part divided off as a sitting room, Side passage, Scullery, Pantry, Four bedrooms, Bath room, Lavatory and WC and cellar. In partly paved yard with double gateway approach from the front is a two-floor, brick built and slate roofed building used as a spirit stores, coal place, WC, urinal and other buildings. Electric light is installed. License £20. Compensation Fund levy £3. Rated at £19 5s."

Closed

Reopened

It was renamed NEW TALBOT. [1992]

Graham Keeling was married to Rita.

[2015]



2015

TALBOT

2, High Street, (Kingswinford Road), (3, Lenches Bridge), Shutt End, PENSNETT

OWNERS

Edward Round Hale
James Hyde, Pensnett
Bass & Co. [1900]
Thomas Johnson (acquired c.1904)
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. (leased from c.1914)
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd. (acquired in December 1936)
Mercury Taverns
Individual Holdings Group [2012]

LICENSEES

Joseph Lench [1845] – [1860]
Mary Ann Lench [1862] – [1865]
B Wood [1867]
William Wood [1870] – **1877**);
George Hale (**1877 – 1879**);
Edward Round Hale (**1879 – 1887**);
Edward Thomas Round (**1887 – 1888**);
Thomas Johnson (**1888 – 1908**);
Sidney Lawrence Jones (**1908 – 1924**);
Sidney Charles Ross (**1924 – 1935**);
Hannah Maria Ross (**1935 – 1936**);
John Donald Ross (**1936 – 1942**);
William Richard Boyman (**1942 – 1950**);
Sidney George Boyman (**1950 – 1951**);
Harold Bennett (**1951 – 1952**);
Leonard G Harrison (**1952 – 1963**);
Stanley Ernest Lunn (**1963 – 1970**);
Donald Stuart Curlett (**1970 – 1975**);
Colin William Bennett (**1975 – 1992**);
Geoffrey Long (**1992 – 1993**);
Terence Robert Dunn (**1993**);
Rachel Mary Speight (**1993 – 1994**);
Sharon E Finian (**1994**);
Alisatair Bech (**1994 – 1995**);
John Roger Holloway (**1995 – 1997**);
Barry John Reynolds (**1997 – 1998**);
Tony Derek Spencer (**1998 – 2001**);
Janice Brenda Leddington (**2001**);
Ian James Mills (**2001 – 2012**)
Dave Facer [2013]



NOTES

The Prince Albert Lodge of the United Order of Druids was founded here in 1845.

1871 Census

TALBOT INN

- [1] *William Wood* (50), licensed victualler, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Mary Wood* (52), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Emily Winwood* (14), servant, born Sedgley;
- [4] *Hannah Wood* (18), servant, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Harry Bacon* (17), ostler, born Kingswinford:

Stourbridge Observer 20/4/1872

“Mr. Coroner Phillips held an inquest on Wednesday, at the TALBOT INN, on the body of *Mary Butler* (6), daughter of *James Butler*, roller, *Corbyns Hall*. It appeared that the child was at play in the road with her companions on Monday, when she was knocked down by a horse driven by *Samuel Parsons*, and she received such injuries that she died shortly afterwards. Verdict Accidental Death.”

Edward R. Hale = *Edward R. Hall*

1881 Census

Kingswinford Road – TALBOT INN

- [1] *Edward R. Hale* (44), innkeeper, lime and breeze merchant, brick manufacturer, employing 19 men, 2 boys, 11 women, born Dudley;
- [2] *Sarah Hale* (43), wife, born Coalbournbrook;
- [3] *George Hale* (18), son, born Pensnett;
- [4] *Elizabeth H. Hale* (17), daughter, born Pensnett;
- [5] *Mary Hale* (15), daughter, born Pensnett;
- [6] *Emily Hale* (12), daughter, born Pensnett;
- [7] *Caroline Hale* (10), daughter, born Pensnett;
- [8] *Albert Hale* (2), son, born Pensnett;
- [9] *Eliza C. Pelford* (23), niece, barmaid, born Pensnett;
- [10] *Mary Allinton* (18), domestic servant, born Sl.....y, Worcestershire;
- [11] *Richard Smith* (61), brewer, born Himley:

1891 Census

Lenches Bridge – TALBOT INN

- [1] *Thomas Johnson* (59), publican, born Wolverley, Worcestershire;
- [2] *Sarah Johnson* (58), wife, born Kidderminster;
- [3] *Beatrice Johnson* (18), daughter, born Wolverley, Worcestershire;
- [4] *Kate Webb* (15), general servant, born Wordsley:

1901 Census

3, Lenches Bridge – TALBOT INN

- [1] *Thomas Johnson* (69), widower, innkeeper, born Cookley, Worcestershire;
- [2] *Selina Marsh* (25), manageress, born Gornal;
- [3] *Hannah Bate* (21), servant, born Gornal:

County Express 18/5/1901

“Thomas Southall, Bradley Street, Pensnett, was charged with assaulting William Alfred Jones, moulder, Pensnett, on the 4th inst.

Complainant, whose head was heavily bandaged, stated that on the 4th he was at the TALBOT INN, Lench’s Bridge, with a person named William Greenaway. Whilst in the house there was some bagatelle playing and some gambling on the game, but when the landlord came into the room he put a stop to the gambling. After witness and Greenaway had left the premises, defendant also came out, and when in the road he struck witness, knocked him down, and kicked him in a shocking manner. His injuries were so severe that he had to be taken to a doctor, and for three weeks he would be unable to work.

By the defendant: They had no quarrel whatever in the house, and he could not give any reason for Southall acting as he did.

William Greenaway gave corroborative evidence, and denied that complainant threw a bottle at defendant.

Southall told the court that Jones and Greenaway waited for and dropped on him.

Mr. Swindell said Southall had a very bad record, and that the Bench thought the case was one in which they ought to deal with severity. The complainant would suffer loss of wages to the extent of £2 5s a week, and there was also the doctor’s bill, the two items amounting to nearly £9. He asked defendant if he was prepared to make complainant any offer for the injury done to him.

Southall declined to make any offer, and was fined £5, or, in default, two months’ imprisonment with hard labour.”

Sidney Lawrence Jones = Sidney Laurence Jones

1911 Census

3, Lenches Bridge – TALBOT INN

- [1] *Sidney Lawrence Jones* (43), licensed victualler, born Neath, Glamorganshire;
- [2] *Annie Louisa Jones* (34), wife, married 8 years, born Foleshill, Warwickshire;
- [3] *William Robert Jones* (8), son, born Foleshill, Warwickshire;
- [4] *Hilda Morgan* (19), general servant, born Wednesfield:

It was damaged by fire on 25th April 1996.

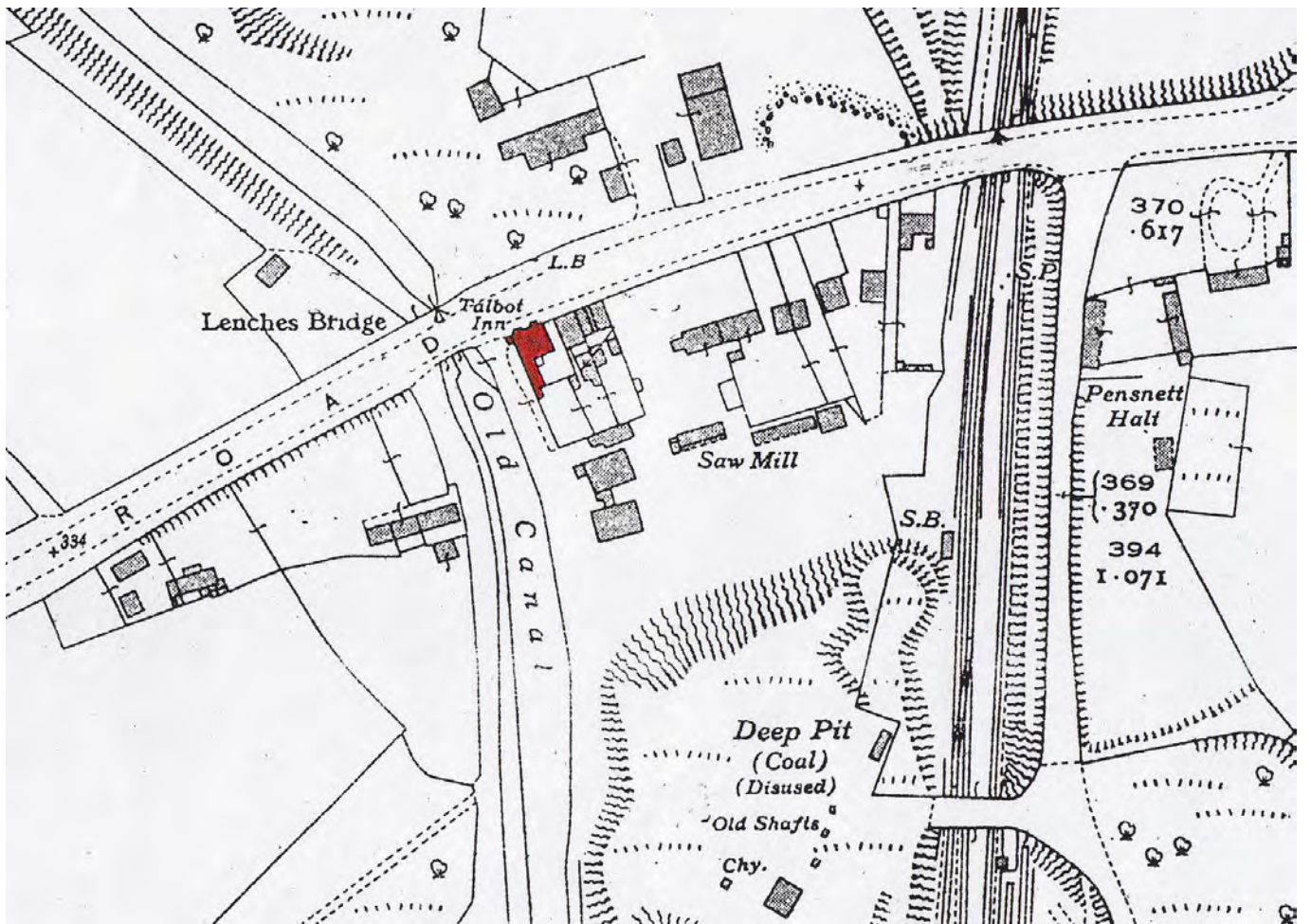
Ian James Mills – see also LEOPARD, Kingswinford

It was closed for an £185,000 refurbishment and reopened as the LENCHES BRIDGE on 12th July 2012.

[2015]



2013



Plan 1884

TANSEY GREEN ARMS

Tansey Green Road, Tansey Green, (Shut End), PENSNETT

OWNERS

Gabriel Jones, Wolverhampton

LICENSEES

Samuel Leonard [1822]
James Haddock [1834] – [1835]
John Worsley [1845]
John Webb [1849] – [1860]
Thomas Webb [1862]
John Webb [1865] – **1873**;
Benjamin Webb **(1873 – 1874)**;
John Plant **(1874 – 1887)**;
Sarah Bryant **(1887 – 1888)**;
Thomas Jones **(1888 – 1889)**;
Ellen Allen **(1889)**;
Thomas Cox **(1889 – 1891)**;

NOTES

TANSEY GREEN INN [1845], [1860], [1864], [1870], [1873], [1881]

Wolverhampton Chronicle 8/4/1840 - Advert

“..... Public Auction 24th April 1840 TANSEY GREEN INN, Tansey Green, Shutt End, in the Parish of Kingswinford Freehold Public House successfully conducted for the past 16 years by the present proprietor consisting of front parlour; taproom; bar; large back parlour, 36 feet long; large club room, 60 feet long; malt room; large brewhouse; three cellars; three stables; piggery, &c detached brewhouse, wheelwright’s shop and large garden with extensive building frontages malthouse capable of wetting eight quarts, now in the occupation of John Pearson close to the works of James Foster.....”

James Haddock = James Hadduck

Brierley Hill Advertiser 7/8/1858

“Staffordshire. Freehold Land and Messuages, at Pensnett. To be Sold by Auction, by Enoch Lovatt, by order of the Mortgagee, on Monday, the 23rd day of August, at the house of Mr. *John Webb*, TANSEY GREEN INN.....”

1871 Census

TANSEY GREEN INN

- [1] *John Webb* (69), licensed victualler, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Isabella Webb* (50), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Benjamin Webb* (32), son, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Mary Webb* (24), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Lillie Webb* (21), daughter, born Kingswinford:

Dudley Herald 31/5/1873

“Death – on 24th inst. at TANSEY GREEN INN, in the 72nd year of his life, *John Webb*, deeply regretted by his family and friends.”

Dudley Herald 28/6/1873 - Advert

“To be sold by auction all that old-licensed public house and outbuildings known by the sign of the TANSEY GREEN INN, Shut End, Pensnett (in the occupancy of the late *John Webb* for near 30 years) together with the malthouse and plots of front (?) building land.....”

also in the edition of 12/7/1873

“ample cellaring, large club room, five chambers, tap room, bar, kitchen, scullery, large brewhouse, stabling, piggeries, bowling alley, slaughterhouse and store room.”

1881 Census

TANSEY GREEN INN

[1] *John Plant* (54), maltster and publican, born Brockmore;

[2] *Hannah R. Plant* (48), wife, born Blisworth, Northamptonshire;

[3] *Mary E. Stuart* (21), niece, born Bromley, Staffordshire; [Probably Bromley, Pensnett]

[4] *Alice M. Plant* (8), niece, scholar, born Bromley Staffordshire; [see above]

[5] *Annie L. Dunn* (18), general servant, born Quarry Bank;

[6] *Susannah Timmins* (50), charwoman, born Mount Pleasant, Staffordshire:

There was no application made for the license renewal on 25th August 1891.

TENTH LOCK

154, Delph Road, (8, Delph), BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

William Pargeter, Stourbridge
Earl of Dudley
Elwell, Delph (leased until 29th September 1904)
Kidderminster Brewery Co. Ltd. (annual tenancy) [1905]
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired c.1937)
Tony Whittaker
Pathfinder Pubs [2003]
Marstons plc [2014]

LICENSEES

Benjamin Green [1866]
Joseph Hampton [1868] – [1870]
Elijah Hampton [1870] – **1876**;
Ann Parrock (**1876 – 1881**);
George Prosser (**1881 – 1889**);
Mary Ann Skidmore (**1889 – 1890**);
Mrs. Jane Bates (**1890 – 1895**);
Thomas Prosser (**1895 – 1900**);
Noah Webb (**1900 – 1914**);
Solomon Tolley (**1914 – 1934**);
Sarah Ann Cartwright (**1934 – 1955**);
Roland Whittaker (**1955 – 1971**);
Emily Whittaker (**1971 – 1984**);
Robert David Williams (**1984 – 1985**);
Anthony Whittaker (**1985 – 1986**);
Warwick Clive Thompson (**1986**);
Peter Gibson (**1986 – 1988**);
Peter Childs (**1988 – 1989**);
Geoffrey James Arnold (**1989 – 1992**);
Christopher David Beard (**1992 – 1993**);
Ian Vernon Hanke (**1993 – [2003]**) manager
Chere Barnsley [2009] – [2015] manager



1994

NOTES

8, Delph [1881], [1896], [1901], [1904], [1912]
154, Delph Road

DELPH STORES [1870], [1872]
DELPH ALE AND PORTER STORES [1866], [1873]
THE STORES [1881], [1904], [1912]

The earliest pub on the site developed from a storehouse used by the navies when the Nine Locks were being built. The storehouse was converted into a beerhouse where groceries could also be bought.

Stourbridge Observer 31/3/1866 - Advert

“Important and Unreserved Sale at the DELPH ALE & PORTER STORES, near Brierley Hill. To be Sold by Auction, by S. Insull, on Monday Next, April 2nd, 1866, on the above Premises, part of the Neat and Clean Household Furniture, comprising Windsor and cane seated Chairs, cane seated Arm ditto, with hair cushion; Maple painted Wardrobe, fitted with drawers; large oak oval Centre Table, strong polished Table, on turned legs, 8ft 6in by 4ft 6in; ale and spirit Measures, Jugs, Cups and Glasses; three dozen of Malt Bags, new; three dozen of Brass Taps, set of Trap Harness, complete; Bridles and Saddles, capital Pony, Basket Gig, excellent Brewer’s Float, nearly new; together with a quantity of numerous other Effects, belonging to Mr. *Benjamin Green*, who in consequence of other engagements, is giving up the business and leaving the neighbourhood.....”

Stourbridge Observer 7/4/1866 - Advert

“To be let and may be entered upon immediately, the well-known, old-licensed Public House, the DELPH ALE AND PORTER STORES, Delph, near Brierley Hill, now doing a first-class Wholesale and Retail Trade. Satisfactory reasons can be given for disposing of the business. To treat, apply on the premises to Mr. *B. Green*, or Mr. S. Insull, Auctioneer, Brierley Hill.”

Stourbridge Observer 16/7/1870

“William Winstone was charged with being drunk and riotous on the 2nd instant, at the Delph.

Elijah Hampton said he kept the DELPH STORES. Defendant went into his house. He was not drunk. When he went in a man went into the bar, and defendant rushed at him and pushed him backwards. He ordered him out, and defendant refused to go.

Mary Hampton, wife of complainant, said she heard her husband order defendant to leave the house, and she also ordered him out, but he refused to leave.

Defendant was further charged with assaulting *Elijah Hampton*, on the 3rd inst.

Complainant said defendant went into the bar and caught hold of him. He left the room and defendant followed him out and knocked him down, and had four running kicks at him.

A witness corroborated.

Defendant denied the whole affair in toto.

In the first case defendant was fined 1s and costs, or in default seven days; and in the second 10s and costs, or in default 14 days.”

1871 Census

8, Delph Road

- [1] *Elijah Hampton* (53), publican, born Dudley;
- [2] *Mary Hampton* (54), wife, born Dudley;
- [3] *Ann Hampton* (24), daughter, born Dudley;
- [4] *Mary Hampton* (22), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Martha Hampton* (19), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Ruth Hampton* (13), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Emma Jane Hampton* (11), daughter, born Kingswinford:

1881 Census

8, Delph – The STORES

- [1] *George Prosser* (24), unmarried, boatman, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Jane Prosser* (22), sister, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Mary Prosser* (20), sister, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Thomas Prosser* (11), brother, scholar, born Brierley Hill:

1891 Census

8, Delph Lane – DELPH STORES INN

- [1] *Thomas Bates* (32), publican and boatman, born Delph;
- [2] *Jane Bates* (32), wife, born Delph;
- [3] *Caroline Prosser* (19), sister in law, born Delph;
- [4] *Sarah Prosser* (15), niece, general servant, born Quarry Bank:

1901 Census

8, Delph

- [1] *Noah Webb* (37), publican, born Ledbury, Herefordshire;
- [2] *Emma H. Webb* (38), wife, born Delph;
- [3] *Alfred Webb* (17), son, carter, born Delph;
- [4] *Noah Webb* (15), son, carter, born Delph;
- [5] *Joseph Webb* (14), son, carter, born Delph;
- [6] *Samuel Webb* (12), son, born Delph;
- [7] *Eliza Webb* (11), daughter, born Delph;
- [8] *James Webb* (10), son, born Delph;
- [9] *Emma Webb* (5), daughter, born Delph;
- [10] *Catherine Webb* (4), daughter, born Delph;
- [11] *Selina Webb* (4 months), daughter, born Delph:

Black Country Bugle – Pub of the Month

“.....remembers the old STORES as a cosy pub, kept by *Noah Webb*, a well known boating family. Another licensee was *Solomon Tolley*, another boatman whose daughter *Sally Cartwright* also kept the old STORES.....”

Plans were approved for improvements to the sanitary arrangements at the adjourned Licensing Meeting, on 4th March 1930.

Sarah Ann Cartwright was known as Sally.
She was married to Ben.

Roland Whittaker was married to *Emily*.

Demolished
It was rebuilt in 1936.

It closed in 1985.
It reopened after alterations had been made, as the TENTH LOCK, in 1986.

Ian Hanke was married to *Sandra*.

Structural alterations were approved on 22nd September 1994.

Shere Barnsley was married to *Christopher Griffin*.

It was redecorated and a new kitchen was installed in 2015.

[2015]



2015

THORNS

174, Thorns Road, QUARRY BANK

OWNERS

North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1896)
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1909)
Ikon Pub Co. [2005]
Mandy Skitt [2008]
BS Enterprises [2013]

LICENSEES

Mary Marsh [1871] - **1872**);
William Walton (**1872 - 1873**);
David Clarke (**1873**);
Thomas Corbett (**1873 - 1874**);
David Deakin (**1874 - 1877**);
Sarah Ann Wingfield (**1877 - 1880**);
Thomas Wingfield (**1880 - 1886**);
John William Havard (**1886**);
Edward Frewin (**1886 - 1888**);
William Darling (**1888**);
George Rotten (**1888 - 1889**);
John Gardner (**1889 - 1890**);
James Rumsey (**1890 - 1892**);
Mrs. Maria Mason (**1892 - 1903**);
Harry Harbach (**1903 - 1905**);
Thomas Henry Butler (**1905 - 1909**);
Henry Basil Williams (**1909 - 1910**);
Thomas Ravenscroft (**1910 - 1912**);
Harry Smith (**1912 - 1913**);
William Cartwright (**1913 - 1914**);
Edward Dews (**1914 - 1922**);
Horace Oakes (**1922 - 1925**);
Thomas Horton (**1925**);
Edmund Joseph Lord (**1925 - 1928**);
Fanny Dingley (**1928 - 1935**);
George Harry Chance (**1935 - [1940]**)
Frank Todd [1993]
Mark Williams [1994]
David Skitt (**2000 - [2001]**)
Alex Colbourne [2008] manager
Paul Skitt (**2002 - 2011**)

NOTES

It was originally known as THORNS HOUSE.

The name was changed to THORNS HOTEL c. 1873. [1873], [1874], [1875], [1881], [1884]

IMPORTANT TO PERSONS WISHING TO EMBARK IN THE PUBLIC BUSINESS.

TO be SOLD by AUCTION by S. INSULL, at the THORNS HOTEL, THE THORNS, near BRIERLEY HILL, on TUESDAY EVENING NEXT, APRIL 14th, at Six for Seven o'clock, in one Lot, the Licenses, Goodwill, Stock-in-trade, and Possession of the above Old Licensed House and Premises, which consists of large front Tap room, front Parlour, Bar parlour with bar fittings and fixtures, three Chambers, Front Sitting Room, capital Cellaring, Brewhouse, Stabling and suitable Outbuildings, large Garden, Greenhouse and Contents; also, the whole of the Tenants' Fixtures and Fittings in and about the Premises, together with the Brewing Plant, Household Furniture, and Effects.

An Inventory will be made out and may be seen upon the Premises, which may be inspected the whole of the day (Tuesday) until the hour of sale.

Immediate Possession will be given to the Purchaser.

For further particulars apply on the Premises; or to S. Insull, Auctioneer, Brierley Hill.

Advert 1874

1871 Census

Thorns

- [1] *Mary Marsh* (32), unmarried, publican, born Midle Halton, Lancashire;
- [2] *Eliza Rice* (14), general servant, born Cradley, Worcestershire:

Stourbridge Observer 11/4/1874 - Advert

“Important to Persons Wishing to Embark in the Public Business. To be sold by auction by S. Insull, at the THORNS HOTEL, The Thorns, near Brierley Hill, on Tuesday evening next, April 14th at six for seven o’clock, in one Lot, the Licenses, Goodwill, Stock-in-trade, and Possession of the above Old Licensed House and Premises, which consists of large front Tap room, front Parlour, Bar parlour with bar fittings and fixtures, three Chambers, Front Sitting Room, capital Cellaring, Brewhouse, Stabling and suitable Outbuildings, large Garden, Greenhouse and Contents; also the whole of the Tenant’s Fixtures and Fittings in and about the Premises, together with the Brewing Plant, Household Furniture, and Effects.....”

1881 Census

THORNS HOTEL

- [1] *Thomas Wingfield* (57), licensed victualler, born Kempsey, Worcestershire;
- [2] *Sarah Wingfield* (55), wife, born Chilton (?) in Teme (?);
- [3] *Harriet Jennings* (15), domestic servant:

1891 Census

Thorns oad

- [1] *James Rimsey* (48), licensed victualler, born Blewbury, Berkshire;
- [2] *Harriet Rumsey* (43), wife, born Edenbridge, Kent;
- [3] *Mildred R. Rumsey* (13), daughter, scholar, born Evesham;
- [4] *Harry A. Rumsey* (10), son, scholar, born Evesham:

A team from here took part in the Stourbridge and District Bowling League. [1900]

County Express 1/9/1900

“On Thursday evening the church wardens (Mr. Joseph Raybould and Mr. W. Dudley) accepted an invitation from the organist (Mr. G. Price) and the choirmen to supper at the THORNE HOTEL. The catering was excellent. After supper Mr. Harry Cox was voted to the chair. The loyal toasts were then given, followed by the toast of ‘The church wardens.’ Next came a number of glees, songs, and pianoforte solos, rendered in an excellent manner. A pleasant evening was concluded by votes of thanks to the hostess and chairman.”

1901 Census

42, Thorns Road – THORNS HOTEL

- [1] *Maria Mason* (51), widow, publican, born Quarry Bank;
- [2] *Sarah Mason* (24), daughter, born Quarry Bank;
- [3] *Thomas Mason* (20), son, stoker, railway, born Quarry Bank;
- [4] *William Mason* (17), son, bricklayer, born Quarry Bank;
- [5] *James Mason* (14), son, retort builder’s assistant;
- [6] *Patience Pearson* (71), mother, widow:

County Express 2/11/1901

“On Wednesday, on the invitation of Mrs. *Mason*, about forty guests assembled at the THORNS HOTEL, to celebrate the coming of age of her son, Mr. *Thomas Mason*. After doing justice to the good things provided, the cloth was drawn, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Mr. Harry Cox occupied the chair and proposed the health of Mr. *Mason*, wishing him all good wishes and future prosperity. Mr. *Laban Hill* endorsed the chairman’s remarks and Mr. *Mason* suitably replied. The following contributed to the programme: Messrs. *J. Mason*, *N. Penney*, *John Hart*, *T. Mason*, and *E. Cooksey*. A vote of thanks to the chairman brought the meeting to a close.”

Indenture dated 28/10/1909

“All that plot or parcel of land containing by admeasurement 2494 square yards or thereabouts situate at or near The Thorns Quarry Bank in the Parish of Kingswinford.....

And also those two messuages or dwelling-houses erected thereon one of which is used as a public –house and known as The THORNS HOTEL together with the stabling and appurtenances thereto belonging.”

Edmund Joseph Lord was the son of Mrs. Kear of the FIVE WAYS, Stafford Street, Dudley.

Demolished
Rebuilt

It was refurbished at a cost of £100,000 in 2003.

Frank Todd was married to Linda.

An extension was added as part of a £200,000 refurbishment, in 2005.

It won the Express and Star Best Food Pub in the Midlands award in 2008.

It won the Best Entertainment Pub in the East and West Midlands Award at the Great British Pubs Awards 2008.

It closed in February 2011.



2009

THORNS COTTAGE

28, Thorns Road, QUARRY BANK

OWNERS

Smith and Barton, Lion Brewery, Tipton (acquired c.1894)
Peter Walker and Co., Liverpool

LICENSEES

James Hancox [] - **1880**);
Mary Hancox (**1880 - 1889**);
Moses Crew (**1889 - 1890**);
Edward Warner (**1890 - 1891**);
James Robinson (**1891 - 1892**);
Joseph Allport (**1892 - 1894**);
Zenobia Allport (**1894**);
Joseph Chance (**1894 - 1895**);
Joel Walter Thomas (**1895 - 1899**);
George Melvell Smith (**1899 - 1900**);
John William Aston (**1900**);
Thomas Henry Butler (**1900 - 1905**);
Eliza Butler [1901] ?
Frederick Sydney Chapman (**1905 - 1906**);
John Henry Botfish (**1906 - 1907**);

NOTES

It was originally known as the THORNS.

It had a beerhouse license.

The name was changed to THORNS COTTAGE in 1876.

The name was changed to RED LION c. 1877.

It was known as the COTTAGE in 1877 and from 1889 to 1896.

The name was changed to BRICKMAKERS ARMS. [1881]

1881 Census

Thorns - BRICKMAKERS ARMS

- [1] Mary Hancox (62), widow, beer seller, born Oldswinford;
- [2] Richard Danks (18), grandson, engine driver (pits), born Dudley;
- [3] John Danks (16), grandson, born Dudley;
- [4] Mercy (?) Simcox (22), domestic servant, born Dudley;

1891 Census

Thorns Road

[1] *Edward Warner* (63), licensed victualler, born Warton, Warwickshire;

[2] *Margaret Warner* (76), wife, born Faversham, Kent;

[3] *Margaret Aynscombe* (35), daughter, widow, barmaid, born Birmingham:

The name was changed back to THORNS COTTAGE in 1896.

1901 Census

28, Thorns Road – THORNS COTTAGE Public House

[1] *Eliza Butler* (50), widow, licensed victualler, born Ombersley;

[2] *Thomas H. Butler* (25), son, general labourer in brickyard, born Ombersley:

Thomas Butler, beer retailer, Thorns Road. [1904]

The license was surrendered on confirmation of an order of removal of the license of the HOPE TAVERN, Brierley Hill to the ALBION, Pensnett on 23rd March 1907.

THREE CROWNS

61, (63), (25), High Street, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

John Wood, Mount Pleasant
George Elwell, Delph (acquired on 14th October 1895)
Worcestershire Brewing and Malting Co. Ltd. (acquired c.1898)
Kidderminster Brewery [1908]
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1912)
Union Pub Co. [2007]
Stan Owen Group (acquired in December 2010)

LICENSEES

William Tranter [c. 1857]
William Naylor [1858] – [1869]
William J Hill [1870] – **1877**;
Samuel Southall **(1877 – 1879)**;
Joseph Horton **(1879 – 1888)**;
James Cox **(1888 – 1895)**;
Joseph William Skelding **(1895 – 1899)**;
William Knott **(1899 – 1900)**;
Mary Jevon **(1900 – 1901)**;
Arthur Draper **(1901 – 1902)**;
Thomas Morgan **(1902 – 1907)**;
Thomas Cox **(1907 – 1908)**;
Thomas 'Tom' Plant **(1908 – 1914)**;
Mrs. Mary Ann Plant **(1914 – 1919)**;
Thomas Plant **(1919 – [1940]**
Warwick Aston-Plant **(1966 – 1981)**;
Derek Stanley Johnson **(1981 – 1983)**;
Sawan Singh Uppal **(1983 – 1985)**;
Bikar Singh Uppal [1985] ?
Arthur Raymond Griffiths **(1985)**;
John Trevor Tisdell **(1985 – 1987)**;
David Higginson **(1987 – 1988)**;
Janet Mary Jordan **(1988)**;
Carol Ann Neal **(1988 – 1990)**;
Bernadette White **(1990 – 1991)**;
Trevor Frank Vernon **(1991)**;
Betty Margaret Skelding **(1991 – [1995]**
Lesley Margaret Barnbrook **(1999 – [2002]**
Trevor Cookson [2012] – [2015]

NOTES

25, High Street [1871], [1872], [1873], [1881], [1891], [1892], [1901], [1904], [1912]
61, High Street [1916], [1921], [1940], [1982], [1998], [2003]
63, High Street [1993], [1996]



THREE CROWNS INN,

HIGH STREET,

BRIERLEY-HILL.

ALES & SPIRITS

OF THE FINEST QUALITY.

GOOD STABLING.

PROPRIETOR,

JOSEPH HORTON.

Advert 1881

Brierley Hill Advertiser 20/3/1858

“William Jones was charged with stealing £9, the property of Richard Parkes, boatman, of Standish, near Gloucester. Prosecutor stated that he met the prisoner at the STAR SALOON, Brierley Hill, on Tuesday evening, the 9th inst., and being slightly known to each other, he lent him 2s 6d, prisoner stating that he had no money. They remained drinking till about midnight, and came out together. Prosecutor spent about 3s 6d there, and had £14 in his pocket when he went into the house. Prisoner knew he had this money with him. After proceeding a short distance towards the CROSS INN, Brockmoor, prosecutor fell down, when prisoner came up to him, and kept pulling him up, and took the purse out of his trousers pocket, but prosecutor thought, as they were acquaintances, it would be all right, and expected to receive the money again. They then went together to the house of *Handel Male*, the CROSS INN, Brockmoor; prisoner in their introduction having given up the name to Alfred Male, who had been with them all evening.

Alfred Male was then examined, and corroborated the evidence given by the prosecutor. He also stated that prisoner, having kept the purse in his hand some minutes after he had taken it from the prosecutor, gave it to him. Witness took the purse home to his father's house, the CROSS INN. They all three went together, and when they arrived there, he gave the purse up to his father, who counted the money out upon the table, three sovereigns, three half sovereigns, and 6d in coppers, and called upon prisoner to witness how much it contained.

Handel Male stated that he was the father of the last witness. Prosecutor, prisoner, and his son came in his house, on the evening above named, and knocked him up, witness having retired to rest. When they came in witness's son said to him, 'Here father is Parkes's money.' This was said in the hearing of the prisoner. Witness then turned the money out upon the table, and found there was three sovereigns, three half sovereigns, and 6d in coppers. He then called upon the prisoner how much there was in the purse, and he replied that he saw what the amount was, after which witness put the money in his pocket and went to bed. When he went down about seven o'clock the following morning he took the purse out of his pocket, turned the money out upon the table, and called the attention of the prisoner to the fact that the amount was the same as he counted on the previous night. Witness then put the money in the purse again, and gave it to the prosecutor. Prisoner left the house soon after, and as nothing was then said about the prosecutor having been robbed, witness went out to his work. When prosecutor came to his house on the Tuesday night he was not drunk, but 'pert like.'

Mr. *Naylor*, landlord of the THREE CROWNS INN, Brierley Hill, next deposed to the prisoner having changed two sovereigns at his house on Wednesday morning, the 10th inst.

Daniel Guttery, clothier, of Brierley Hill, deposed that the prisoner came to his shop on the Thursday morning, and purchased three blue and white striped shirts, a silk handkerchief, and a pilot cloth waistcoat. In payment for these articles he tendered a sovereign. Witness gave him 3d change. Prisoner then left the shop, but returned about two o'clock in the afternoon, and purchased a pair of moleskin trousers, in payment for which he tendered another sovereign.

Joseph Dangerfield, of Westbury upon Severn, and captain of the boat on which the prisoner was employed, stated that he engaged Jones at 35s a voyage. He had been in the employment of the witness for about nine weeks previous to the 9th inst. On that day prisoner had no money, and drew 2s 6d in order, as he stated, to purchase some necessaries, preparatory to starting another voyage. This was between seven and eight o'clock in the evening, and witness then saw nothing more of the prisoner till half past three on the following Wednesday morning. He then said he had been in company with Richard Parkes, and that he had a great deal of money with him.

PC Singer deposed that from information he received he apprehended the prisoner at the THREE CROWNS, Brierley Hill, about half past three on Thursday afternoon last, and charged him with robbing Richard Parkes of £9. Witness then searched the prisoner, and found upon him one sovereign, and 19s 6d, in silver. He had three new shirts, an old one, and a new pair of moleskin trousers on. He denied having robbed the prosecutor, and stated that the money found upon him was his own.

Prisoner, when questioned by the Bench, pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to six months' imprisonment in the House of Correction, with hard labour.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 1/5/1858

“I, the undersigned *William Tranter*, late of the THREE CROWNS INN, Brierley Hill. Hereby give Notice to all Persons Indebted to me that unless such Debts are liquidated forthwith, I shall proceed for the recovery of the same. *William Tranter*, WHITE HORSE INN, Quarry Bank, April 20, 1858.”

PUBLIC NOTICE.
I, THE Undersigned **WILLIAM TRANTER**, late of the Three Crowns Inn, Brierley-Hill, Hereby give NOTICE to all Persons INDEBTED to me that unless such Debts are liquidated forthwith, I shall proceed for the recovery of the same.
WILLIAM TRANTER.
White Horse Inn, Quarry Bank, April 20, 1858.

Brierley Hill Advertiser 9/10/1858

“Samuel Insull charged Noah Greenaway with having violently assaulted him on the night of Thursday, 29th ult. Complainant stated that on the Wake Tuesday night he went into the THREE CROWNS, Brierley Hill, and called for a small jug of ale. The defendant and his wife were there, and soon after complainant had sat down, defendant made use of some very insulting language towards him. Complainant told him if he had any complaint against him he had better call upon him at his shop, and not make a disturbance to the annoyance of the company. The landlord and his wife, and about forty other persons also requested him to be quiet, but he refused. The landlord offered to give him a quart of ale if he would be quiet; and complainant said if he offered to sing or do anything to make himself agreeable. But it was all to no purpose, defendant’s wife commenced the attack by striking at complainant with an umbrella she had in her hand. The umbrella caught a glass complainant was about to drink from, and breaking it, cut his hand very severely. Immediately following the defendant struck him a violent blow on the neck, and both him and his wife then attacked him together, rendering him for some little time almost insensible. Three witnesses were called who corroborated the above statement, and stated that complainant was sober, but that defendant was the worse for drinking.

Mr. Mainwaring appeared for Insull. For the defence three witnesses were also called, who each distinctly and directly swore that Insull commenced the disturbance, by striking Greenaway, and that he was the worse for drinking, while defendant was sober. In this state of affairs, the Bench of course, could do nothing but dismiss the case. There was a cross summons taken out by Greenaway against Insull, but that followed the fate of the first summons.”

Stourbridge Observer 27/5/1865

“At the Petty Sessions on Thursday, before I. Spooner Esq., Stipendiary, *William Naylor*, licensed victualler, was charged by Superintendent Mills with having his house open for the sale of beer at an unlawful hour, on Sunday 21st inst.

Police-sergeant Carroll said that about half past 11 o’clock, he saw two carriages and pair drive up to the defendant’s door, and the occupants get out and go into the house. It was a wedding party that had been to Oldswinford. Mr. Mills said that he had known the defendant for ten years, and that he always kept a respectable house. Discharged by paying 9s 6d costs.”

Stourbridge Observer 30/10/1869

“Charles Fowler was charged by James Nicklin with assaulting him and stealing 7s from him on the 17th inst, at Moor Lane. Mr. Addison defended. Complainant said he lived at Mushroom Green. On the above date about eleven pm, he left the THREE CROWNS INN, Brierley Hill, with James Marsh and two young women.

Passed the defendant and eight other men, who caught them by the COCK INN. Defendant struck him, and 7s were knocked out of his hand, and some of them picked it up. Gave information to Police-constable Mee.

Cross examined: Will swear that the defendant is the one who struck me. Have seen the two women. Did not ask them if they knew who it was that struck me. Had a quart of porter at *Naylor’s* between the four of us. Don’t know who picked the money up.

James Marsh said he was with complainant, on the above date in Moor Lane. Overtook nine young men. Were talking to them for about a quarter of an hour. Saw defendant strike complainant with his fist on the head, and then another man struck him.

Cross examined: Had been to *Naylor’s*, and had a quart of porter. Went to the place where the women worked, and asked them if they knew who struck complainant.

Police-constable Mee said on the above date the complainant came to him with his eyes ‘bunged up’.

In defence, Mr. Addison called Ann Holt, who said she lived in Moor Lane. On the above date, defendant met complainant and Marsh, who took them into the THREE CROWNS INN, and stopped there until eleven o'clock. Overtook several young men who were singing, and they laughed at them. They came up to complainant and asked him what he was laughing at, and began to fight. Saw defendant, who stood behind, and took no part in the quarrel. He did not pick the money up.

Eliza Roland corroborated last witness.

The Bench considered there was a doubt in the case, and dismissed it.”

1871 Census

25, High Street

- [1] *William J. Hill* (32), licensed victualler, born Lye;
- [2] *Susannah Hill* (28), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Harriet Hill* (8), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Clara L. Hill* (1), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Mary A. Carnell* (19), domestic servant, born Birmingham;
- [6] *Noah Cartwright* (16), assistant brewer, born Lye;
- [7] *Rachel B. Hingley* (21), visitor, born Kingswinford:

Ford's Household Almanack for 1881 - Advert

“THREE CROWNS INN, High Street, Brierley Hill / Ales and Spirits of the finest quality / Good stabling / Proprietor *Joseph Horton*.”

1881 Census

25, High Street

- [1] *Joseph Horton* (33), licensed victualler, born Rowley Regis;
- [2] *Sarah Horton* (29), wife, born Dudley;
- [3] *Florence Ada Horton* (5), daughter, scholar, born Amblecote;
- [4] *Sarah Jane Pearce* (16), general servant, born Woodside:

1891 Census

25, High Street

- [1] *James Cox* (60), licensed victualler and charter master (coal), born Lye;
- [2] *Matilda Cox* (56), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Sarah Cox* (35), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *James Cox* (30), son, charter master, coal, born Pensnett;
- [5] *Richard Cox* (28), son, glass maker, born Pensnett;
- [6] *Annie Cox* (21), daughter, school mistress, born Brierley Hill;
- [7] *Thomas Cox* (18), son, fitter, born Brierley Hill:

1901 Census

25, High Street

- [1] *Arthur Draper* (28), licensed victualler, born Hinckley, Leicestershire;
- [2] *Alice Draper* (28), wife, born Hinckley, Leicestershire;
- [3] *Herbert H. Draper* (1), son, born Hinckley, Leicestershire;
- [4] *Mary A. Millward* (13), domestic servant, born Round Oak:

1911 Census

High Street – THREE CROWNS INN

[1] *Thomas Plant* (27), publican, born Brierley Hill;

[2] *Mary Ann Plant* (26), wife, married 8 years, assistant in business, born Netherton;

[3] *John Aston Plant* (7), son, school, born Brierley Hill;

[4] *Doris Aston Plant* (4), daughter, school, born Brierley Hill;

[5] *Sarah Cook* (18), domestic servant, born Brierley Hill:

Thomas Plant served as a sergeant in the Royal Artillery during World War One.

Warwick Plant was the son of *Thomas* and *Mary Ann*.

He was born at the pub.

Customers were evacuated on the evening of 9th July 2002, when a fire broke out.

[2007]

Closed [2008]

It reopened on 1st July 2012.

[2015]



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THREE FURNACES

67, (40), Level Street, (Level Road), (Old Level), BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Edward Oakes Snr.
Wordsley Brewery Co. (acquired 1894)
Elwell, Williams (acquired 1904)
Smith, Williams (acquired c.1916)
Julia Hanson and Son (acquired on 2nd July 1934)

LICENSEES

Edward Oakes Snr. [1818] – [1841]
Edward Oakes Jnr. [1845] – [1849]
Mrs. Martha Oakes [1849] – **1857**
John Oakes and Edward Oakes (**1857** – [])
John Oakes [1860] – [1864]
Rose Ann Ward [] – **1865**);
William Asher (**1865** – **1867**);
Joseph Harley (**1867** – [])
Edward Oakes [] – **1869**);
George Taylor (**1869** – [])
Mrs. Ellen Harley [1870]
John Bailey [] – **1871**);
Simeon Stokes (**1871** – **1874**);
Jemima Mullett (**1874** – **1879**);
Edward Oakes (**1879** – **1880**);
Laura Jackson (**1880**);
Betsy Rowley (**1880** – **1881**);
Henry Jackson (**1881** – **1882**);
Edward Oakes (**1882**);
Charles Edward Hickman (**1882** – **1883**);
Edward Oakes (**1883**);
Thomas Lunn (**1883** – **1886**);
Edward Oakes (**1886** – **1887**);
Morgan Cartwright (**1887** – **1888**);
George Mole (**1888** – **1890**);
William Evans (**1890**);
Mary Evans (**1890** – **1893**); manager
Frank Deeley (**1893** – **1895**);
Frederick Ernest Hampton (**1895** – **1898**);
Enoch Cartwright (**1898** – **1900**);
William Samuel McGill (**1900** – **1905**);
Harry Crump (**1905** – **1906**);
George Henry Lander (**1906** – **1920**);
Sarah Elizabeth Lander (**1920** – **1922**);
Richard Dimmock (**1922** – **1933**);
Walter Smith (**1933** – **1934**);
Frederick William Harris (**1934** – **1954**);
George Edwin Whitehouse (**1954** – **1955**);
Eric Taylor (**1955** – **1956**);

Harold Richard Humphries **(1956 – 1958)**;
Minnie Gwendoline Green **(1958 – [1966]**
Lawrence Tibbetts [c.1980]

NOTES

40, Level Street [1881], [1891]

Edward Oakes Snr. was also a furnace builder. [1818]
He was married to Matilda.

1841 Census

The Level

[1] *Edward Oakes* (70), victualler;

[2] *Matilda Oakes* (60), wife;

[3] *John Oakes* (25), clerk;

[4] *Edward Oakes* (20), iron merchant:

Edward Oakes Jnr. was born in 1821, the son of *Edward (Snr)*.

He moved to Wordsley and became a brewer (Wordsley Brewery) and farmer.

He was married to Sarah.

See also LION, Wordsley.

Blackcountryman (Spring 1984)

‘Wordsley Lymp and its Proprietor’

“.....The Olympic Theatre began life as a brewery, built by *Edward Oakes* who, according to W. White’s Directory of Staffordshire of 1834, kept the THREE FURNACES public house at the Level, Brierley Hill, and his wife Martha. The 1841 Census gives *Edward Oakes Jnr.* as aged 20 and an iron merchant by occupation, his 25 year old brother, John, being a clerk. The occupation of these two young men indicates that their father had prospered as a victualler – his house was near an ironworks – and that they had received a modest education.

Edward must have been reasonably successful as an iron merchant at Dudley for he was able to build up a business as corn merchant and maltster and build the substantial brewery at Wordsley which Mark and Moody’s Stourbridge Directory of 1885 is called the Lion Brewery However, it would seem that he over-reached himself, for in 1895 he was insolvent The new owners continued the brewery as Wordsley Brewery Co. Ltd.....”

1851 Census

Level Road

[1] *Martha Oakes* (70), widow, victualler, born Sedgley;

[2] *John Oakes* (34), son, miner (charter master), born Kingswinford;

[3] *Jane Eliza Holt* (13), granddaughter, born Dudley;

[4] *Thomas Oakes* (5), grandson, born Kingswinford;

[5] *Elizabeth Bishop* (23), house servant, born Capelfield, Staffordshire:

Brierley Hill Advertiser 5/1/1856

“No.3 Loan Society. A loan society of £25, £50, and £100 will commence at the house of Mrs. *Martha Oakes*, the THREE FURNACES INN, Level, Brierley Hill, on 8th January 1856.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 16/1/1858

“John Perry, a tailor, was charged by *Edward Oaks* (sic), maltster and innkeeper, of the Level, Brierley Hill, with stealing a black silk handkerchief on the 23rd December last, his property.

Prosecutor stated that he kept the THREE FURNACES INN, and on the morning of the day in question he was in the kitchen, but the prisoner coming in he went out, leaving the handkerchief, which had cost him 11s, in the room behind him. William Sproat, pawnbroker, of Brierley Hill, deposed that on the day named the prisoner pawned the handkerchief at his shop for 3s.

PC Hawthorn proved the reception of the handkerchief from the last witness on Friday morning, the 8th inst, and the apprehension of the prisoner; and stated that the prisoner told him he took the handkerchief from a dog who was gnawing it outside the house, and that he did not know to whom it belonged.

Mr. Burbury addressed the Bench on behalf of the prisoner, and called as a witness a former employer of the prisoner, who gave him a good character; but the magistrates sentenced him to one month’s imprisonment in the House of Correction.”

1861 Census

The Level – THREE FURNACES INN

- [1] *John Oakes* (45), unmarried, innkeeper, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Jane Holt* (24), niece, barmaid, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Elizabeth Bishop* (46), servant, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Ann M. Oakes* (13), niece, born Kingswinford:

Dudley Herald 22/12/1866 - Advert

“THREE FURNACES INN, The Level To be sold by auction the whole of the public house fixtures, brewing plant and portion of the household furniture consisting of screens, rail-back benches, forms, drinking tables, gas chandeliers, gas fittings, superior 6 pull beer machine with stop taps belonging to the proprietor who is declining the business.”

Stourbridge Observer 12/1/1867

“On Monday last, at the Public Office, Edwin Oakes, brewer and maltster, residing at Wordsley, was charged with feloniously stealing, on the 25th December last, two knives, one fork, one steel, and a pair of sugar nippers, the property of *William Asher* of the Level, Brierley Hill.

Mr. Lowe attended to prosecute, and Mr. Maltby defended.

Mr. Lowe said defendant is a maltster, residing at Wordsley, and is charged with a very serious offence, that of feloniously stealing several articles belonging to *William Asher*. The prosecutor formerly kept an Inn at the Level, called The THREE FURNACES and the defendant was the landlord, he had no right to take the goods named.

Mr. Lee: Do you mean to say that the defendant took the articles with a felonious intent?

Mr. Lowe: If my instructions are correct, I shall prove it so.

Mr. Lee: I cannot think for a moment that the defendant would take them with a felonious intent, and should submit that you talk the matter over with your client.

Mr. Maltby: I have a complete answer to the charge, and if Mr. Lowe goes on it will only aggravate the case.

The parties then retired for a short time, and the case was withdrawn.”

Joseph Harley = John Harley

Stourbridge Observer 13/7/1867

“*John* (sic) *Harley*, of Level Street, Brierley Hill, was charged by Superintendent Mills with keeping his house open for the sale of beer on Sunday morning last. Police-constable Mee proved that he visited the defendant’s house at ten o’clock, and found four men in drinking.

Defendant pleaded guilty. The learned Magistrate said on this occasion he would fine him 1s and costs; but if he came before him again he would fine him the highest penalty he could.”

Dudley Herald 5/10/1867 - Advert

“Unreserved clearing out sale at the THREE FURNACES, The Level, Brierley Hill will sell by auction the whole of the stock in trade, brewing plant, lot of prime ale, malt and hops, household furniture and other effects.”

Stourbridge Observer 20/4/1872

“A fatal and shocking accident occurred to a man named Isaiah Hill, of Holly Hall. The deceased, who is 22 years old, was engaged at the Locomotive Works belonging to the Earl of Dudley, in Level Street, Brierley Hill, about 6 o’clock on Wednesday evening, and was left in the shed by Edward Simpson, engine driver, for the purpose of cleaning the engine. It is supposed Hill had a fit, and fell down upon a heap of burning ashes which had been taken away, and was literally roasted to death. Hill was found in a shocking state about half past six o’clock by Samuel Jeffries, quite dead and charred. The body was removed to the THREE FURNACES INN. An inquest was held on the body, yesterday, before Mr. Phillips, when a verdict of Accidental Death was returned.”

Stourbridge Observer 30/11/1872

“*Simeon Stokes*, landlord of the THREE FURNACES, was charged by Superintendent Mills with permitting drunkenness in his house, on the 11th inst.

Police-constable Goodfellow said that about half past ten o’clock he visited the defendant’s house. In the room on the right there was a man lying on his arm on the table drunk. A man named John Powell was also drunk, and in another part of the house were five or six men, one of whom was drunk. Witness cautioned the defendant’s wife about it. Visited the house again at five minutes past eleven o’clock. He saw two men in the house – John Davis and another – both of whom were drunk.

Police-sergeant Walters corroborated.

Defendant, in answer to the charge, said that he was away from home at the time.

Superintendent Mills said that up to the present charge the house had been well conducted.

Fined £1 and costs. The license was not endorsed.”

1881 Census

40, Level Street

[1] *Henry Jackson* (64), publican and farmer, born Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire;

[2] *Betsy Jackson* (51), wife, born Oldbury;

[3] *William Rowley* (19), stepson, mechanic, born Oldbury;

[4] *Josaph P. Rowley* (12), stepson, scholar, born Oldbury:

Evening Express 26/4/1881

“*Thomas Rodgers*, iron dealer, Level Street, Brierley Hill, was charged with the theft of a cap, the property of *Bridget Hayward*, hawker, Dudley. The theft took place on the night of the 23rd inst., defendant, who was drinking in the THREE FURNACES INN, Level Street, having, it was alleged, taken the cap from a box in the taproom, where the prosecutrix had placed it. It appeared that the robbery was more the result of a joke than anything else, and the case was settled by defendant promising to contribute 10s to the Guest Hospital, paying 5s the value of the cap, and the costs.”

London Gazette 31/1/1882

“The Bankruptcy Act, 1869.

In the County Court of Worcestershire, holden at Stourbridge.

In the Matter of Proceedings for Liquidation instituted by *Henry Jackson*, of the Three Furnaces, Level Street Licensed Victualler and Farmer.

Notice is hereby given, that a First General Meeting of the creditors of the above named person has been summoned on the 13th day of February 1882.....”

1891 Census

40, Level Street – THREE FURNACES

[1] *Mary Evans* (46), widow, beerhouse manageress, born Cutnall Green, Worcestershire;

[2] *Albert Perrins* (16), son, ironworker, born Lye;

[3] *Fanny Perrins* (14), daughter, milliner’s apprentice, born Lye;

[4] *Nellie Jones* (8), visitor, born Lye;

[5] *Hartley Jones* (6), visitor, born Brierley Hill:

County Express 17/2/1900

“Silas Westwood, Bank Street, was charged with being drunk and disorderly in Level Street, on the 10th inst. Police-constable Smedley said defendant was drunk outside the THREE FURNACES INN, Level Street, Brierley Hill, and was shouting and making use of bad language, and also wanted to fight the landlord. Witness was told that defendant had been ejected from the public-house. This statement the defendant denied. The police called as a witness Mr. *Enoch Cartwright*, landlord of the THREE FURNACES, who is vice-chairman of the Kingswinford School Board. He stated that Westwood was in his house when a man came in intoxicated. Witness refused to supply the new comer. Westwood used strong language inside, and incited the man not to go out at his (witness’s) request. When the man did go out Westwood followed and challenged him to fight. Stipendiary: Was the defendant drunk or sober? Witness: Westwood was sober, quite sober. The Stipendiary: The case will be dismissed then.”

1901 Census

Level Street – THREE FURNACES

[1] *William Samuel McGill* (25), publican, born Wednesbury;

[2] *Florence McGill* (24), wife, born Tipton;

[3] *Sarah Hill* (22), general servant, born Harts Hill:

County Express 26/10/1901

“On Monday evening last Mr. H. G. mantle, C.C., of the Old Level Ironworks, invited a number of the officials of the works to dinner at the THREE FURNACES HOTEL, Level Street Brierley Hill, for the purpose of enabling them to present an address and a Gladstone traveling bag to Mr. Edward Darling, and a Gladstone bag to his son, Mr. A. R. Darling, who have this week left the district to take up permanent abode in New Zealand. The address, which was bound in crimson morocco and artistically illuminated on the finest ivory surface vellum, referred to the esteem in which the recipient was held by one and all, and the kindness and courtesy he had always shown towards the signatories during the long period of his twenty-four years’ connection with the works.

Mr. Mantle made the presentation, and Mr. Edward Darling, and Mr. Arthur Darling suitably responded.”

County Express 4/1/1902

“The first annual supper in connection with the Pensnett Railway Sick and Benevolent Society took place on Saturday night at Mr. *W. McGill*’s, THREE FURNACES HOTEL, Level Street, where a good number of member attended. After supper a most enjoyable time was spent, including songs by the following gentlemen:– Messrs. McGill, E. Wentworth, J. Brennon, S. Boden, G. Crumpton, and others. The chair was taken by Mr. J. Williams. A vote of thanks to the host and hostess, and the drinking the King’s health brought a most enjoyable evening to a close. Mr. V. Pargeter was the accompanist.”

County Express 15/2/1902

“On Tuesday night there was a packed attendance at Mr. *William McGill*’s, the THREE FURNACES, Level Street, Brierley Hill, upon the occasion of the concert arranged for the benefit of Mr. Walter Worton, who for some time has been ill. The large smoke room was very prettily decorated, and the chair was occupied by Mr. T. S. Brown. A very lengthy and thoroughly creditable miscellaneous programme had been arranged, and the items were excellently given and much appreciated. Mr. Cookson gave a clever ventriloquial entertainment, which received well merited applause; Mr. A. Fletcher’s humorous songs, ‘Puts you in mind of me,’ and ‘It’s fine, it’s fine,’ were given admirably, as were also Mr. W. Woodall’s comic renderings, ‘Everyone notice me,’ etc. ; Mr. T. Pritchard contributed ‘The star of Bethlehem,’ and ‘The white squall’; Mr. S. Homer sang ‘Jack’s the boy’; Mr. McGill ‘Queen of the earth,’ and Mr. E. Garner ‘The blind boy,’ all of which were given in the artists best style. Others who added their quota to a thoroughly successful concert were: Mr. J. Handley and Mr. and Master Withington, whilst Mr. Loynes was an able accompanist. The efforts resulted in a considerable financial benefit.”

County Express 22/3/1902

“*William McGill*, Landlord of the THREE FURNACES INN, Level Street, Brierley Hill, was charged with persistent cruelty to his wife, *Florence McGill*, whereby she had been forced to leave, and live separate and apart from him. Mr. Clulow prosecuted, and Mr. Waldron defended.

Mr. Clulow stated the parties were married in January, 1900. Eight months afterwards the defendant commenced to ill-treat his wife, and from September, 1900, down to March of this year he assaulted her a number of times, giving her black eyes and other bruises. On March 9th he took a slipper from her and beat her on the arms with it. Her

husband had offered £1 a week if she would live apart from him. Defendant was a young man with considerable means, he having some money left him.

Mrs. *McGill* said the defendant had offered £1 a week. He had £800 in a Wednesbury bank, and he was advertising the business for £450. Cross-examined: It was not true her husband had spent £550 in the erection of a smoke room at this house, at which he was only a yearly tenant. Her husband only paid for the furnishing of the room, amounting to some £70. Witness could earn 12s a week as a dressmaker when she was in good health. She knew defendant objected to her mother and sisters coming from Smethwick to the house.

Mr. Waldron said on the question of means he should prove the defendant spent £550 in erecting a palatial smoke room, but, unfortunately, he had no agreement entitling him to a return of expenditure.

Defendant gave evidence that it was untrue he had £800 in the bank; he drew this out to meet the expenses of the house, and erecting a new smoke room. He had protested against his mother-in-law coming, and she had since met his wife at another local public-house.

Cross-examined: He had £1,000 under his mother's will, and also had a house in Walsall worth £42.

The Stipendiary said the woman's evidence as to her husband's means was exaggerated. He granted a judicial separation, ordering defendant to pay 10s a week and the costs, £2 9s 6d."

1911 Census

Level Street – The THREE FURNACES

[1] *George Henry Lander* (46), publican, born Brierley Hill;

[2] *Sarah Lander* (47), wife, married 18 years, assisting in business, born Brierley Hill;

[3] *William Henry Lander* (15), son, assisting in business, born Brierley Hill;

[4] *Elizabeth Collins* (26), general servant, born Wollaston:

Conveyance dated 2/7/1934

"..... THREE FURNACES with the stable and outbuildings situate in Level Street Brierley Hill aforesaid containing one thousand and fifty square yards or thereabouts and now or late in the occupation of *G. H. Lander* bounded by the said street by land now or late of the Earl of Dudley, Jane Holt and Sarah Timmings and by the road or way....."

Lawrence Tibbetts was married to Rhona.

It closed in 1983.

It was demolished in February 1991.

THREE HORSE SHOES

120, High Street, QUARRY BANK

OWNERS

North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd. (acquired c.1896)
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1909)

LICENSEES

Morris [1858]
James Pearson [1870] – **1875**);
Elijah Dunn (**1875 – 1886**);
Samuel Glaze (**1886 – 1897**);
Thamer Glaze (**1897**);
Joseph Bloomer (**1897 – 1907**);
Walter Wooldridge (**1907 – 1908**);
Edward Henry Preece (**1908 – 1909**);
Joseph Morris (**1909 – 1910**);
Jabez Wilfred Bloomer (**1910**);
William Thomas Dukes (**1910 – 1911**);
Francis Wilfred Mole (**1911 – 1913**);
George Cartwright (**1913 – 1929**);
Albert William Cartwright (**1929 – [1940]**)
Vernon Hill []
A J Johnson [1976] – [1983]

NOTES

It was known as the HORSE SHOE. [1867]

It had a beerhouse license.

Brierley Hill Advertiser 11/12/1858

“Hanson Popes charged Joseph Flavell with unlawfully damaging his hat. Complainant stated that on Saturday night last, he went to Mr. *Morris*'s (THREE HORSE SHOES INN, Quarry Bank) to have a drop of something to drink, and to look on at a game of bowls. Soon after getting there some of the party present began to knock his hat off, the defendant being one of the principal perpetrators of those present. The latter ultimately drew a knife across it, and thus gave rise to the present charge of wilful damage.

Defendant denied the charges, and called Charles Grice in support of his denial; who stated that he could have brought more witnesses, but that the case had come rather too soon!

Complainant said his hat was damaged out of spite, because his father in law, William Round, had a short time ago sent some of his butties to prison for bellows cutting.

Defendant was fined 5s and costs; the latter to include 3s for the complainant.”

Stourbridge Observer 7/12/1867

“At the Petty Sessions, on Monday last, Joseph Weston and Thomas Johnson were charged by Superintendent Mills with committing a breach of the peace by fighting on the 25th ult. Parish-constable Robinson proved the offence, and said they were fighting at the HORSE SHOE INN, Quarry Bank.

Ordered to find one surety each in £5, and themselves in £5 for six months.

James Westwood was also charged by Superintendent Mills with committing a breach of the peace by fighting, at the same time and place. Robinson also proved this case. Defendant was ordered to find one surety in £5, and himself in £5, so keep the peace for six months.”

James Pearson, beer retailer, Quarry Bank. [1870], [1872]

1871 Census

High Road

[1] *James Pearson* (42), licensed beer retailer, born Oldswinford;

[2] *Harriet Pearson* (41), wife, born Kingswinford;

[3] *Eliza Bradley* (18), general servant, born Kingswinford:

Stourbridge Observer 15/4/1871

“At the Petty Sessions, held on Thursday, before I. Spooner, Esq, Stipendiary, *James Pearson*, landlord of the FREE [sic] HORSE SHOES INN, Quarry Bank, was charged by Superintendent Mills with selling ale on the 9th instant, during prohibited hours. Mr. Waldron defended.

Police-constable Goodfellow said he was on duty on the above date and visited the defendant’s house about eleven o’clock. Saw two women in the house. One had a gallon bottle of ale in her hand. Asked her what it was. The landlady said she had just filled it with ale.

In cross-examination witness said the woman was sister to the defendant’s wife, and was helping to clean the house, and that the wife said the ale was drawn to clear the machine. After hearing the evidence the Bench dismissed the case.”

1881 Census

High Street – THREE HORSE SHOES

[1] *Elijah Dunn* (42), widower, innkeeper, born Quarry Bank;

[2] *Mariah Dunn* (16), daughter, born Quarry Bank;

[3] *Ida Dunn* (10), daughter, born Quarry Bank;

[4] *Emila Taylor* (19), domestic servant, born Quarry Bank;

[5] *Bertha Worton* (11), domestic servant, born Quarry Bank:

1901 Census

120, Lower High Street – THREE HORSE SHOES INN

[1] *Joseph Bloomer* (34), chainmaker, born Quarry Bank;

[2] *Adelaide Bloomer* (36), wife, born Cradley, Worcestershire;

[3] *Jabez W. Bloomer* (13), son, born Cradley, Worcestershire;

[4] *Lily Bridgewater* (15), domestic servant, born Cradley, Worcestershire:

County Express 17/8/1901

“*Adelaide Bloomer*, THREE HORSE SHOES INN, Quarry Bank, was charged with using violent and threatening language towards *Sarah Stacey* on the 7th inst. Mr. G. Williams, who appeared for the complainant, outlined the facts, which showed that on Bank Holiday defendant’s father and complainant’s nephew went on a trip to Bristol, and by some mischance the former got left behind at Bristol. The defendant seemed to attribute this to the complainant, and on Wednesday went to her house in Cradley Road, Cradley Heath, and threatened she would kill her and smash her. Defendant rolled her sleeves up and challenged her out to fight. The complainant, *Emily Stacey*, and *William Ford* supported this version, while the defendant denied using any threats, and said she went simply to ask the nephew where he left her father in Bristol. She alleged complainant threatened her and struck her. *Eliza Bennett* strongly denied the defendant used any threats.

The case was dismissed.”

County Express 4/1/1902

“Sick and Draw Clubs.....

THREE HORSES SHOES (Quarry Bank).– The annual dinner took place last week. Host and Hostess *Bloomer* served up a capital repast, which the large company did ample justice to, and after the removal of the cloth, Mr. Joseph Priest was voted to the chair. During the evening Mr. C. Cotteril (secretary) announced a dividend of 15 s 10d per member, which was considered satisfactory by all. A musical programme was ably rendered by several of the members, and a vote of thanks to the chairman, and the host and hostess, concluded a most enjoyable time. The club recommences on the 11th inst.”

Joseph Bloomer, beer retailer, High Street. [1904]

The full license was transferred from the UNICORN, Brierley Hill on 4th February 1908.

Indenture dated 28/10/1909

“First all that messuage or public-house with the outbuildings and premises thereto belonging situate at Quarry Bank called The THREE HORSE SHOES together with the site thereof containing by admeasurement 720 square yards or thereabouts.....”

1911 Census

High Street – THREE HORSE SHOES

[1] *William Thomas Dukes* (31), journeyman butcher, born Brierley Hill;

[2] *Emily Dukes* (30), wife, married 7 years, born Worcester:

It was the headquarters of Quarry Bank Rangers FC in the 1940s.

It closed in 1994.

It was demolished in 1998, and houses built on the site.

TOWN ARMS

90, (113), High Street / Mill Street, (Cottage Street), (Five Ways), BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Matilda Thompson

North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1896)

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1909)

LICENSEES

Hugh Hannay [] - 1865);

William Hawkins (1865 - 1870);

Rowland Thompson (1870 - 1890);

Mrs. Matilda Thompson (1890 - 1896);

Richard Griffiths (1896 - 1897);

Thomas Morgan (1897 - 1901);

John Davies (1901 - 1905);

Samuel Lester (1905 - 1909);

Robert William Sheldon McGill (1909 - 1911);

Albert Lyndon (1911 - 1912);

James Holman Williams (1912);

Charles 'Charlie' Wilson (1912 - 1916);

Joseph Hartland (1916 - 1919);

John Kidd (1919 - 1927);

Isabella Kidd (1927 - 1929);

Edgar John Adey (1929 - 1933);

Albert Vincent Trevis (1933);

William Henry Watts (1933 - 1935);

Edward James Morris (1935 - 1936);

Henry Jeens (1936 - 1938);

Joseph Pratt (1938 - [1940])

VALUABLE BUSINESS CORNER PREMISES, BRIERLEY HILL.

TO be SOLD by AUCTION, by Mr. HAWKINS, on TUESDAY, the 20th day of APRIL INSTANT, at the TOWN ARMS, BRIERLEY HILL, at Seven o'clock in the Evening, subject to conditions to be then read—

All that well-known Corner SPIRIT VAULTS, DWELLING-HOUSE, and Premises, known as the "TOWN ARMS," situated in the corner of the Five Ways, between the two Market Places, Brierley Hill; comprising extensive Spirit Shop, Smoke Room, Cooking Kitchen, Club Room, five Chambers, Office, Spirit Closet, three Cellars, Coach-house, Stabling, and Outbuildings; in the occupation of Mr. Hawkins, at a rental of £80 per annum. Also, all that SHOP and DWELLING-HOUSE adjoining; comprising Front Shop, Parlour, Sitting Room, three Chambers, Cellar, and Outbuildings, in the occupation of Mr. Bernard Housieux, at the annual rental of £35.

The above lot has a frontage of 38yds. 1ft. 3in. to High Street, and 4yds. 1ft. 4in. to Cottage-street.

Further particulars may be obtained from Messrs. Brooke Robinson and Co., Solicitors, Dudley; or the Auctioneer, Brierley Hill.

Advert 1869

NOTES

113, High Street [1873], [1881], [1891], [1892], [1896], [1901], [1904], [1909], [1912]

90, High Street [1916], [1921], [1940]

It was situated near to the police station.

Stourbridge Observer 22/6/1867

"Edward Danter was charged by *William Hawkins* with being drunk and disorderly, and refusing to leave his house when requested. Complainant said that he kept the TOWN ARMS, Brierley Hill. On the night of the 15th inst. defendant came to his house drunk. He caused a disturbance, and refused to leave when he (complainant) requested him. He did not wish to press the case, and if defendant would promise not to come again and pay the costs, he would withdraw the charge.

Defendant gave the required promise, paid the costs, and was discharged."

Stourbridge Observer 13/6/1868

"An inquest was held on Thursday last, at Mr. *Hawkins's*, the TOWN ARMS, before Mr. W. H. Phillips, Esq, Coroner, touching the death of Emma Silvester, who was injured at the railway station [Brierley Hill] on the 30th ult, and who died on the 10th inst. Inspector Lock was present on behalf of the railway company, and Mr. J. Homfray on behalf of deceased's friends.

The first witness called was Samuel Insull, auctioneer, who deposed: I knew deceased, and it is her body which the jury have seen. Deceased was my sister in law. She was 28 years old, and the widow of William Silvester, formerly of Dudley. On the 30th ult. deceased came to my house to assist in the house work. She left at night to go towards the station with a view of going home to Dudley. She was in good health; not subject to fits. About ten o'clock she was brought back to my house in a state of insensibility. Had previously been sent for in consequence of an accident, and she was conveyed to my house. Deceased was insensible for a week. Mr. Walker, surgeon, attended upon her up to her death. Deceased did not tell me how it happened. I knew she was injured about the head and feet. She died about one o'clock on Wednesday. Cannot give any account how the accident happened.

Francis Northall deposed: I live at Birmingham, and am a gas fitter. Did not know the deceased. Should not know her again, as she was covered with blood. I had business at Brierley Hill, and was returning home. I was standing on the Birmingham side of the platform, and saw the buffer strike the deceased on the side. The train was coming from Dudley, and deceased was walking down the steps in the act of crossing the line to go by train to Dudley, when an engine came and struck her. The train was passing through the station, but the engine driver pulled up, as well as he could. Did not hear any one shout to deceased. It was not dark at the time. There are lamps at the station. Deceased was struck against the platform. I helped to pick her up. She was quite insensible. I did not think it was owing to any fault of deceased, but to the neglect of the company in not having a bridge. Had there been a bridge it would not have happened. There is no crossing. I was not cautioned; neither did I hear any one caution the deceased.

By a Juryman: I did not hear any one about. Did not see any porter present to caution he deceased.

By Mr. Homfray: The station is on an incline, and there is a curve. The train comes without noise, and has no steam on. Did not hear the whistle. Heard the whistle with the train I was going by, and heard the bell ring. Can see the trains best opposite the booking side. There are steps and a flap to make to make the platform level. On the day of the accident the flap was up. I picked up loaf of bread, a basket, and a bottle. I put the loaf and bottle into the basket. This was after deceased had been injured.

Richard Wall deposed: I am a boot maker, residing at Dixons Green. I was on the platform on the day in question, and was looking out for a place in a carriage when I saw a train coming, and just after heard an outcry of an accident. I got out, and saw some persons in the act of lifting deceased off the rails on to the platform, and saw a basket on the platform.

By Mr. Homfray: Did not hear the train coming. I heard no steam or whistle. The train came very quick. Did not see it till it came to the end of the platform. I know the deceased, and have often travelled with her. There is no bridge to cross over.

Selina Fletcher deposed: I live at Brierley Hill, and am a widow. Did not know the deceased. Remember the day it happened. I was on the platform on the 30th ult. I stood on the platform with my uncle, who was going by train to Dudley. I saw deceased going down the steps. Did not see her again till she was picked up hurt. My uncle was a few yards in advance of deceased. He had to pass down the same steps. I saw the express train coming very fast, and very quietly, and deceased was thrown under the platform, being struck by the train. Did not hear any porter cry out, and tell her not to cross the line.

By the Foreman: There was no porter on that side of the platform. They were all on the other side of the railway. The door was shut, but not fastened.

The Foreman here said it was the custom to fasten the door.

The Coroner remarked that they must now deal with facts. The custom would come afterwards, if necessary.

By a Juryman: There was no porter to have prevented me from crossing over the line if I had wanted to pass.

Sarah Jones deposed: I live at the back of the WHIMSEY, Brierley Hill. Did not know the deceased, but saw her picked up after the accident, and helped to bathe her. I went to meet my husband coming home from Dudley, but he was too late for the train, and walked home. Did not see any porter on that side, but saw one on the other side of the platform. I saw the deceased carried on the platform, and thought she was dead. I had been on the platform for more than half an hour. Will swear I heard no bell ring.

By a Juryman: There was but one porter present. The station door appeared to be shut. I only saw three persons going by train.

James Corfield deposed: I am station-master at Brierley Hill station, and have been so for six months. I give the tickets out. I have one out-porter and one signalman. It is my duty and the other porters' to attend the trains if they have no other duties to perform. I was at the train at nine o'clock. There was a train due each way – one at 9.25, and the other to pass. Passengers going by train are allowed to pass over the line of rails, but if the train is in sight no one is allowed to pass. I recollect the down train on the 30th ult., and heard the train whistle loud, which caused me to look out. The small whistle is the first signal. It is usual to run through at the ordinary rate, without steam, because it is on an incline. It was the brake whistle I heard blowing, which continued till the train stopped. Did not see the deceased knocked down, but saw her about 20 yards from the end of the platform on the up line. She was insensible. I had her removed, and called in medical assistance, who examined her, and she was afterwards removed to Mr. Insull's house. At the time of the accident there was no one on the platform to caution any one, or to prevent them from passing. There is only one approach to the platform. I pulled the door to. Cannot say that it was locked.

John Carter deposed: I am passenger-guard on the Great Western Railway, and was in charge of the 9.15 down train, which runs to Dudley and Wolverhampton. It is due at 9.25 at Brierley Hill. As I was applying the break, I first heard the small whistle blowing of another train. I looked out towards the station and saw a woman on the rails. Before she was struck I shouted to her. The train was fifty yards away. Deceased was standing still. At that time my train had not come to a stand still. I shouted to her as she was standing between the rails, when the train came, and the inside buffer struck her. The train was travelling at the ordinary speed, but after the accident pulled up. I generally meet the first train between Brierley Hill and Brettell Lane. No one shouted to the deceased but myself. It was twilight. Had she come on after my shouting there was time, but she appeared to have turned back again. There is no blame attached to the engine driver. He pulled up as soon as he could.

By a Juryman: The up-train was behind time. My train was at its right time. Deceased appeared paralysed. She had no time to get on to the platform.

John Smith deposed: I am an engine driver, and live at Kidderminster. On the 30th ult. I was driving the 8.30 train from Wolverhampton on the night in question. We were ten minutes late, and should have passed Brierley Hill at about 9.23. The signal was given as all right, and the line clear. I came into the station at the usual speed. It is customary to blow the whistle as we pass each station. I was about 20 or 25 yards off when I saw deceased step off the up platform. As she stepped down I blew the break whistle. In addition to the other I put the break on. I saw deceased attempting to return to the platform. At that time there was train on the other side. My engine struck her and knocked her down.

By a Juryman: I first saw her about twenty yards from the booking office.

George Herdman, out-porter, said he took all the parcels, and when at the station assisted at the trains. Did not see the deceased till she was struck down. Deceased was not on the line at the time the train was in. She might have come out of the closet.

By a Juryman: I am part paid by the company, and part by the persons whom I deliver parcels to.

Mr. Insull, re-called, said that deceased had 2s and some coppers in her pocket. The two shillings were to buy something; the coppers were to pay her railway fare. The two shillings were found upon her, but the coppers were missing.

The Coroner then asked the jury if they should like to examine Mr. Walker, surgeon, but the foreman said it was unnecessary.

The Coroner then summed up. After which the jury consulted together for a short time, and returned a verdict that the deceased came to her death by Mortal Injuries she received from a passing train. The jury wished to append to their verdict that, in their opinion, due precautions were not taken to protect the public from the passing trains, by which deceased came to her death.”

Stourbridge Observer 21/11/1868

“John Brosenhall was charge by *William Hawkins* with maliciously breaking two panes of glass, valued at 3s 6d, on the 14th inst.

Alfred *Hawkins* said that on the day in question the defendant came into his father's house, and asked them to draw him some drink. Defendant was very drunk, and he (witness) ordered him out. Defendant would not go, and witness put him out. Defendant then turned round and knocked out two panes of glass, of the value of 3s 6d.

Police-constable Streeton proved the case of malicious damage, and said that he was caked to lock the defendant up, when he (defendant) kicked him in the stomach. In the first case the defendant was fined 10s, 3s 6d damage, and costs; in default one month's imprisonment. In the assault case he was fined 5s and costs; in default 14 days.”

Stourbridge Observer 10/4/1869 - Advert

“Valuable Business Corner Premises, Brierley Hill / To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. Hawkins, on Tuesday, the 20th day of April, Instant, at the TOWN ARMS, Brierley Hill, at Seven o’clock in the Evening, subject to conditions to be then read / All that well-known Corner Spirit Vaults, Dwelling House, and Premises, known as the TOWN ARMS, situated in the corner of the Five Ways, between the two Market Places, Brierley Hill; comprising extensive Spirit Shop, Smoke Room, Cooking Kitchen, Club Room, five Chambers, Office, Spirit Closet, three Cellars, Coach house, Stabling, and Outbuildings; in the occupation of Mr. *Hawkins*, at a rental of £80 per annum / Also, all that Shop and Dwelling House adjoining; comprising Front Shop, Parlour, Sitting Room, three Chambers, Cellar, and Outbuildings, in the occupation of Mr. Bernard Housieux, at the annual rental of £35. / The above lot has a frontage of 38 yards, 1ft 3in to High Street, and 44 yards, 1ft 4in to Cottage Street. / Further particulars may be obtained from Messrs. Brooke Robinson and Co, Solicitors, Dudley; or the Auctioneer, Brierley Hill.”

William Hawkins was also an auctioneer. [1870]

Stourbridge Observer 14/1/1871

“Joshua Beckley was charged with being drunk and riotous, and refusing to quit the public house of *Roland Thompson* (the TOWN ARMS), on the 4th inst.

Complainant said the defendant came into his house about half past eleven o’clock, with others, and called for a glass of ale. He filled the glass of ale for him, and defendant tendered him a halfpenny in payment. Asking him for the remainder of the money, when the defendant began to insult him, and make use of bad language.

In answer to the Bench, witness said the man had had beer, but was not drunk.

Mr. Spooner: When you saw the man in beer, you ought not to have filled him any.

Witness: I said he might be in beer. I could not tell.

Mr. Spooner: How long have you been a landlord?

Witness: About twelve years.

Mr. Spooner: Then no one has a better right to judge of the state of a man than yourself. You had no right to have filled it, seeing he was in a state of beer, and I will dismiss the case, and make you pay the costs; and I will do the same all through the district.

Witness: Very well, sir; I can’t say he was in beer.

Mr. Spooner: Why you have just sworn he was.

Witness: I said he might be in beer.

Complainant then paid the costs, and the man was discharged.”

Stourbridge Observer 18/1/1873

“Joseph Rhodes was charged with being drunk and refusing to quit the TOWN ARMS INN, with wilfully damaging a window, and also assaulting Robert (sic) *Thompson*, the landlord, on the 11th inst.

Complainant said that on the afternoon of the above date, about 8 o’clock, defendant, who was drunk, came into his house, drank a man’s beer, and challenged anyone to fight. He (witness) ejected him, but he came in again. Witness again turned him out, but defendant came in a third time and struck him and broke a window, doing damage to the amount of 4s, and he had to send for the police.

Police-sergeant Passy stated that he was sent for by Mr. *Thompson* on Saturday last. Defendant was very violent, and struck the officer when he turned him out. Defendant’s master gave him a good character, and said he worked for Messrs. Firmstone and McEwan, as a fitter. The Bench fined defendant 20s and costs, and 4s damage; in default one month’s hard labour.”

1881 Census

113, High Street

- [1] *Rowland Thompson* (48), licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Matilda Thompson* (44), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *George H. Thompson* (23), son, builder, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Emily Thompson* (20), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *Charles Thompson* (19), son, commercial traveller, born Brierley Hill;
- [6] *William Thompson* (16), son, scholar, born Brierley Hill;
- [7] *Ellen M. Thompson* (11), daughter, scholar, born Brierley Hill;
- [8] *Rowland Thompson* (7), son, scholar, born Brierley Hill;
- [9] *Clara E. Thompson* (7 months), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [10] *Phoebe Lowe* (40), general servant, born Wordsley;
- [11] *Mary Morris* (19), general servant, born Darlaston:

Brierley Hill Alliance FC was founded here on 16th September 1887.

1891 Census

113, High Street

- [1] *Matilda Thompson* (55), widow, licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Emily Thompson* (30), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Ellen Thompson* (21), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Rowland Thompson* (17), ironmonger's assistant, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *Clara Thompson* (10), daughter, scholar, born Brierley Hill;
- [6] *Elizabeth Smitheman* (28), general servant, born Wordsley;
- [7] *Annie Price* (19), general servant, born Brierley Hill:

1901 Census

113, High Street – TOWN ARMS

- [1] *Thomas Morgan* (46), hotel proprietor, born Bridgnorth;
- [2] *Emily Morgan* (40), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Elsie Morgan* (19), daughter, born Cradley Heath;
- [4] *Laura Morgan* (18), daughter, born Brockmoor;
- [5] *Ethel Morgan* (15), daughter, born Quarry Bank;
- [6] *Mabel Morgan* (11), daughter, born Quarry Bank:

John Davies was secretary of the Brierley Hill and District Licensed Victuallers' Association. [1902]

1911 Census

High Street – TOWN ARMS

- [1] *Albert Lyndon* (43), licensed victualler, born Aston, near Birmingham;
- [2] *Anna Lyndon* (45), wife, married 12 years, assisting in the business, born Shrewsbury;
- [3] *Dora Lyndon* (17), daughter, typist, born Aston;
- [4] *Frederick Lyndon* (8), son, school, born Knowle, Warwickshire;
- [5] *Emma Swain* (21), domestic servant, born Oldbury:

Charles Wilson was married to *Annie*.

He was fined £5 for permitting drunkenness on 22nd September 1913.

County Express 23/1/1915

“The annual meeting of Brierley Hill and District Licenced Victuallers’ and Beer Retailers’ Association was held on Thursday, at the TOWN ARMS, Brierley Hill. Mr. James Round (president) was in the chair, and the attendance included Messrs. J. P. Simpkins, F. Webb, H. Stevens, C. F. Moore, T. Banks, J. Glover, B. Wilkinson, C. Gorton, R. Ward, G. Lander, C. Wilson, S. Jones, R. McGill, H. Munden, S. Insull, A. Hickman, Herbert Dunn, Viner, W. D. Drakeford, C.C. (sec.), and others. An apology was received from the treasurer (Mr. H. F. Williams), who was indisposed.

The president said the association had had a very successful year in respect of increased membership, and financially they had also made progress. The balance sheet showed they were able to place £22 17s. 4d. in their deposit account, and the year’s work had produced a balance to the good. The committee who were usually voted £5 toward an outing unanimously decided to hand it to the Prince of Wales Fund - (hear, hear).

Mr. Drakeford presented the statement of accounts, audited by Messrs. B. Wilkinson and C. F. Moore. The receipts, including cash in the Metropolitan Bank on January 1st last year of £217 2s. 8d., and £31 18s. 4d. on the current account, and £73 entrance fees, members’ contributions, totalled £348 0s. 1½d. After meeting all expenses, and accomplishing a great deal of work - heavier than for a number of years - there remained a credit balance on the current account of £16 11s. 2d. - (hear, hear). In pursuance of a decision of the last annual meeting £22 17s. 4d. was placed to the association’s deposit account. The total worth of the funds was £258 1s. 4d. - (applause).

The statement was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Round was heartily thanked for his valuable services as president, and responding, he spoke of the splendid work of the secretary and committee, and congratulated Mr. F. Webb upon having introduced the largest number of members during the twelve months. Their membership was now about three times what it was three or four years ago.

Thanks were accorded to all the retiring officers and committee, it being stated that the committee’s record of attendance was better than ever....”

It closed on 10th December 1956.

It was demolished for road improvements in the 1960s.

TRAVELLERS REST

22, (39), (23), Church Street, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

J. Rolinson and Son Ltd., Netherton [1906]
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

Charles James [1858] – [1862]
George Elwell [] – **1864**;
Thomas S H Lowe (**1864 – 1865**);
Henry Gardner (**1865 – []**)
Weston Jones [] – **1868**)
Thomas Jones (**1868 – [1870]**)
Thomas Woodhouse [1871] – **1876**);
George Barker (**1876 – 1886**);
Margaret Raybould (**1886 – 1888**);
Frederick Howard Jones (**1888 – 1889**);
George Haywood (**1889 – 1890**);
John William Elkin (**1890 – 1894**);
John Little (**1894**);
Henry Kennedy (**1894 – 1903**);
Albert Constance (**1903 – 1906**);
Thomas Darby (**1906 – 1910**);
Henry Mundon (**1910 – 1917**);
James Mason (**1917 – 1930**);
William James Taylor (**1930 – 1940**);
Sidney Joseph Fradgley (**1940 – 1941**);
David Edwin Porter (**1941 – 1945**);
Harry Skelding (**1945 – 1951**);
Benjamin Bert Bashford (**1951 – 1955**);
Thomas Harold Tether (**1955 – 1963**);
Harry Russell (**1963 – 1966**);
Olive Hilda Querbach (**1966 – 1984**);
John William Jones (**1984 – 1990**);
Barry John Shuck (**1990 – []**)

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23, Church Street [1871], [1873], [1881], [1891], [1892], [1896], [1904], [1912]
39, Church Street [1916], [1921], [1940]
22, Church Street

Brierley Hill Advertiser 12/6/1858

“Charles James was charged with the same offence [knowingly and unlawfully permitting gaming in his house] on the 25th ult. The defendant is landlord of the TRAVELLERS REST public house, and Superintendent Mills stated to the Bench that a lot of young boys were in the habit of frequenting the house, and losing large sums of money by playing at bagatelle. This, however, was the first charge of the kind, and the house was generally well conducted. It was two years since he was brought up before. Fined 10s and costs.”

FORD'S HOUSEHOLD ALMANACK, FOR 1881.



Victoria Concert Hall,

TRAVELLERS' REST INN,

CHURCH STREET, BRIERLEY-HILL.

GEORGE BARKER

Wishes to inform the Public that a

TALENTED COMPANY

Appears at this Hall every Evening.

ALES, WINES, & SPIRITS,

OF THE FINEST QUALITIES.

LONDON & DUBLIN STOUTS

CIGARS OF THE BEST BRANDS.

Advert 1881

Brierley Hill Advertiser 24/12/1858

“John Webb, an elderly man, charged Margaret Pansey, with assaulting him on Monday night last. Complainant lodges at the TRAVELLERS REST public house, Brierley Hill, and while he was sitting in the house on the above named evening the defendant came up to him, accused him of drinking at the expense of her husband, charged him in a most disgusting manner, and wound up by throwing a glass of rum and water in his face. Defendant afterwards followed him out of the house and assaulted him by kicking him in a violent manner.

Defendant denied the assault, but said she threw the glass of liquor over the defendant because he insulted her. The defendant was ordered to pay costs; or in default to be fined 1s and costs, or fourteen days’ imprisonment.”

1861 Census

Church Street

[1] Charles James (30), victualler, born Feckenham, Worcestershire;

[2] Mary James (26), wife, born Feckenham, Worcestershire;

[3] James James (5), son, born Kingswinford;

[4] Frederick James (2), son, born Kingswinford;

[4] Francis James (6 months), son, born Kingswinford:

[Feckenham is about 4 miles SW of Redditch.]

Thomas S. H. Lowe was also a gasfitter, plumber and brassfounder. [1864], [1865]

Stourbridge Observer 16/7/1864

“On Monday evening last, a grand concert was announced to take place at the TRAVELLERS REST, on behalf of the members of the Miners’ Union. The landlord, Mr. Lowe, went to the expense of 7s for printing, decorating his house with a new flag for the occasion, and prepared first-class talent, but the friends of the miners were like angels’ visits, ‘few and far between’. One ticket was all that was sold, and the fortunate purchaser has expressed his determination to have it framed, so that it may be preserved by his children, in his old age as in remembrance of this failure.”

Stourbridge Observer 11/8/1866 - Advert

“To Be Let, with Immediate Possession, The TRAVELLERS REST INN, an Old Licensed Public house with good stabling, and Premises. Situate opposite the Chapel-hill Pit, Brierley Hill, and doing a good business. Fixtures to be taken at a valuation.....”

Stourbridge Observer 29/9/1866 - Advert

“TRAVELLERS REST INN, Brierley Hill Davies and King will Sell by Auction, on Monday, October 8th 1866, the whole of the capital Public House Fixtures, Brewing Plant, and Household Furniture, including 440-gallon, Hogshead, Half-hogshead, and other well-seasoned Oak and iron bound Casks, 350 gallons of Ale, Mashing Tubs, Coolers, Wrought-iron 200-gallon and 50-gallon Furnaces, Gas-fittings, Chandeliers, Counter, excellent new 4-Pull Beer Machine, Glasses, Cups, Cooling Vats, Refrigerator &c &c; Tudor Bedsteads, Mattresses, Dressing Tables, Washstands, Windsor Chairs, Tables, handsome copper Street Lamp, stained Landscape Glass, Four Burners and fittings complete, Signboard, and numerous other Effects The House to Let.”

Stourbridge Observer 22/2/1868 - Advert

“To Publicans, Brokers, and Others. Unreserved Sale, TRAVELLERS REST, Brierley Hill.

To Be Sold by Auction, by S. Insull, On Monday Next, February 24th, 1868, a quantity of Public House Fixtures, capital turned-legged and cross-legged Drinking and other Tables, Cups, Jugs, Ale Measures, eight large Stone Barrels, capital 4-pull Ale Machine, Half Hogshead and other Casks, 10-bushel Oval Mash Tub, Sieve, Cane-seated and Windsor Chairs, Half tester and French Iron Bedsteads, Feather Bed, Hair seated Sofa belonging to Mr. Weston Jones, who is leaving the premises.....”

1871 Census

23, Church Street

- [1] *Thomas Woodhouse* (64), licensed victualler, born Stambermill;
- [2] *Phoebe Woodhouse* (63), wife, born H—cey Hill, Worcestershire;
- [3] *Susan Cornes* (38), daughter, widow, general servant, born Oldswinford;
- [4] *Phoebe Cornes* (12), granddaughter, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Sarah Cornes* (7), granddaughter, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Susan Cornes* (5), granddaughter, born Kingswinford:

1881 Census

23, Church Street

- [1] *George Barker* (38), licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Mary A. Barker* (36), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Emily Clarke* (19), niece, domestic servant, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *William Clarke* (12), nephew, scholar, born Brierley Hill:

Ford's Household Almanack for 1881 - Advert

“Victoria Concert Hall, TRAVELLERS REST INN, Church Street, Brierley Hill / *George Barker* Begs to inform the Public that a Talented Company Appears at this Hall every Evening / Ales, Wines & Spirits, of the finest Qualities / London & Dublin Stouts / Cigars of the Best Brands.”

1891 Census

23, Church Street

- [1] *John William Elkin* (25), publican, born Haseley, Warwickshire;
- [2] *Letitia Elkin* (24), wife, birthplace unknown;
- [3] *Martha Ann Elkin* (42), sister, born Haseley, Warwickshire;
- [4] *Elizabeth Woodward* (14), domestic servant, born West Bromwich:

1901 Census

Church Street – TRAVELLERS REST

- [1] *Henry Kennedy* (36), licensed victualler, born Ironbridge, Shropshire;
- [2] *Charlotte Kennedy* (39), wife, born Kingsford, Shropshire;
- [3] *Florence Kennedy* (15), daughter, born Dudley;
- [4] *Hannah Kennedy* (12), daughter, born Dudley;
- [5] *May Kennedy* (7), daughter, born Dudley;
- [6] *Edith Mary Kennedy* (5), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [7] *Elsie Kennedy* (4), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [8] *Joseph Kennedy* (2), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [9] *Hannah Bate* (66), mother in law, widow, born Hopston Claverley, Shropshire:

Tipton Herald 23/10/1909

“At a special session held at Brierley Hill, on Thursday, before Mr. J. Gordon, *Thomas Darby*, tenant of the TRAVELLERS REST, Church Street, Brierley Hill, was charged with unlawfully wounding his wife on the previous night, by throwing a jug at her. Mr. Superintendent Johnson applied for a remand till Monday. It is alleged that during a quarrel, *Darby* threw a jug at his wife, inflicting a severe wound on her left arm, five inches long, and an inch deep, severing the artery and veins. A doctor was called in, and several stitches were inserted. The accused was admitted to bail, himself in £20 and two sureties of £10 each.”

Tipton Herald 30/10/1909

“At Brierley Hill, on Monday, *Thomas Darby*, license of the TRAVELLERS REST INN, Church Street, Brierley Hill, was charged with unlawfully wounding his wife Hannah, on the 20th inst, by striking her with a jug.

Mr. J. Walter Clulow appeared to prosecute, and Mr. William Waldron for the defence.

It appeared from the evidence of the injured woman that her husband had been out all day drinking, and that at about half past ten at night he was in the house and had some beer before him. She advised him not to have any more, and this made him angry. As his wife went towards him, the accused threw the jug and beer at her, and said, ‘You ——

varmint, I'll kill you.' The jug caught her on the breast, one portion of the broken vessel falling on the floor, the handle part on the table. Prisoner picked up the part which had fallen on the table, and struck at her face with it. She put up her hand to save her face, and her right arm was seriously lacerated. Her daughter said to the prisoner, 'Look what you have done,' and he replied, 'I wish it had — well killed her.' (the complainant).

In answer to Mr. Waldron, witness said she had been married to the prisoner about eleven years, and was a widow at the time with three children. Prisoner had no children. She had put her son into business, and there was £350 of her money lost, in addition to £92 which was lost at the VINE INN. She denied that she had said to her husband that if he fetched a man named Geary, who was in the house, any more beer he would blind him. She had not given her husband into custody, neither had she authorised these proceedings.

Mr. Waldron: Who injured your husband? — I don't know; I didn't know that he was injured.

Dr. Taylor said complainant was brought to him about twenty minutes to eleven on her right arm nearly four inches in length and an inch deep, and which was bleeding profusely. The muscular fibres were divided, and the tendons cut across. He had to place in nine stitches. The wound was now healing.

Mary Grice, prisoner's stepdaughter, gave similar evidence to that of her mother, and corroborative evidence was given by William Harrison and Joseph Miller.

PS Tunnicliffe arrested the prisoner on the charge of wounding his wife, and he replied, 'That is wrong, she threw the first cup at me, and I threw the second.' On the way to the Police Station he said, 'This is the best thing that could have happened, they can do what they like with me, and when all is over I'll sell up, and clear out.' Prisoner complained about his shoulder being hurt.

Mr Waldron, for the defence, said this was a very unfortunate matter, but he did not wish to drag the history of the case before the Court. Complainant was a widow with three children, and for the last seven years, they had been as happy as possible. He alleged that the wife used the moneys of her husband for the furtherance of the interests of her family. In one transaction alone £300 was lost by the son of the woman, and a further sum of £92. On the day in question the prisoner had been to Birmingham, and returned home about half past seven in the evening perfectly sober. A man named Geary asked him to lend him threepence, and prisoner's wife said, 'If you are going to fetch more beer I'll blind you.' She picked up a cup to strike him with, and he picked up another, and the two cups coming together broke, and Mrs. Darby then got her arm injured, and prisoner also received injury. It was contended that there was no intent on the part of the prisoner to injure his wife and that it was an accident.

Thomas Darby gave evidence to this effect, as did also William Geary.

The Bench fined the prisoner £10 and costs, or two months for an aggravated assault."

Tipton Herald 20/11/1909

"*Thomas Darby*, licensee of the TRAVELLERS REST INN, Church Street, Brierley Hill, was summoned to show cause why a separation order should not be made, his having been convicted of an aggravated assault on his wife.

Mr. J. Walter Clulow appeared for the complainant, and Mr. William Waldron for the defence. The evidence of Hannah Darby went to show that her husband, on the 25th ult., was fined £10 and costs, or two months, for an aggravated assault on her. She now asked for a separation order with 10s maintenance. In cross examination she admitted that she had been to the house daily since the conviction, but had not stayed at night. She had been receiving some of the takings, which she said was her own money. She did not know that her husband was in debt to the brewery, but she knew that a Mr. Price had been for nearly £40. She denied that she had had money belonging to the clubs, about £20.

Mr. Wickham King (magistrates' clerk) asked what this had to do with the case, the only thing was to prove the man's means.

Mr. Waldron said defendant had been turned out of his house, and that the woman had taken monies belonging to her husband.

Complainant denied this, and said when she married her husband he was £100 in debt. She denied that her son had lost £350 of the defendant's money in business, it was her money. She had only taken away furniture which belonged to her.

In reply to Mr. Clulow, complainant said when she married the defendant she had £700, and the defendant had nothing but debts. She had got nothing now. During the last fortnight she had about 1s or 1s 6d a day from the takings, and the defendant would have £80 for the valuation when he went out.

Defendant, on being sworn, admitted the conviction, and said since then his wife had taken from 5s to a sovereign a day from the takings. He had to leave the house that day fortnight, and had found the money to go into it. When he left he should be paid £58 17s 6d, and he owed the brewers £44 16s, and had to pay £22 odd to the clubs, which

he alleged his wife had had. His wife had taken away the furniture which was worth £15 or £20. He could not pay 10s a week, as he had no occupation.

In reply to Mr. Clulow he said the weekly takings were from £13 to £15 a week.

The Bench made an order on the defendant to pay 5s a week, and a separation, defendant to pay the costs and solicitor's fees."

Henry Mundon = Henry Munden

1911 Census

Church Street – TRAVELLERS REST

[1] *Henry Mundon* (36), public house manager, born Halesowen;

[2] Ann Elizabeth Mundon (40), wife, married 13 years, assisting in the business, born Netherton;

[3] Ann Elizabeth Mundon (8), daughter, born Netherton;

[4] Mary Gwendoline Mundon (4), daughter, born Brierley Hill;

[5] Martha Cartwright (19), general servant, born Brierley Hill:

County Express 10/2/1917

"Brierley Hill Licensing Sessions.

TRAVELLERS REST, Church Street, Brierley Hill. Supt. Johnson said the tenant was fined in June, for supplying a greater measure of intoxicants than asked for, £4 and solicitor's fee, total ££5 2s. 0d. Since the conviction the premises were satisfactorily conducted.

On Mr. Higg's application the license was renewed."

Thomas Harold Tether was married to Alice.

[1990]

Closed

TRUE BRITON

124, New Street, (New Road), QUARRY BANK

OWNERS

North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1896)

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1909)

LICENSEES

Joseph A Hawkeswood [1868] – **1881**);

Solomon Pearson (**1881 – 1884**);

William Hayes (**1884 – 1887**);

James Pegg (**1887 – 1897**);

Edward Britton (**1897 – 1902**);

Richard Llewelyn Province (**1902 – 1905**);

Richard William Smith (**1905 – 1906**);

George Dale (**1906 – 1907**);

David Roberts (**1907 – 1908**);

Joseph Preece (**1908 – 1913**);

Gervase George Dunn (**1913**);

Eva Dunn (**1913**):

NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

Joseph Hawkeswood, beer retailer, Quarry Bank. [1868], [1872]

1871 Census

New Road

[1] *Joseph A. Hawkeswood* (34), widower, beer seller and writing clerk, born Cradley, Worcestershire;

[2] Clifford A. Hawkeswood (5), son, scholar, born Rowley;

[3] Frederick S. Hawkeswood (3), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;

[4] Abigail Grosvenor (22), visitor, born Kingswinford;

[5] Lena Grosvenor (18), barmaid, born Kingswinford:

1891 Census

New Street

[1] *James Pegg* (35), beerhouse keeper, born Quarry Bank;

[2] Emily Pegg (35), wife, born Quarry Bank;

[3] Thomas Pegg (14), son, born Quarry Bank;

[4] Fanny Pegg (12), daughter, scholar, born Quarry Bank;

[5] James Pegg (10), son, scholar, born Quarry Bank;

[6] Emily Pegg (8), daughter, scholar, born Quarry Bank;

[7] Harry Pegg (2), son, born Quarry Bank;

[8] Alice Woodhall (19), general servant, born Brockmoor:

1901 Census

New Street

- [1] *Edward Britton* (60), publican, born London;
- [2] *Selina Britton* (56), wife, born Quarry Bank;
- [3] *Cylina Britton* (20), daughter, born Lye:

Richard Province, beer retailer, New Street. [1904]

1911 Census

124, New Street

- [1] *Joseph Preece* (44), publican, born Lindridge, Worcestershire;
- [2] *Eliza Preece* (37), wife, married 20 years, assisting in the business, born Quarry Bank;
- [3] *Mary Preece* (18), daughter, no occupation, born Quarry Bank;
- [4] *Joseph Preece* (11), son, school, born Quarry Bank;
- [5] *William Preece* (7), son, born Quarry Bank;
- [6] *Thomas Preece* (10 months), son, born Quarry Bank:

Joseph Preece, beer retailer, New Street. [1912]

The license renewal was refused on 24th July 1913.

The license was extinguished on 31st December 1913.

TURKS HEAD

148, (84), (84+85), High Street, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Charles Guttery
Smith and Williams [c.1922]
Julia Hanson and Son Ltd. [c.1934]
Union Pub Co. [2004]

LICENSEES

George Fothergill [1857] - **1877**);
Thomas Guttery Snr. (**1877 - 1899**);
Charles William Guttery (**1899 - 1906**);
John Glover (**1906 - 1920**);
James Henry Dawes (**1920 - 1927**);
Frederick Lloyd (**1927 - 1928**);
Thomas Richard Beaman (**1928 - 1934**);
John Benton (**1934 - 1938**);
William Cole (**1938 - []**)
James H Dawes [1940]
Ralph Jasper (**1959 - []**)
Peter Lyne [1997]
David J Brown [2001]
Pete Sarginson [2002]
Mrs. Maria Walton (**2004 - []**)

NOTES

84, High Street [1881], [1904], [1911], [1912]
84+85, High Street [1901]
148, High Street [1916], [1921], [1940], [1990], [2003]

It had a room in which people could wait for trams. The terminus was outside.

Brierley Hill Advertiser 2/5/1857 - Advert

“Unreserved Sale at the TURKS HEAD, Round Oak, Brierley Hill. To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. Hawkins, on Monday next, May 4th 1857, the Public House Fixtures, Stock of Ale Casks, Household Furniture, and effects, belonging to Mr. *George Fothergill* (under a distress for rent)....”

1861 Census

High Street

- [1] *George Fothergill* (36), publican, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Mary Fothergill* (28), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Joseph Fothergill* (4), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Joseph Whitaker* (58), boarder, colliery clerk, born Kingswinford:

George Fothergill, retailer of beer, High Street. [1862]
He was described as a beer retailer, High Street. [1864], [1865], [1868], [1870], [1872]

TURK'S HEAD INN
High Street, Brierley-Hill,
PROPRIETOR,
THOMAS GUTTERY.
HOME-BREWED ALES,
OF THE HIGHEST STANDARD.
WINES of the very Best Quality.
Cigars of the Finest Brands.
Advert c. 1900



Stourbridge Observer 21/3/1868

“At the Staffordshire Assizes (Nial Prius Court) on Monday last, before the Lord Chief Baron, James Husselbee (on bail) was indicted for feloniously cutting and wounding Thomas Moore, with intent to do him grievous bodily harm, on the 14th of January, at the parish of Kingswinford. A second count charged the prisoner with unlawful wounding. Full particulars of this case have previously appeared in our columns.

On the above date the prosecutor with the prisoner and others were at the TURKS HEAD public house together, the prisoner having a dog with him at the time. Prisoner, having occasion to leave the house for a time, left his dog behind him. On his return the prisoner was informed that during his absence the prosecutor had been illusing his dog. He (prisoner) upon that said to the prosecutor ‘If you do that again, I’ll give you this,’ alluding to a knife he had in his hand. The dog came up at the time, and the prosecutor attempted to lay hold of him, when the prisoner stabbed him in the arm. The wound inflicted was about an inch long and three quarters of an inch deep but was not of a very serious character.

The jury found the prisoner guilty upon the second count in the indictment of unlawfully wounding, and he was sentenced to two months’ imprisonment.”

Stourbridge Observer 10/4/1869 - Advert

“To be Sold by Auction, by W. Hawkins, on Tuesday, the 20th April Instant, at the TOWN ARMS, Brierley Hill.

Lot 1 – All that Public House, known as the TURKS HEAD, with the house adjoining, and the two Dwelling Houses, Store Room, Blacksmith’s Shop, and Shoeing Shop, Cart Shed, Yard, and Entrance Drive, in the occupation of *George Fothergill*, Charles Hill, David Nicholls, and others, producing a yearly rental of £48 12s, situated in High Street, Brierley Hill, and having a frontage thereto of 14 yards 1ft 4in; and containing in the whole 15 perches or thereabouts.....”

TO be SOLD by AUCTION, by W. HAWKINS, on TUESDAY, the 20th APRIL INSTANT, at the TOWN ARMS, BRIERLEY HILL, at Six o'clock in the Evening, in the following or such other lots as may be agreed upon at the time of Sale, and subject to conditions to be read:—
Lot 1.—All that PUBLIC-HOUSE, known as the “TURK’S HEAD,” with the HOUSE adjoining, and the TWO DWELLING-HOUSES, Store Room, Blacksmith’s Shop, and Shoeing Shop, Cart Shed, Yard, and Entrance Drive, in the occupations of *George Fothergill*, Charles Hill, David Nicholls, and others, producing a yearly rental of £48-12s, situated in High-street, Brierley Hill, and having a frontage thereto of 14yds. 1ft. 4in.; and containing in the whole 15 perches, or thereabouts.

Thomas Guttery Snr. was originally a chainmaker.

He was the father of *Thomas Guttery* of the EXCHANGE, Brierley Hill.

1881 Census

84, High Street

- [1] *Thomas Guttery* (46), brewer, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Ellen Guttery* (46), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Charles W. Guttery* (21), son, glasscutter, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Thomas Guttery* (10), son, scholar, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *Joseph Gardner* (62), boarder, shoemaker, born Brierley Hill:

1891 Census

84, High Street

- [1] *Thomas Guttery* (56), publican, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Ellen Guttery* (56), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *William Guttery* (32), son, flint glass cutter, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Thomas Guttery* (20), son, brewer, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *Ellen Guttery* (18), daughter, barmaid, born Brierley Hill;
- [6] *Catherine Batham* (24), general servant, born Brierley Hill:

Advert c.1900

“TURK’S HEAD INN / High Street, Brierley Hill / Proprietor / *Thomas Guttery* / Home-Brewed Ales, of the Highest Standard / Wines of the very Best Quality / Cigars of the Finest Brands.”

Full license granted on 23rd August 1898.

County Express 13/1/1900

“An inquest was held on Monday afternoon, at the TURKS HEAD INN, High, Street, Brierley Hill, by Mr. Thomas Allen Stokes (coroner), touching the death of Kate Tomlinson, aged six years, daughter of James Nash Tomlinson, ironworker, of 3, Albion Street, Brierley Hill, who was taken ill on the previous Thursday and died on Friday evening.

James Nash Tomlinson said his daughter was six years old, and on Thursday, at 9.30pm, she complained of pains in her head. Witness went to work next morning, and when he came back at six o'clock she was worse. He spoke to her, but she did not answer. As she became worse he went for Dr. Gifford at about 7.30. He was unable to attend her, and shortly after ten he went for Dr. Conway. The doctor was with the child for about twenty minutes, but she died about 11.30pm. She had been healthy for twelve months before this.

Mary Boden, Bank Street, said deceased was her niece. Witness was in the house when Dr. Conway came, and was in the room when he went upstairs. The doctor said the child had something worse than inflammation. The child was repeatedly violently sick. She was with the child for about an hour, and she was most sick while the doctor was there. The deceased did not speak except to ask for tea or water. Witness thought she had had inflammation.

Questioned by a juror: The child was not insured.

Lucy Tomlinson, the mother, said her daughter complained of pains in the head and throat at 9.30pm on Thursday. She was sick four or five times during the night. On Friday she was sick three or four times, and became worse as the day wore on, and her fits of sickness became more frequent. Witness did not give her anything. Her husband went for Dr. Gifford at 7.30, and for Dr. Conway about 10.30. She could not say why they allowed such a long time to elapse before going for another doctor. Her daughter had no sweets or anything of that kind.

Dr. Conway said he was sent for to attend the child, January 5th shortly before 10.30. She had a little bronchial catarrh, but not sufficient to cause death. The child was moribund when he saw her. He had formed no opinion of her condition. Her temperature was 103. His partner saw the child, and he too, was unable to say what had caused death. He was told that the child had suffered violent vomiting.

The enquiry was adjourned at this stage until the following day so that a post-mortem examination of the body could be made.

On Tuesday afternoon the enquiry resumed and Dr. Gifford stated that he had made a post-mortem examination that morning, and the cause of death was exhaustion from gastro enteritis. That was caused, possibly, by some unwholesome article of diet the child had eaten, or by an acute development of influenza, he was unable to say which. If it was caused by eating unwholesome food, she must have eaten it within 18 hours of the development of the symptoms.

In answer to the Coroner, he said he did not think that, if medical aid had been obtained before Dr. Conway was called in, the child might have been saved; the attack was far too acute. He did not think she could have been saved if she had had medical aid within three or four hours from the time she was taken ill.

The Coroner, in summing up, said the case appeared to dispose on the part of the parent of the child gross carelessness. The doctor had, however, said that in his opinion, even if medical aid had been summoned when the child was first taken ill, it would have been to no avail, because the attack was so very acute. If he had said that medical attendance, summoned earlier, would have been of avail and that the child's life might have been saved, then it would have been very near the line whether these people should have been indicted for manslaughter or not, but on the evidence of the doctor they had escaped that. He did think, however, that they had been guilty of gross and culpable carelessness in the case. However, so long as they had done nothing criminally wrong, they had done with the matter unless they liked to add expression to their verdict. After the evidence of the doctor he did not think they would have any difficulty in finding their verdict.

The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical testimony.”

County Express 4/8/1900

“A further meeting of the members of the Brierley Hill and District Licensed Victuallers' Association was held on Friday night at the TURKS HEAD, Brierley Hill, in connection with the long pull question. Mr. H. F. Williams presided, and the attendance included Messrs. J. Lawrence Levy (editor of *The Licensed Trade News*), W. E. Higgs, B. Whittingslow (secretaries to the respective associations), W. H. Smith, J. Benton, T. Guttery, Cartwright, B. Mallen, Davies, Moore, Evans, etc.

Mr. E. Lawrence Levy (Birmingham), in addressing the meeting, traced in the first instance the origin and development of the 'long pull.' From the first the opposition to it had emanated from the retail trade, and when its representatives submitted a practicable scheme for its abolition to the wholesale trade in the Midlands, the idea was utilised at once, and a system devised whereby the maximum voluntary over-measure to be given was 25 per cent.

The scheme for the discontinuation of the long pull in the district had been taken up with wonderful unanimity, but just as the strength of a chain was that of its weakest link, so the ability to deal thoroughly with the question depended on the absolute unanimity of the trade, the defection of even a very few being dangerous. The question then arose how to deal with the dissidents. The trade was practically a vast union, and when the overwhelming and preponderating majority of the trade adopted a given line of conduct, the principle of trades' unionism applied meant that the minority should and must fall into line. The intention of the wholesale trade was to see this question through 'to a finish.' It would require that valuable principle of patience, but he could assure those who suffered through their loyal adhesion to the new regulations, owing to the disloyal dissent of the few, that they would not suffer in the long run, but they would be compensated for loss to which they might be subject – (applause). But they themselves must help bring about a perfect unanimity by all the means at their disposal. Failing to convince the dissidents of the duty of falling into line, unable to influence them by moral suasion of the obligation to the trade fairly, then they must use other weapons, and it was their duty to oppose the renewal of the licenses of unfair traders, the persistent long pullers, at the next Brewster Session – (applause). The justification for this trade opposition was as manifest as manifold. A publican who continued to give long-pull in spite of the resolution of ninety-five per cent of his fellow-traders to discontinue it, was guilty of unfair trading. It was obtaining custom by unfair means and improper competition, and was contrary to law and order, and calculated to increase drunkenness. It proved the house to be *ipso facto* not needed for requirements of the neighbourhood, as it had resorted to illegitimate methods to obtain and retain custom, while it further proves that the licensee was not a fit and proper person to hold a license, when he could resort to practices condemned by his fellow-traders as antagonistic to the welfare of the masses and the principles of law and order. He advised them to take the bull by the horns in this matter, assert their intention to see fair play all the way round, determined that an honourable trade should be conducted in and honourable manner – (loud applause).

At the close of his address, a number of questions were put to Mr. Levy, and his answers gave great satisfaction. Eventually the following resolution was proposed, seconded, and unanimously accepted.

'That in all cases where more than 25 per cent measures is given, on proof provided, that the solicitor of the Association be instructed to oppose the licenses at the next Brewster Sessions'."

1901 Census

84+85, High Street – TURKS HEAD

- [1] *Charles W. Guttery* (44), unmarried, licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Ellen Williams* (29), sister, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Leonard Williams* (6), nephew, born Wordsley;
- [4] *Ellen Williams* (3), niece, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *Leigh Williams* (2), nephew, born Brierley Hill;
- [6] *Marie Fudge* (15), domestic servant, born Brierley Hill;
- [7] *Emily Slater* (20), domestic servant, born Dudley:

John Glover paid the costs, 6s, in June 1909, when he was charged with selling beer to a person under the age of 14, in a bottle without a seal. He had put the seal on the inside of the cork.

1911 Census

84, High Street – TURKS HEAD

- [1] *John Glover* (33), licensed victualler, born West Bromwich;
- [2] *Annie Glover* (32), wife, married 11 years, born Blackburn;
- [3] *Emma Honglton* (23), domestic servant, born Commonsides;
- [4] *Alice Jones* (18), domestic servant, born Pensnett:

John Glover was also a brewer. [1914]

County Express 19/12/1914

"TURK'S HEAD Dividend Club - The annual supper of this club was held on Monday, when a party numbering 64 enjoyed the capable catering of the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. *J. Glover*. Afterwards Mr. E. Dudley was voted to the chair, and Mr. Hipkiss to the vice-chair, and the artists who contributed to an excellent programme included Messrs. A. Fletcher, C. Ansell, E. Manton, E. Bridgens, B. Male, and E. Penn, with Mr. Bert Higgs an able accompanist. The secretary (Mr. H. Wassell), in his annual report announced with regret that the dividend was £1

1s 8d, the smallest since the institution of the club, the sick pay having been heavy. He was pleased to say that members who had responded to their country's call had been relieved of paying their contributions and taking all things into consideration he thought matters had finished satisfactory. The membership already stands at 72, a total which is likely to be augmented at the next meeting. Votes of thanks were accorded, and the evening proved the most successful in the annals of the club."

County Express 7/5/1921

"Buffaloism; Four New K.O.M.'s Installed

An interesting ceremony was performed at the Roland Cole Lodge RAOB meeting at the TURKS HEAD INN, High Street [Brierley Hill] on Wednesday night....."

Midland Advertiser 18/1/1930

"..... An hour's extension of the license of the TURKS HEAD INN, Brierley Hill, was granted to *Thomas Beaman* on January 14th, on the occasion of an RAOB raising ceremony."

Ralph Jasper was formerly a footballer, who played for Cardiff City, Brighton and Hove Albion, and Kidderminster Harriers.

He married Florrie Smith.

He worked as a chainmaker before and after World War Two.

He played crown green bowls.

He died in 1983 aged 72.

A pigeon flying club was held here in the 1960s.

Maria Walton was married to Walter.

She was originally from Barnsley.

She worked for an agency (Oceanhurst) which provided staff to keep pubs running whilst new tenants were found.

It was closed for three weeks by the police after a drunken brawl on 19th September 2004.

It was renamed BAR 148. [2007]

[2008]

Closed [2009]

It was converted into an Asian restaurant.



1996

UNRESERVED SALE AT THE TURK'S HEAD,
ROUND OAK, BRIERLEY-HILL.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, BY

MR. HAWKINS, on MONDAY Next, May 4th, 1857, the PUBLIC-HOUSE FIXTURES, Stock of Ale Casks, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, and effects, belonging to Mr. George Fothergill (under a distress for rent).

Sale to commence at Eleven o'clock in the Morning. The HOUSE TO BE LET, apply to the Auctioneer, Brierley-Hill.

Advert 1857



2009

TWO FURNACES

Level Street, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

NOTES

[1981]

Check THREE FURNACES

TWO WAYS

BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

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Stourbridge Observer 29/2/1868

“Thomas Griffiths, chainmaker, was charged with being drunk and refusing to quit the beerhouse, the TWO WAYS INN, Brierley Hill. Police-constable Hammond proved that the defendant was fighting and very disorderly, and refused to leave the house. Witness put him out, and defendant refused to go home, and eventually witness was compelled to lock him up.

Ordered to pay 1s and costs.”

UNICORN

134, Dudley Street, Round Oak, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Benjamin Shorthouse
North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1896)
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1909)
Mitchells and Butlers Ltd.

LICENSEES

James Timmins [1856] – [1860]
Thomas Chambers [1861] – **1866**);
George Davies (**1866** – [1870]
George Mantle [] – **1870**);
Reece Johnson (**1870** – []
Thomas Timmins [] – **1871**);
John Birch Perry (**1871** – **1872**);
Thomas Pardoe (**1872** – **1873**);
Thomas Holds (**1873** – **1879**);
Mrs. Sabra Holds (**1879** – **1884**);
John Stringer (**1884** – **1888**);
Thomas Harvey (**1888** – **1890**);
John Warr (**1890** – **1891**);
Benjamin Shorthouse (**1891** – **1896**);
James Hyde (**1896** – **1897**);
Thomas Chuter (**1897**);
James Dean (**1897** – **1898**);
Albert Edward Kinsell (**1898** – **1901**);
Arthur Catlin (**1901** – **1902**);
Albert Edward Norwood (**1902** – **1904**);
Samuel Insull (**1904** – **1908**);

NOTES

James Timmins = James Timmings

Brierley Hill Advertiser 12/1/1856

“*James Timmings*, landlord of the UNICORN INN, in this town, charged Edward Dudley, a miner, with an assault on Saturday last. Dudley, who did not appear, was fined 10s, with 5s to complainant for loss of time, and expenses, or in default, to be committed to 2 months to hard labour.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 21/2/1857 - Advert

“UNICORN INN, Round Oak / Brierley Hill / Loan Society, No.2, for Sums of £25, £50, and £100, and upwards will commence at the above House, on Thursday next, the 35th instant. Any person becoming a member will much oblige. / Their obedient servant / *James Timmins*.”

UNICORN INN, ROUND OAK,
BRIERLEY-HILL.
LOAN SOCIETY No. 2, for Sums of £25,
£50, £100, and upwards, will commence at the above
House, on THURSDAY next, the 26th instant. Any
person becoming a member will much oblige
Their obedient servant,
JAMES TIMMINS.

Advert 1857

PIGEON SHOOTING.
OPEN TO ALL ENGLAND, AND NO MAN BARRED.
TO be SHOT FOR, at the house of Mr. James
Timmins, the Unicorn Inn, Brierley-Hill, on
MONDAY, March 29th, 1858, a Superior FAT PIG, value
£10. Twenty Members at 10s. each. The Winner can
have £9 10s. or the Pig.
Conditions of Shooting.—To Shoot at Five Birds
each. Gun three-quarter bore, two ounce shot, twenty-
one yards rise. Double Gun nineteen yards rise, one-
and-a-half ounce of shot. Sixty yards boundary. Any
Gentlemen may shoot for three tickets.

Advert 1858

Brierley Hill Advertiser 20/5/1858 - Advert

“Pigeon Shooting, Open To All England And No Man Barred. To be Shot for, at the house of Mr. *James Timmins*, the UNICORN INN, Brierley Hill, on Monday, March 29th, 1858, a Superior Fat Pig, value £10. Twenty Members at 10s each, The Winner will have £9 10s or the Pig.

Conditions of Shooting. – To Shoot at Five Birds each. Gun threequarter bore, two ounce shot, twenty one yards rise. Double Gun nineteen yards rise, one and a half ounces of shot. Sixty yards boundary. Any Gentleman may shoot for three tickets.”

George Davies = George Davis

Dudley Herald 15/2/1868 - Advert

“To be sold by auction at the house of Mr. *George Davies*, the UNICORN INN, Round Oak old licensed public house and premises known as the UNICORN INN comprising tap room, smoke room, bar, club room, three bedrooms, good cellars, brewhouse, stabling, piggeries, outbuildings and enclosed yard, in the occupation of *George Davies*. The above house fronts the Stourbridge and Dudley Turnpike.”

Stourbridge Observer 11/3/1871

“Henry Roberts was charged by Richard North with assaulting him on the 28th ultimo. Mr. Burbury defended. Complainant said he went to a man named Cooper to have some ale. They had some words, when the defendant went to fetch a spade to strike him. The spade was taken from him, and defendant then picked up a poker and struck him on the head with it, and knocked him senseless.

Mr. Burbury addressed the Bench for the defence, contending that the complainant was the aggressor, and that what he received he brought upon himself.

George Davis was called, and said that complainant first struck the defendant, and pushed his wife. They had eight quarts of ale between the five of them. It was about three o'clock in the morning. The ale was had from the UNICORN INN.

Benjamin Cooper and Sarah Roberts also gave evidence.

The Bench remarked that it was a disgraceful thing to make such a row and strike a man with a poker, and fined him 10s and costs.”

It was called the UNION in 1872 and 1873, in the Stourbridge Observer.

1881 Census

134, Dudley Street

- [1] *Sabra Holds* (40), widow, licensed victualler, born Lye;
- [2] Alice A. Holds (18), daughter, barmaid, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] William Holds (14), son, iron worker, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] Charles Green (53), boarder, iron roller, born Bilston:

London Gazette 12/8/1881

“In the County Court of Worcestershire, holden at Stourbridge.

In the Matter of Proceedings for Liquidation instituted by *Sabra Holds*, of the UNICORN INN, Round Oak NOTICE is hereby given, that a First General Meeting of the creditors of the above-named person has been summoned to be held at the offices of Mr. John Walter Clulow, No. 92, High-street, Brierley Hill, in the county of Stafford, on the 27th day of August, 1881, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon precisely.

Dated this 10th day of August, 1881.

J. Walter Clulow, Brierley Hill, Solicitor for the said Debtor.”

County Express 2/3/1901

“*Albert Edward Kinsell*, landlord of the UNICORN INN, Dudley Street, Brierley Hill, was charged with permitting drunkenness on his licensed premises on February 2nd. Mr. Clulow prosecuted, and Mr. W. Waldron defended.

Police-sergeant Harris stated that on the night named he went to the UNICORN, and in a room saw a man named Henry Thorneycroft asleep in a corner. He had the appearance of a drunken man, and upon Thorneycroft being awoke they found he was intoxicated, and that he staggered as he left the room. When he was awoke, Thorneycroft said he would have another pint, and added that he had been there half an hour. At the time they entered *Kinsell* was

playing the piano. When they went outside defendant followed, and said, 'I hope nothing will come of this; I am all of a tremble, and it has upset me.' He also asked them to go inside and have a drink, but witness refused, and walked towards High Street, Brierley Hill. When opposite the SARACENS HEAD, *Kinsell* caught them up, and said, 'I am not quite satisfied yet; will you promise me nothing will come of it?' Witness replied, 'No, I shall not,' whereupon defendant wanted them to go to the SARACENS HEAD to have a drink to settle it. Again witness refused, and then *Kinsell* said, 'It will ruin me,' and put a coin in witness's hand. This he found to be the two shilling piece (produced), and which witness marked in defendant's presence. He told defendant it was likely he would have to answer a charge of attempted bribery, whereupon defendant expressed the hope that he had done nothing wrong, and said what he did was done with a good heart. Later the defendant went to see Mr. Superintendent Spendlove.

By Mr. Waldron: This was on the day of the Queen's funeral and the public-house was closed for some time. Defendant was playing the piano, but witness did not hear the hymn 'Lead, kindly light,' being sung, someone was singing but it did not sound like a hymn. He did not know that any beer was supplied to Thorneycroft, but there were a number of jugs and glasses with beer in.

Police-constable Ledward corroborated, and Superintendent Spendlove deposed to the visit of the defendant to the police station, and the statement he made.

Mr. Waldron said although the defendant acted very silly, yet his behaviour went to show that he had no knowledge of breaking the law. As a matter of fact Thorneycroft had not been supplied with any intoxicant.

The Clerk (Mr. Wickham King) said the charge was not one of selling, but of permitting drunkenness.

Mr. Waldron said the landlord was busy entertaining the company at the piano, and was not aware that Thorneycroft was any the worse. There might have been a technical offence, but no serious breach of the law.

Defendant was fined £3, including costs, and defendant was told he was lucky in not being there on a more serious charge of attempted bribery."

1901 Census

134, Dudley Street – UNICORN INN

[1] *Albert Edward Kinsell* (30), glass maker, born Middlesbrough, Yorkshire;

[2] *Alice Jane Kinsell* (31), wife, born Wordsley;

[3] *William Henry Kinsell* (5), son, born Harts Hill;

[4] *Alice Kinsell* (3), daughter, born Brockmoor;

[5] *Albert Edward Kinsell* (1), son, born Brierley Hill;

[6] *Edward Hall* (19), boarder, glass blower, born Wordsley:

In 1904 it was selling 213½ barrels per year.

The license was removed to the THREE HORSESHOES, Quarry Bank on 28th March 1908.

UNION

Brettell Lane, (Meeting Lane), BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Thomas Plant [] - **1871**);
Sarah Plant (**1871 - 1895**):

NOTES

Meeting Lane [1871]

It had a beerhouse license.

1891 Census

OLD UNION INN

[1] *Sarah Plant* (70), widow, beerseller, born Droitwich;

[2] *Alice Plant* (34), daughter, born Penn;

[3] *John Hart* (74), brother, born Brettell Lane;

[4] *Edward Hart* (11), born Penn:

The license was not renewed – house pulled down – March 1895.

UNION

29, (25), Mill Street, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd. (acquired c.1896)
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired in 1909)

LICENSEES

Edward Waldron (1856) – [1857]
James Henry Astley [1867] – **1874**);
Mary Jane Astley (**1874 – 1882**);
Noah Lawton (**1882 – 1888**);
Jabez Bird (**1888 – 1892**);
Edward Harley Jnr. (**1892 – 1898**);
Henry Allen (**1898 – 1901**);
William Ameson (**1901 – 1903**);
Henry Allen (**1903 – 1905**);
Samuel Homer (**1905 – 1910**);
Hannah Darby (**1910**);
Ellen Alice Wall (**1910 – 1911**);
Joseph Westwood (**1911 – 1912**);
Isaiah Cooper (**1912 – 1913**);
Samuel Vipond (**1913 – 1914**);
William Henry Blackmore (**1914**);
Phoebe Blackmore (**1914 – 1916**);
John William Cartwright (**1916**);

MESSRS. WESTWOOD AND BOWMAN'S QUADRILLE BAND

WISH to inform the inhabitants of Brierley-Hill and neighbouring district that they will take a great pleasure in engaging for either Public or Private Parties, punctually, on reasonable terms.—Apply to Mr. Edward Waldron, Union Inn, Lock's Lane; or to Mr. Joseph Bowman, High-street, Brierley-Hill.

Advert 1856

NOTES

25, Mill Street [1881], [1891]
29, Mill Street [1901]

It had a beerhouse license.

Brierley Hill Advertiser 5/1/1856

“The Sick and Draw Club held at Mr. *Waldron*'s UNION INN, Mill Street, had their annual Food on New Years's Day. Mr. Lysalt, surgeon to the club, presided. After ample justice had been done to the excellent dinner provided by the host, the secretary read the statement of accounts, when each member received 12s on his share of the surplus, and several new members were intered.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 26/7/1856 - Advert

“Messrs. Westwood and Bowman's Quadrille Band wish to inform the inhabitants of Brierley Hill and neighbouring district that they will take a great pleasure in engaging for either Public or Private Parties, punctually, on reasonable terms.

Apply to Mr. *Edward Waldron*, UNION INN, Locks Lane; or to Mr. Joseph Bowman, High Street. Brierley Hill.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 24//10/1857

“On Friday (yesterday), an inquest was held, by T. M. Phillips, Esq, coroner, at the house of Mr. *E. Waldron*, UNION INN, Mill Street, in this town, on the body of a child, named Elizabeth Lowe, aged eight years, whose death was occasioned by her falling into a boiler, at the home of her uncle, Mr. *Oliver Lowe*, WATERLOO INN, Mill Street, on Wednesday, the 7th inst, the particulars of which and occurrence will be seen in the evidence adduced.

George Wood, sworn, I am a labourer, and reside in Cottage Street, in this town, and was employed by Mr. *Oliver Lowe*, uncle to the deceased, on Wednesday, the 7th inst. I was employed in paring potatoes in the brewhouse, for a club supper, which was to take place that evening. Deceased came into the brewhouse between one and two o'clock in the afternoon, and was playing about. Soon afterwards she got up on the brickwork between the two boilers; one boiler contained potatoes, which were boiling for the pigs, the other boiler was empty. I told deceased to come off the boiler; but she did not. Deceased called out, ‘Oh, George, I am in the boiler.’ I turned round and saw she had one foot in the empty boiler. I told her to come off. I then went on with peeling the potatoes. In about a minute afterwards, I heard a scream; but cannot tell whether it was the servant girl or the child that screamed. Emma Shaw, the servant, was against the brewhouse door at the time, and made an alarm. I took the child out of the boiler, and I gave her to her uncle. The child’s clothes were taken off as quick as possible; and Mr. Norris, surgeon, was sent for. Mr. Norris, when he came, asked Mrs. Lowe what she had done, and Mrs. Lowe replied that she had dressed the scalds with some brandy, which he (Mr. Norris) said was quite right, and went away; he saw the child once afterwards. On the following Sunday, the child was taken to a woman at The Lye, named Mrs. Wood, who dressed the child’s legs with ointment, and continued to do so up to the Saturday before her death, when Dr. Walker was called in, and attended the child up to the time of her death. In answer to a question put by the Coroner, witness said it was more than his place was worth to touch the child.

Emma Shaw, servant to Mr. *Lowe*, said she was taking the dinner things away, and was passing by the brewhouse door, when she saw deceased with both her legs in the boiler, and holding the top up with her two hands. Wood was sitting on a bucket close to the boiler. Mr. and Mrs. *Lowe*, hearing the screams ran into the brewhouse and immediately conveyed the child into the house. She did not think Wood had put the child in the boiler.

The Coroner read over the evidence, and said although Wood had shown a great want of moral courage, yet there was nothing in the evidence adduced to criminate him.

The jury then returned a verdict that deceased had Accidentally Slipped into the boiler, and that her death was caused by the injuries she then received by the scalds.

Mr. Phillips had Wood brought into the room and gave him a very severe lecture on his inhuman conduct, and said that if he had used common discretion, he had no doubt the fatal accident would not have occurred – he should not allow him any expenses for attending as a witness on the enquiry.”

Stourbridge Observer 19/10/1867 - Advert

“To be sold by auction All that substantially built freehold public house known by the sign of the UNION INN, situate in Mill Street, Brierley Hill, comprising Front Tap Room, Bar, Kitchen, Sitting Room, two Chambers, large Club Room, two Cellars, Brewhouse, Piggeries, Outbuildings, large and productive Garden, well supplied with Water, and containing by recent adencasurement , including the site of the said Building, 406 square yards, or thereabouts, in the occupancy of Mr. *James Henry Astley*, at a rental of £35 per annum.”

James Henry Astley, beer retailer, 25, Mill Street. [1872]

1881 Census

25, Mill Street

[1] *Mary J. Astley* (42), innkeeper, born Dudley:

1891 Census

Mill Street – UNION INN

[1] *Jabez Bird* (57), publican, born Loughborough;

[2] *Charlotte Bird* (54), wife, born Barnstable, Devon;

[3] *Margaret G. Bird* (16), daughter, born Brierley Hill;

[4] *Florence Dudley* (14), servant, born Madeley, Shropshire:

1901 Census

29, Mill Street

[1] *Henry Allen* (31), publican, born Bitterley, Shropshire;

[2] *Sarah Allen* (29), wife, born Boockmoor;

[3] *Henry Allen* (8 months), son, born Brierley Hill;

[4] *Fanney Dodwell* (22), general servant, born Bewdley:

Indenture dated 28/10/1909

“All that messuage or tenement used as a beerhouse and known as The UNION INN situate in Mill Street Brierley Hill Together with the yard and outbuildings thereunto belonging.....”

1911 Census

25, Mill Street – UNION INN

[1] *Joseph Westwood* (51), labourer, born Lye;

[2] *Elizabeth Westwood* (52), wife, married 34 years, born Lye:

The license renewal was refused on 29th July 1914.

The license was extinguished on 30th December 1916.

VICTORIA

Thorns, QUARRY BANK

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Jeremiah Webb* [1849] – [1851]
Jeremiah Webb* [1870]

NOTES

Jeremiah Webb, beer retailer, Thorns. [1849], [1850]

1851 Census

Thorns

- [1] *Jeremiah Webb* (47), victualler, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Hannah Webb* (49), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *John Webb* (22), son, forgeman roller, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Richard Webb* (17), son, nail warehouseman, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Jane Webb* (15), daughter, employed at home, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Elizabeth Webb* (12), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford:

* possibly the same person

VINE

68, Brettell Lane, (24, Silver End), BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Joseph Wassall
Richard Wassall
Eleanor Wassall
John Glover
Smith, Williams (acquired c.1927)
Julia Hanson and Son Ltd. (acquired in 1934)
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.
Elizabeth Ann Russell, 31, Greswold Street, West Bromwich [2001]

LICENSEES

Joseph Wassall [] - 1857);
George Wassall (1857 - 1865);
Joseph Wassall (1865 - 1889);
Jane Wassall (1889 - 1890);
Mrs. Helen Wassall (1890 - 1893);
Richard Wassall (1893 - 1916);
Mrs. Eleanor Wassall (1916 - 1920);
Mrs. Dora Baird (1920 - 1921);
Eleanor Bishop (1921 - 1922);
John Glover (1922 - 1926);
Frederick Henry Ward (1926 - 1927);
James Barzilla Tromans (1927 - 1928);
John Stokes (1928 - 1929);
Arthur Jenner Alder (1929 - 1930);
Benjamin Wilkinson (1930 - 1932);
Albert Edward Bowkley (1932 - 1936);
Edgar Harold Baker (1936 - 1939);
Frederick William Hardy (1939 - 1952);
Sydney Frederick Arnold Head (1952 - 1955);
Horace Ernest Griffin (1955 - 1962);
Frederick Farmer (1962 - 1967);
Kenneth John Collins (1967 - 1969);
John Arthur Allen (1969 - 1970);
Jean Margarita Dudley (1970 - 1971);
Alan John Embery (1971 - 1973);
David John Price (1973 - 1980);
Janice Hewitt (1980 - 1982);
Brian Hewitt (1982 - 1992);
Peter Patrick Byrne (1992 - []
Ken Platt (1998)
Mrs. Threasea Hill (1998 - 1999)

BRETTELL LANE, AND BRIERLEY HILL STAFFORDSHIRE.

VALUABLE FREEHOLD OLD-LICENSED PUBLIC HOUSE, MALT HOUSE, AND PREMISES.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, by DAVIES and KING, on Tuesday, the 4th day of April, 1865, at the house of Mr. Darby, the Bell Hotel, Brierley Hill, at Six o'clock in the evening, subject to conditions to be then produced—

All that Old-licensed and well-accustomed PUBLIC HOUSE, known as the "VINE INN," situate at Brettell Lane, in the parish of Kingswinford, in the County of Stafford, with the MALT HOUSE adjoining, now occupied by Mr. Joseph Wassell; and also the COTTAGE at the back of the above, now occupied by — Surall.

The Public House contains Six Bed Rooms, Bar, Parlour, Taproom, Kitchen, and good Cellaring.

For further information, apply to Messrs. Corser and Walker, Solicitors, or the Auctioneers, Stourbridge.

Advert 1865

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24, Silver End [1940]

Brierley Hill Advertiser 27/6/1857

“On Wednesday evening last, John Fawcett, aged fifty-six, a wheelwright, of Silver End, near this town, committed self destruction by hanging himself. From the evidence brought before the jury at the inquest on the body yesterday, (before T. M. Phillips, Esq), at the VINE INN, Brettell Lane, it appeared that deceased had been in a desponding mood for a few days before his death from the circumstances of his landlord having threatened to distrain on his goods for arrears of rent, and that about ten minutes before he committed the rash act he had been quarrelling with his wife. He was found suspended by a thin rope to a bed-post by his daughter, a girl fourteen years of age, who had occasion to go into the bedroom. The girl was sadly frightened, but instantly raised an alarm, and her mother with two or three neighbours rushed into the room and cut him down. Mr. Norris, surgeon, was promptly in attendance, but on his arrival life was found to be extinct. After hearing the evidence, the jury returned a verdict of Temporary Insanity.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 20/2/1858

“On Wednesday last, an inquest was held by W. H. Phillips, Esq, deputy coroner, at the VINE INN, Brettell Lane, on the body of Ann Walters, wife of William Walters, roller, whose death was occasioned by her clothes taking fire on the night of the 8th inst. From the evidence produced, it appears that on the above night deceased’s husband returned home about half past nine o’clock, and in a short time afterwards went to bed, leaving his wife sitting before the fire, who it seems was somewhat the worse for liquor. About the middle of the night Walters was awoke by cries of murder, and rushing down stairs his wife in flames, he immediately poured a quantity of water over deceased, and called some neighbours in, who got his wife into bed. A surgeon was sent for, but death put an end to her suffering on the following Sunday, the 14th inst. After viewing the body, which presented a shocking appearance, and hearing the evidence, the jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.”

George Wassall = George Wassell

George Wassell was also a brickmaker. [1860]

Joseph Wassall was also a maltster. [1864], [1865], [1873], [1879]

Stourbridge Observer 1/4/1865 - Advert

“..... Valuable Freehold Old-Licensed Public House, and Premises. To be Sold by Auction, by Davies and King, on Tuesday, the 4th day of April 1865, at the house of Mr. *Darby*, the BELL HOTEL, Brierley Hill All that Old-licensed and well accustomed Public House, known as the VINE INN, situate at Brettell Lane, in the parish of Kingswinford with the Malthouse adjoining, now occupied by Mr. *Joseph Wassell*; and also the Cottage at the back of the above, now occupied by _ Surall.

The Public House contains Six Bed Rooms, Bar, Parlour, Taproom, Kitchen, and Good Cellaring.....”

Stourbridge Observer 16/2/1867

“On Monday last, at the Public Office, *Joseph Wassall*, landlord of the VINE INN, was charged by Superintendent Mills with having his house open for the sale of beer on the 3rd inst. Mr. Burbury defended.

Police constable Clements deposed that he visited the defendant’s house. He went into the malthouse at the back of the house, and found four men there drinking. They had a quart jug of ale. He at once told Mr. *Wassall* of it, and he said that he knew nothing about it. Defendant afterwards said that he had given two of the men some beer who were engaged in minding the malthouse. He knew nothing about the other two.

Mr. Burbury said that it was quite true what the officer stated. Defendant employed two men to prevent the malt from spoiling, and the other two men he knew nothing about. In proof of this, Mr. Burbury called John Heath, maltster, who corroborated this statement, and added that two men came into the malthouse. He did not know who they were. The Bench did not think that the case was fully made out, and dismissed defendant with a caution.”

Stourbridge Observer 24/7/1869

“On Tuesday morning last, about 10 o’clock in the morning, a man named Benjamin Bird (25), residing at the top of Brettell Lane, died suddenly.

It appears that the man had been to work; and returned.

An inquest was held on the body on Thursday last, at the house of Mr. *Wassall*, the VINE INN, before Mr. Phillips, Deputy Coroner.

After hearing the evidence, the jury returned a verdict of Died from Natural Causes.”

Stourbridge Observer 11/2/1871

“*Joseph Wassall*, landlord of the VINE INN, Brettell Lane, was charged by Superintendent Mills with keeping his house open for the sale of beer on the 29th ultimo, during prohibited hours. Mr. Perry defended.

Police-sergeant Breton said he visited the defendant’s house at a quarter past twelve. He saw a man coming out with a bottle of ale in his hands. When the man saw him the servant girl pulled him in again, and shut the door. He rapped the door, and said it was the police. Witness then went round to the back of the house. He saw a man with a bottle containing a gallon of ale. The man was drunk at the time, and could scarcely stand.

Police-constable V. Breton gave corroborative evidence.

Mr. Perry contended that the case had not been proved according to the wording of the summons, which charged him with selling ale. He should prove that the ale was drawn before the hour of twelve, and that defendant was trying to get the man out of the house; and called James Bennett, who said he was at defendant’s house on the above date, and called for a pint of ale. The landlord said just before twelve, ‘Now, my lads, it’s time to go,’ and most of them went. He asked the defendant to fill him a gallon of ale, because he did not like to have it on Sunday. No ale was filled after twelve o’clock.

Maria Page gave similar evidence to the above, and said she had a quart of ale at the same time as last witness, which was drawn before twelve.

Maria Matthews, servant at the defendant’s, said no ale was drawn after twelve o’clock. She heard a rap at the door. Her master went to open the door and the handle came off in his hand, and he went to the back to the police.

Superintendent Mills, in answer to the Bench, said the defendant had once before been convicted, and he had received complaints of the way in which defendant’s house had recently been conducted.

The Bench said if defendant was willing to pay the costs the case would be withdrawn. It was quite clear there had been some negligence on his part, but they were willing to take a lenient view of the case, and hoped it would be a caution to him in future.

Defendant then paid the costs.”

1871 Census

Silver End

[1] *Joseph Wassell* (37), publican and maltster, born Brierley Hill;

[2] *Jane Wassell* (30), wife, born Clent;

[3] *Lucy Jane Wassell* (12), daughter, born Kingswinford;

[4] *Annie Wassell* (9), daughter, born Kingswinford;

[5] *George Wassell* (5), son, born Kingswinford;

[6] *Emily Wassell* (3), daughter, born Kingswinford;

[7] *Richard Wassell* (2), son, born Kingswinford;

[8] *Joseph Wassell* (4 months), son, born Kingswinford;

[9] *Maria Matthews* (19), domestic servant, born Kingswinford:

Stourbridge Observer 18/11/1871

“Last night Mr. *Joseph Wassell*, VINE INN, Brettell Lane, was driving a spring trap with several women, when he was run into by a potatoe [sic] cart from Chaddesley. The shaft of the latter struck Mr. *Wassell*’s horse in the brisket of the fore leg, killing it instantly. No serious injuries were inflicted on the persons in the trap, although they were thrown with great violence into the road. The animal was worth £50.”

1881 Census

Brettle Lane

- [1] *Joseph Wassall* (52), publican and farmer of 20 acres, employing 2 men, born Kingswinford;
- [2] *Jane Wassall* (44), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Lucy Jane Wassall* (22), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Annie Wassall* (19), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *George Wassall* (15), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Nellie Wassall* (14), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Emily Wassall* (9), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [8] *Maria Wassall* (7), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [9] *Richard Wassall* (12), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [10] *Joseph Wassall* (10), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [11] *Henry Wassall* (4), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [12] *Kate Wassall* (3), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford:

1891 Census

68, Brettell Lane

- [1] *George Wassall* (25), unmarried, corn factor, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Helen Wassall* (23), sister, dress milliner, born Staffordshire;
- [3] *Richard Wassall* (21), brother, farmer, born Staffordshire;
- [4] *Joseph Wassall* (20), brother, maltster, born Staffordshire;
- [5] *Emily Wassall* (18), sister, barmaid, born Staffordshire;
- [6] *Maria Wassall* (17), sister, dressmaker, born Staffordshire;
- [7] *Thomas Lowe* (38), visitor, inland revenue exciseman, born Staffordshire;
- [8] *Louie Lowe* (32), visitor, female, born Staffordshire;
- [9] *Reginald Lowe* (9), visitor, scholar, born Claverley;
- [10] *Louie Lowe* (8), visitor, scholar, born Claverley;
- [11] *Lily Lowe* (6), visitor, scholar, born Kinver;
- [12] *Robert Lowe* (3), visitor, born Rowley Regis;
- [13] *Sarah Gannard* (18), general servant, born Brockmoor:

1901 Census

68, Brettell Lane

- [1] *Richard Wassall* (32), licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Eleanor Wassall* (27), wife, born Worcester;
- [3] *Emily Wassall* (27), sister, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Mary Griffin* (19), general servant, born Brierley Hill:

Tipton Herald 11/9/1909

“Mr. T. Allan Stokes (coroner) held an inquest at the VINE INN, Silver End, Brettell Lane, on Monday, respecting the death of Arthur Cartwright (19), a loader, of 71, Silver End, who met with fatal injuries whilst at work last Saturday at Messrs. John Hall and Company’s clay pit at Amblecote.

Mr. J. R. Felton, HM Inspector of Mines for Staffordshire was in attendance, and Messrs. Foxall (manager) and Bloomer watched the proceedings on behalf of the firm.

Samuel Cartwright, brother of the deceased, identified the body.

John Herbert Hickman, a pikeman, employed at the pit, said he was at work at the pit on Saturday last, and went down at seven in the morning. He was working with the deceased, as witness was getting the clay down. The accident happened about a quarter past seven, the right hand side of the face falling. A lot of debris and timber fell on to the deceased and witness, both of whom were buried. Witness liberated himself, and went and fetched help. The place had been examined before they commenced work, and was well timbered. There was other timber there if they had wanted it. Witness and Mr. Pitchford had examined the place. Deceased was bending at the time of the accident.

By Mr. Felton: The stuff came from the side first.

By the Coroner: If the deceased had not been in a stooping position he might have got out.

By Mr. Felton: The roof came down when the props were knocked. Deceased shouted out, 'Jack, I'm buried,' and I replied, 'So am I.' Deceased never spoke afterwards. There came five or six falls altogether. The cause of the side coming down was due to water.

Mr. Felton: In your opinion, could anything be done to prevent it? – Nothing at all could have been done.

The Coroner: You don't blame anybody? – No, sir.

John Wood, pikeman, also working at the same pit, gave evidence that Hickman went to him and said there had been a fall, and that Cartwright was buried. This would be about half past seven. Witness was working 40 yards away, but heard nothing. When he got to the spot another fall took place. Witness was the first man to go to the place, and the body, was not recovered till ten o'clock. The place had been examined that morning.

The Coroner: Are falls common in this clay pit? – Not common, we have not had a fall like this for a considerable time.

Have you taken every precaution to avoid them? – Yes, sir.

Hickman was recalled and in answer to the Coroner said the fall was very considerable, in fact several tons.

Mr. Felton: Did it give any warning before the fall? – No, sir.

Quite unexpected altogether? – Yes, sir, in a second.

Henry Pitchford, foreman, said he examined the place at half past six o'clock on Saturday morning, and in his opinion everything was safe. It was well timbered, and he had no reason to anticipate a fall.

Mr. Felton: Have you seen the place since? – Yes, I have seen it today.

Would you say that it was likely that the fall was caused by a slip or water? – Yes, sir.

The Coroner: I take it that you did not know about the presence of water? – No, sir.

The Coroner said the jury would have no difficulty in saying that the deceased died from suffocation, and the only thing for them to consider was whether deceased met with his death through an accident.

The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death.

Mr. T. Foxall, addressing the jury, said on behalf of Messrs. Hall and Co, that this was the first fatal accident in the Ambleside clay pits for the last 40 years, and the firm regretted the occurrence, and would sympathise with the mother in a tangible way."

Richard Wassall = Richard Wassell

1911 Census

Silver End – VINE INN

[1] *Richard Wassall* (42), licensed victualler, born Brettell Lane;

[2] *Eleanor Wassall* (38), wife, married 15 years, assisting in the business, born Holt Fleet, Worcestershire:

Richard Wassall was also a brewer. [1914]

County Express 4/12/1915

"Yesterday, at the VINE HOTEL, Silver End, Brierley Hill, Mr. T. A. Stokes (coroner) held an inquest respecting the sudden death, on Wednesday, of the licensee, Mr. *Richard Wassall*, aged 46.

Mrs. *Wassall* said when she left home, for Birmingham, at noon, her husband was perfectly well. When she returned at 9.30 he was dead.

Lilly Robert, domestic servant, stated that Mr. *Wassall* usually retired to his bedroom in the afternoon, and he did so after 2 o'clock on Wednesday. Between 4 and 4.30 she heard a groan upstairs, and proceeding to Mr. *Wassall's* room found the door open and Mr. *Wassall* lying on his side on the floor. She spoke to him and received no response, whereupon she fetched the brewer, who, with the carpenter, placed him on the bed. He was snoring, and she thought he was heavily asleep. At half-past six she went and knocked the door and, receiving no reply, she fetched the brewer, and upon entering the room found he was dead.

By the Foreman: She had not thought that Mr. *Wassall* was seriously ill.

Dr. L. A. Taylor gave his opinion that deceased passed away in an apoplectic seizure.

A verdict of Natural Causes was returned."

County Express 19/2/1916 - Advert

“*Richard Wassall* (Deceased).

Notice is hereby given that all creditors having any CLAIMS or DEMANDS against the Estate of *Richard Wassall* late of the VINE INN Brettell Lane, Brierley Hill, Licensed Victualler deceased (who died on the 1st December 1915) are required to send Particulars thereof on or before the 1st March 1916 to us the undersigned the solicitors for Eleanor *Wassall* the Widow and Executrix of his will.

Dated this 16th February 1916.

GOULD, ELCOCK & PARKHOUSE, Solicitors Stourbridge.”

Conveyance dated 2/7/1934

“All that messuage tenement or public-house known as The VINE INN with the land outbuildings yards and appurtenances thereto belonging situate lying and being Brettell Lane aforesaid all which said premises are bounded on the South by Brettell Lane main road on the North by a path or footway formerly leading to a draw well which had been filled up on the East by a messuage and premises formerly belonging to George Wassell nut now to _____ and on the West by a messuage and premises formerly known as the ROYAL OAK belonging to Harry Jenkins.....”

Alan Embery was married to Jennifer.

[2006]

Closed [2008]

It was converted into a fish and chip shop. [2009]



1996

VINE

10, (125), Delph Road, (94, Delph), (Mount Pleasant), BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Caroline Fox
Daniel Batham and Son Ltd. (acquired in 1905)

LICENSEES

Charles Attwood [1836] – **1871**);
Thomas Attwood (**1871 – 1880**);
Joseph Attwood (**1880 – 1904**);
Annie Louisa Fox (**1904 – 1905**);
Daniel Batham (**1905 – 1912**);
Walter Woodhall (**1912 – 1915**);
Daniel Batham (**1915 – 1939**);
Arthur Joseph Batham (**1939 – 1944**);
William Jones (**1944 – 1951**);
Sidney James Bennett (**1951 – 1959**);
Arthur Joseph Batham (**1959 – 1963**);
Archibald Harold Stokes (**1963 – 1967**);
Philip Vincent Martin (**1967 – 1969**);
Dennis Brian Smith (**1969 – 1971**);
George William Harper (**1971 – 1976**);
Michael Ryan 'Mike' Atkin (**1976 – 1987**);
Steven Suttie (**1987 – 1988**);
John Taylor (**1988 – 1989**);
Yvonne Jacklyn Hunt (**1989**);
Melvyn Robert Wood (**1989 – [2015]**)

NOTES

Mount Pleasant [1862]
94, Delph Road [1871]
94, Delph [1891], [1901], [1904], [1912]
125, Delph Road [1916], [1921], [1940]
10, Delph Road [2002], [2003]

It is locally (and nationally) known as the 'Bull and Bladder'.

It had a beerhouse license.

It was originally a slaughterhouse.

Batham's Brewery is situated at the rear and to the side of the pub.

The butcher's shop was let to W. Cresswell.
It was later used as a wine and spirits shop.

Charles Attwood, beer retailer and butcher, Delph. [1849], [1850]



1920



2015

Brierley Hill Advertiser 23/10/1858

“On Saturday last an inquest was opened at the VINE INN, Mount Pleasant, kept by Mr, *Charles Attwood*, on the body of Jane Cook, aged 50, who had died rather suddenly. It was stated the deceased had been subject to much ill treatment, and that she had herself expressed some doubts as to whether her death had not been unduly hastened. The Coroner, E. M. Phillips, Esq, accordingly adjourned the enquiry until Monday last, for the purpose of having a post mortem examination made. This was conducted by Dr. Walker, and after hearing the result on Monday last, the jury returned a verdict of Died from Natural Causes.”

Charles Attwood was also a butcher. [1860], [1864], [1865], [1868], [1870]
He had converted one room in the butcher's shop into a beerhouse.

1871 Census

94, Delph Road – VINE INN

- [1] *Charles Attwood* (78), widower, publican, born Cradley;
- [2] *Thomas Attwood* (30), son, butcher, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *James Attwood* (28), son, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Joseph Attwood* (26), son, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Ann Attwood* (24), daughter, born Kingswinford:

Charles Attwood died in 1872.

Thomas Attwood was also a butcher. [1872], [1873]

1881 Census

Delph – VINE INN

- [1] *Joseph Attwood* (35), unmarried, butcher, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *James Attwood* (38), brother, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Ann Attwood* (40), sister, born Brierley Hill:

1891 Census

94, Delph – VINE INN

- [1] *Joseph Attwood* (41), unmarried, publican and butcher, born Delph;
- [2] *James Attwood* (42), brother, unmarried, publican and butcher, born Delph;
- [3] *Ann Attwood* (43), sister, unmarried, housekeeper, born Delph:

Joseph Attwood was also a butcher. [1900], [1904]

1901 Census

94, Delph

- [1] *Joseph Attwood* (52), publican and butcher, born Delph;
- [2] *James Attwood* (53), brother, publican and butcher, born Delph:

Joseph Attwood died on 24th July 1904.

Dudley Advertiser 13/8/1904

“On Monday, at the Brierley Hill Police Court, before Messrs. J. S. Evers-Swindell and A. Shaw, Mr. J. Walter Clulow applied for an emergency license, to last till September next, on behalf of Thomas Fox, of the CROWN INN, Kinver, for the VINE INN, Delph, and unfolded a most extraordinary story, which will be doubtless read with a great deal of interest. The applicant, said Mr. Clulow, was the nephew of two brothers *Attwood*, who had lived in the house for a very long period, and were well known for their eccentric ways. Mr. Clulow stated that the one brother, *Joseph*, had recently died, and the other brother was unable to carry on the business. A curious state of affairs was found at the house, in which two of the rooms had not been opened for over fifteen years. Already £530 had been found stored away in unlikely places, coppers to the amount of half a hundredweight being amongst the treasure. Mr. Clulow said he thought it desirable that someone should be in the house till a proper search of it could be made. The Bench granted this application.

Subsequent to the hearing of the case, a representative of this journal made further investigations into the circumstances, which reveal still more clearly its extraordinary nature. He learnt that the original license was taken out in the name of *Joseph Attwood*, but after a search this was not discovered. A visit to the house gives one a rather melancholy impression. The exterior is dull and sadly in need of repainting. Altogether the outside of the building has a forlorn aspect. Seen inside, it brings to one's mind the idea of an ancient hostelry, with its old fashioned settees. On the mantelpiece are ornaments quite of the old style, and but for its neglected condition the house insensibly suggests to the observer one of those hospitable resting places we read of in the pages of Dickens as being frequented by the immortal Mr. Pickwick. There is a good club room, large and commodious; but several of the rooms have been shut and boarded up for about fifteen years. These have now been opened, and have a musty atmosphere, which with the prevailing disorder, is rather repugnant. The two brothers – James and *Joseph Attwood* – have been well known for the last thirty or forty years as eccentric personages and very tenacious of their seclusion. During this period they have spoken to hardly a person, and have entirely looked after themselves in regard to their personal requirements and provisions. Though doing a fairly good business in the butcher's shop which forms part of the premises, the brothers, who come of a good family, practically refused to sell any liquor, and only attended to people's requirements if the mood suited them. In 1836 their father took over the property, and since that time the house has been in the possession of the family, their mother having been born and died in the same room of the house. On July 24th the brother *Joseph* died, his death being known only to the other brother and a niece who came to nurse the dying man. A few days after his funeral, in the presence of the surviving brother, who is non compos mentis, a sister, two nephews, two nieces, and one of the niece's husband, a representative of Mr. Clulow, solicitor, Brierley Hill, assisted a clerk in a search of the house for the money which was expected to have been kept by the brothers. And it was found, though not so much as was anticipated. A sum of £480 was found in silver, and a total of about £530 altogether. Amongst this was a large amount of old copper coins and twopenny pieces which were refused by the bank. The hoard was found in bags of paper and leather, in boxes, cups, old gloves, purses, and stockings, and an immense amount of silver change wrapped in receipts for purchases made, and evidently the change received from the amount paid. A large drawer in a chest of drawers upstairs were found to contain large sums of money. A Mrs. *Fox*, sister of the deceased gentleman, is taking charge of affairs.

Some time will elapse before the search, which is being made by the new landlord, will be fully completed. A sale is to be held on Wednesday of the old furniture belonging to the house, and its removal will enable a more thorough search of all hiding places to be made. Mattresses will, of course, be cut open and thoroughly examined. It is very probable that more money will be discovered. James Attwood, the surviving brother, was removed on Monday evening from the house in which he has lived since his father's death in 1872. By the kindness of Mr. Clulow, our representative was enabled to examine some of the old coins which have been discovered. Of course, most of the money has already been banked, but there still remains a huge amount of copper pennies and twopenny pieces which the bank refuse to take, and also some farthings, which have of late become rather rare. The copper pieces are mostly of the Georgian period, and the majority of them are in fair condition. It is noticeable, however, that they appear in many cases much dented, and are evidently not of such good wearing quality as our bronze coins of today. The odour attaching to the copper is rather pungent, and is due to the oxidation which has taken place. Mr. Clulow explained that so far from there being any cause for alarm as to the existence of microbes, it would be practically impossible for any to exist on the copper coins. This also applies to gold coins, but silver is comparatively a refuge for all sorts and conditions of microbes. An old purse contained no fewer than 53 fourpenny pieces, which are now unknown today except for collector's bureaux. Another purse was full of threepenny bits. Concerning the value of the coins discovered there is an exaggerated idea spread abroad. As a metal, the copper coins are not worth a great amount, probably about one and a quarter times their face value, the same applying to the silver coins. It will be seen from the description given that the finds of money are not of a very rare nature as regards value to collectors of antiquaries. It may be mentioned that among the curious finds was that of an old bonnet of a style worn in last century, evidently having belonged to the mother of the two brothers. The deceased gentleman was sixty-four years of age, and the surviving brother sixty-six. Among the discoveries were several deeds relating to properties.”

Dudley Advertiser 7/1/1905 - Advert

“Lot 1. Freehold old-licensed Public House with Butcher’s shop and Premises adjoining / The VINE INN, Delph Road, Brierley Hill.

Bar 16’ x 9’6”, Tap Room 13’ x 12’8”, Smoke Room, Kitchen, two Cellars, Brewhouse, Club Room 45’ x 16’6”, Three Bedrooms, Two-stall Stables and reasonable Outbuildings.

Butcher’s Shop adjoining 28’6” x 13’. Slaughter house, Stable and Fast Penn, the whole being in the occupation of Miss *Fox* and having a frontage to Delph Road of 46’.

Lot 2. Five freehold dwelling houses numbers

The old-licensed House is Free. Early possession to be had, in the *Attwood* family for over 40 years.

Always a noted Home-brew house.”

Dudley Herald 8/1/1910

“The members of the Sick and Dividend Club held at the house of Mr. *D. Batham*, VINE INN, Delph, had their annual supper on Saturday.....”

1911 Census

Delph – VINE INN

[1] *Daniel Batham* (44), licensed victualler, born Rowley Regis;

[2] *Myra Batham* (38), wife, married 14 years, assisting in the business, born Tipton;

[3] *Charlotte Batham* (12), daughter, school, born Cradley;

[4] *Lily Batham* (11), daughter, school, born Cradley;

[5] *Daniel Batham* (5), son, school, born Brierley Hill;

[6] *Caleb William Batham* (4), son, school, born Brierley Hill;

[7] *Albert Ernest Boscawen Batham* (5 months), son, born Brierley Hill:

Daniel Batham, beer retailer, 94, Delph. [1912]

It was completely rebuilt in 1911 and 1912.

The model tower brewery was built, at the same time, behind the pub.

A full license was granted in 1912.

It was known as the VINE HOTEL (1912 - []

Dudley Herald 4/5/1912 - Advert

“To let, Capital fully licensed home brewing house, only freehouse in growing district known as the VINE, recently rebuilt, modernised, mosaic floors, bath, WC’s. Model tower brewery with plant attached.....”

- It was not taken up

Daniel Batham was born in 1867, in Lower High Street, Cradley Heath.

He was married to *Myra* c. 1897. She died on 4th September 1920.

He was vice chairman of Brierley Hill and District Free Home Brewers’ Association. [1921]

He died on 1st June 1939.

See also KING WILLIAM, Netherton, and BIRD IN HAND, Stourbridge.

County Express 10/6/1939

“.....At the weekly meeting of the ‘*Batham*’ Lodge RAOB, held at the VINE INN, Delph, Brierley Hill, on Wednesday, reference was made to the death of Mr. *Daniel Batham*, after whom the lodge was named. The members stood in silence as a mark of respect, and Primo *Arthur Batham* responded on behalf of the family. A message of sympathy was also received from the secretary of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire.”

Batham Lodge (No. 3941) of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes met here. [1935]

Arthur Joseph Batham was married to *Doris May*.

Mike Atkin was married to Pat.

“Live jazz every Monday.” [1982]

Dudley News 14/8/1987

“..... Mike [Atkin] has delighted visitors for the past 11 years with his eccentric behaviour and impromptu trumpet sessions, often accompanying the band of the evening.....”

It was extended into the brewery in 1994.

CAMRA (Dudley and South Staffordshire Branch) Pub of the Year in 1996.

[2015]



Vine Pipe Club 1911



c. 1980s



Arthur Joseph Batham Licensee



1994

VINE

2, (104), Fenton Street, (Moor Lane), (Moor Street), BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Benjamin Elwell, Delph
William Gutteridge, Sparkbrook
Mary Gutteridge
George Elwell, Delph (acquired in 1895)
Worcestershire Brewing and Malting Co. Ltd. (acquired in 1904)

LICENSEES

Michael Rider [1849] – [1850]
William Fellows [1854] – [1862]
Eliza Fellows [1864] – **1865**;
Joseph Cartwright (**1865 – 1867**);
Joseph Wasley (**1867 – 1876**);
Mary Gutteridge (**1876 – 1879**);
Clara and Nellie Williams (**1879 – 1880**);
Miss Sarah Ann Wingfield (**1880 – 1885**);
William Smith (**1885 – 1888**);
Ellen Jane Mallen (**1888 – 1889**);
Harry Bulliss (**1889 – 1891**);
Thomas Banks (**1891 – 1897**);
Alfred Pargeter (**1897**);
William Hobson (**1897 – 1900**);
Edward Evans (**1900 – 1901**);
Henry Penrice (**1901 – 1903**);
William Abraham Thompson (**1903 – 1904**);
John Rubery (**1904 – 1907**);
Nehemiah Holds (**1907 – 1911**);
George Hodges (**1911**);
Lilian Maud Grove (**1911 – 1913**);
Charles Henry Viner (**1913 – 1917**);
Samuel Mason (**1917**);

NOTES

Moor Lane [1849], [1850], [1857]
Moor Street [1868]
Fendon Street [1862]
104, Fenton Street [1873], [1881], [1892], [1896], [1901], [1904], [1911], [1912]
2, Fenton Street [1916]

William Fellows = William Fellowes

Brierley Hill Advertiser 7/3/1857

“*William Fellows*, licensed victualler, VINE INN, Moor Lane, was charged with having his house open for the sale of beer before one o’clock on the morning of the 22nd ult. Fined 10s and costs.”

1861 Census

Fenton Street – VINE INN

[1] *William Fellows* (36), victualler, born Dudley;

[2] *Eliza Fellows* (36), wife, born Dudley:

Joseph Wasley = *Joseph Wasby* = *Joseph Wassley*

1881 Census

104, Fenton Street – VINE INN

[1] *Sarah A. Wingfield* (24), unmarried, licensed victualler, born Pensax, Worcestershire;

[2] *Florence Plant* (15), general servant, born Stourbridge:

1901 Census

104, Fenton Street – VINE INN

[1] *Edward Evans* (44), licensed victualler, birthplace not known;

[2] *Jane Evans* (45), wife, born Wellington, Shropshire;

[3] *Frances M. Evans* (21), daughter, assistant in boot shop, born Shrewsbury;

[4] *Edward H. Evans* (19), son, boot fitter, born Shrewsbury;

[5] *Alice M. Evans* (17), daughter, assistant in boot shop, born Shrewsbury;

[6] *Elsie Evans* (9), daughter, born Shrewsbury:

1911 Census

104, Fenton Street

[1] *Nehemiah Holds* (59), licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;

[2] *Sarah Jane Holds* (57), wife, married 38 years, born Brierley Hill;

[3] *Thomas Charles Holds* (36), son, blacksmith, born Brierley Hill;

[4] *John A. Holds* (26), son, blacksmith, born Brierley Hill;

[5] *Henrietta Holds* (22), daughter, born Brierley Hill;

[6] *Minnie Cooper* (32), general servant, born Brierley Hill:

County Express 6/2/1915

“Licensing Sessions at Brierley Hill.

License renewed.

Supt. Johnson said he had served notice on objection on the licensee of the VINE INN, Fenton Street, Brierley Hill, against whom a conviction was recorded last March. The house was now well conducted, and he offered no objection to the renewal. The license was renewed.”

County Express 20/1/1917

“At Brierley Hill Police Court on Monday, the magistrates (Messrs. S. G. Dudley, W. H. Smith and G. Fred James) had before them 20 summonses issued in respect of alleged offences committed at the VINE INN, Fenton Street, Brierley Hill, on December 13th and January 18th as follows:—

Charles Henry Viner, licensee of the VINE, Fenton Street, Brierley Hill, was charged on six summonses that on December 13th being licensee of this house he supplied intoxicating liquors between 2 pm and 6.30 pm to *Mary Willetts*, *Annie Tibbets*, *Sarah J. Butler*, *Jack Stokes* and *Arthur Bradley*, and further supplying intoxicating drink at 10pm to *Annie Tibbets*.

Caroline Viner, wife of *Charles Henry Viner*, was charged on five summonses, with supplying intoxicating drink between 2 pm and 6.30 pm on December 13th to *Mary Tibbetts*, *Annie Tibbetts* and *Sarah Jane Butler*; and two summonses of permitting treating.

Jack Stokes, 25, Level Street, Brierley Hill, and *Arthur Bradley*, 13, Bent Street, Brierley Hill, were charged that on December 13th they consumed intoxicating liquors between 2 pm and 6.30 pm on licensed premises; and *Stokes* and *Bradley* were further charged with treating on December 13th.

Charles Henry Viner was further charged with being drunk on licensed premises, the VINE INN, on January 18th, and further with consuming intoxicating liquors on licensed premises after 9.30pm.

Charles Henry Viner was further charged that on January 10th he permitted *Arthur Bradley* to consume intoxicating drink after 9.30 pm, and further permitting drunkenness on his licensed premises on January 10th.

Mr. J. Walter Clulow appeared to prosecute on behalf of the chief constable, and asked the Bench to hear first the three charges against the licensee *Charles Henry Viner*, in respect of the events on January 10th.

Mr. J. T. Higgs, defending, said there were two sets of summonses, one in respect of December 13th, and one on respect of January 10th, and he could not see why the summonses for January 10th should be taken first. If the lot were to be gone into they ought to proceed first with December 13th, and then January 10th.

The Bench agreed to hear first the summonses in respect of January 10th against the licensee; first of these was taken out under the Licensing (Consolidation) Act, and the second and third under the provisions of the Central Control Liquor Traffic (Midland) Order.

In each instance *Viner* pleaded not guilty.

Mr. Clulow said he would state what the evidence he had to show. On January 10th at 10.40pm Sergt. Challinor, in consequence to something he heard at the rear of the VINE INN went there with PC's Campbell and Edwards. Challinor and Campbell proceeded to the rear of the premises, whilst Edwards was directed to remain at the front door. The yard in which Challinor and Edwards were had access to two windows of the back kitchen, one window being at the back and the other at the side. At both windows the blinds were drawn. It was apparent to the sergeant and Campbell that there were several persons in the kitchen, which was lighted. The back kitchen blind did not fit on either side, whilst the side window blind only fitted properly on one side so that from both windows the interior of the room could be seen. On looking through the end window Challinor saw Arthur Bradley, who was foreman bricklayer at a local ironworks, and there were also in the kitchen the licensee (*Viner*), his wife (*Caroline Viner*), their son (*Harry Viner*), and a woman named Mary Earwaker. They were sitting near a table on which was a bottle of whiskey. Closing time, Mr. Clulow remarked was half past nine, and this was at 11.10pm. The whiskey bottle was half full, and a milk bottle nearly full, whilst five glasses contained liquid. Each of the five were seen by Challinor to drink out of the glasses nearest to them. Mr. *Viner* then poured whiskey from the bottle into the five glasses, and then added milk, and the five persons subsequently drank. Challinor directed Campbell to tell Edwards to knock the house front door. When Edwards knocked Challinor saw the five drink and Mr. and Mrs. *Viner* hurried Bradley out of the room, this being followed by noises as though they were taking him upstairs.

Mrs. Earwaker and *Harry Viner* took the empty glasses off the table. Challinor then moved to the side window where he could see a cupboard, and looking, he saw what they did with glasses. They put these in the cupboard. He heard the front door open in response to Edwards' knocks, and also heard Edwards and Mrs. *Viner* talking in the passage. Challinor then knocked the back door, and this having been opened the sergeant directed Edwards to watch the front door to see that nobody went out. When he got into the kitchen a full bottle of milk was standing on the table; this had not been there before. He said to Mrs. *Viner* 'What have you done with Bradley?' and she said 'What do you mean?' *Viner* said 'there is no one else here except those you have seen.' and Mrs. *Viner* remarked 'You have a — fine cheek; there is no Bradley here.' To this Challinor said 'I am going upstairs, and to make a search.' He asked the landlord to go with him upstairs and *Viner* did so. They went into one bed room, and there was no one there. *Viner* then proceeded to go downstairs thinking as he (Mr. Clulow) suggested that the sergeant would follow him, but the sergeant didn't. He went into another bed room and in this found Bradley lying under the bed incapably drunk. He got Bradley downstairs. Mr. and Mrs. *Viner* being in the passage. *Viner* made the remark 'Hello Arthur, what are you doing here? I thought you had gone some hours ago.' Challinor asked the landlord how he accounted for Bradley being drunk, and *Viner* said 'I didn't know that he was here' and Mrs. *Viner* said 'Nor I: I am dumb-struck.' Challinor handed Bradley to Campbell and Edwards and then went into the kitchen.

The sergeant went straight to the cupboard, opened it, and took out a whiskey bottle and smelt it. This bottle would be produced in court, being one-third full of whiskey. Mrs. *Viner* said 'Oh, that is vinegar.' The sergeant handed it to Campbell to smell. He (Mr. Clulow) said both knew the difference between vinegar and whiskey. When Challinor said he would take possession of the whiskey bottle Mr. *Viner* said 'That is going a bit too far; don't take it away, it is whiskey.' Challinor then reached from the cupboard a glass which had a little whiskey and milk at the bottom of it, and asked *Viner* and his wife 'What is it?' to which the wife replied 'That is a glass I have not washed up.' Challinor pointed out that there were four more glasses in the cupboard in the same condition. These were the facts which he (Mr. Clulow) was to prove; if he did so he should ask the bench to work their sense of gravity of the offences. There appeared to have been total disregard of the Act of Parliament and of the order, and also an entire lack of discretion, good sense and consideration of what a licensee had to do; also there was an absolute defiance of that Court which had many times expressed itself of the observation of the law. Further the Bench had said something with regard to increased penalties if the law was not observed. It was unfair both to the public in general and also to those licensees, who, sometimes under difficult circumstances did conduct their houses properly under the Defence of the Realm Liquor Control Order; and under these circumstance, when a man wilfully and deliberately

committed acts of this kind it was not only in the interests of the law but in the interest of the society generally that these should be decided with the punishment deserved.

PS Challinor then entered the witness box, carrying with him a whiskey bottle, one-third full.

Mr. Higgs said he had listened attentively to what his learned friend had said, and if he could have five minutes in which to consult his client he thought the proceedings might be shortened.

The Bench permitted the interval.

Mr. Higgs subsequently stated that he had given his client advice which he was prepared to accept, and which would save the Court a great deal of time. He had advised Mr. *Viner* to plead guilty to the three charges on January 10th. He understood that in the event the summonses in respect of December 13th against *Viner* and his wife would be withdrawn on payment of costs. He did not want to go into the cases of December 13th so far as *Viner* and his wife were concerned.

Mr. Clulow: You accept my statement. The only thing I have got to prove is the whiskey.– (laughter)

Acting on Mr. Higgs advice *Viner* then pleaded guilty to the three charges on January 10th.

The Clerk (Mr. W. Wickham King) said he supposed on all the other there would be a formal plea of guilty.

Mr. Higgs: Yes

The Clerk then preferred the six charges against *Viner* in respect of December 13th.

P.S Challinor then gave evidence as to the events of January 10th, as related by Mr. Clulow's opening statement.

Mr. Higgs did not cross-examine, but said he would put his client into the box to answer a few questions upon which he desired the Court to have information.

Viner, the defendant, said he was a painter and decorator by trade, and three years ago in consequence of a break down in health he took to this public house - the first he had. He was a tenant, and paid between £40 and £50 ingoing. He now owed the Brewery Co. an account, and he was due to leave the house in a few days time. In consequence of what had happened he was a ruined man, and he had nowhere to go. In view of his financial position and his previous good character he asked the Bench to deal leniently with him. With regard to the visit by Bradley, it was after ten o'clock when he came to the VINE INN on the 10th inst. His visit in consequence of certain summonses being served with regard to December 13th. After being served, Bradley brought the summonses down with him.

Mr. Clulow: You were cautioned some hours previously, by the superintendent of police, on the same day.

Mr. *Viner*: Yes.

Mr. Clulow: At eight o'clock the same night you had been deliberately and specially cautioned by the superintendant at your own house respecting what he saw there during the opening time.

Supt. Johnson: Three drunks in the house.

Viner: Mr. Johnson said he thought one had had enough; he did not say they were drunk.

Mr. Higgs: You had a conversation with the superintendant, and now you are going out of the house?

Viner: Yes.

The Clerk produce the register showing that *Viner* was convicted in March, 1914, for permitting drunkenness and fined £3 including costs, and in June last he was fined £1 and £1 1s solicitors fee for giving long pull.

The Bench said in these cases, in which defendant had pleaded guilty, defendant would, in respect of the two summonses under Liquor Control Order be fined £7 in each, together with £2 2s solicitor's fee, distress or 41 days; in the case under the Licensing Act he would be fined £2 and £2 2s solicitor's fee or 21 days. In the other cases, in the first there would be payment of 10s costs, distress, or six days, and in the remaining cases 5s 6d each or six days in each.

The total was £25 11s.

The Bench asked the superintendant of police to report the house to the Liquor Control Board.

Sup. Johnson said he would do so.

Mr. Higgs said the representative of Wolverhampton and Dudley Brewery, the owners of the VINE INN, had now asked him to support an application for the temporary transfer of the license.

Mr. Dudley (chairman of the Bench) said he thought that Mr. Higgs would agree that it was a case in which the house should be reported, it was a very bad case and should be reported.

Mr. Higgs said he agreed if the present licensee was going to remain, but there was an application to remove him.

The Clerk suggested the application should be made at once for a temporary permit.

Mr. Higgs then made the application. If the present licensee went, then the reporting of the house would make some innocent parties suffer. *Viner* was a tenant of the house, so that the Brewery Co. had no control over him whilst he remained as licensee. The application was for a temporary transfer of license to Mr. Mason, of Dudley. When *Viner* was convicted for supplying over measure he was told that objection might be made at the Licensing Sessions in

February, and Mr. Mason had been asked to take the house even before these present summonses were issued. Mr. *Mason* of the DUKE of YORK INN, Dudley said he paid a deposit to Mr. Slater (Messrs. Humphries, Slater and Co.) last Wednesday in respect of the VINE INN. He was willing to take it over if it was not going to be closed or if it would not injure him in respect of any future application. Mr. Higgs said if the man did have to leave through the house being closed by the Control Board the Brewery Co. would guarantee to repay what Mr. Mason paid to enter. Supt. Johnson stated that following the conviction last June he spoke to the company's representative (Mr. Bowles), telling him that the *Viners* were anything but satisfactory, and when the time came round he should oppose them to the utmost of his power, and that they had better provide for a change in tenancy; otherwise, he said there would be trouble. Nothing had been done since June until this last trouble arose, and now they tried to rush another tenant into the house. He was right in saying that it was the very worst conducted house in the whole of the police division, and he had something like 500 houses. Mr. Bowles said he had been endeavouring to find a tenant ready for February which was the time Mr. Johnson had intimated his objection would be raised. Supt. Johnson said he would accept Mr. Bowles' assurance on this point. The Bench granted a temporary permit to Mr. *Mason*; at the same time the applicant must realise the position he was in, seeing that they asked that the house be reported. Arthur Bradley, foreman bricklayer, 13, Bent Street, Brierley Hill, was then charged with being drunk in the VINE INN on January 10th, further with consuming liquor between 9.30 and 11.55pm. PS Challinor gave evidence to finding Bradley drunk under a bed. He was locked up. Mr. Clulow: When did he get sober? Witness said he was drunk until the morning. The Clerk asked what the man earned. Challinor: About £5 a week. Mr. Clulow: How do you know? Challinor: I saw an income tax paper in his pocket when he was searched. Bradley: But that is not evidence - (laughter) Mr. Higgs: do you pay your own labourers? Bradley: No, not out of that. Mr. Higgs said it was in consequence of getting summonses the Bradley went to the VINE INN. Sergt. Challinor asked permission to say that he never served Bradley with any summonses. He left these at his house with his wife, and it was in consequence of something his wife said that witness went to the VINE INN. Bradley never had the summonses until next morning. Mr. Higgs said summonses were served at *Viner's* with Bradley's name on, with the result that *Viner* sent for Bradley, who came at a quarter past ten. He was fetched from another public house. Mr. Clulow: Did he want any sending for to come to the VINE? Sergt. Challinor: Not judging from past conduct. The Bench fined Bradley 20s for the offence against the Liquor Control Order and 5s, on the second charge, whilst for the offences on December 13th he was ordered to pay costs, 5s 6d each - a total of £2 16s. Mr. Clulow said with regard to the two charges against Jack Stokes they were prepared to withdraw those on payment of the costs, Stokes had done his duty to his country. Mr. Higgs on Stokes' behalf, consented to this and the cases were withdrawn on payment of ___ costs."

County Express 10/2/1917

"Brierley Hill Licensing Sessions.

VINE INN, Fenton Street, Brierley Hill. Supt. Johnson had objected to the renewal of this license to *Charles Henry Viner*.

Mr. J. T. Higgs represented the owners (the Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries, Ltd.) also *Samuel Mason*, who held a temporary license.

Supt. Johnson said *Viner* became the licensee in December, 1913. *Mason* had become the occupier since *Viner* on January on a charge of permitting drunkenness was fined 40s. and 42s. solicitor's fee; of selling liquor for consumption during prohibited hours £7 and 42s. solicitor's fee; and for permitting the consumption of such liquor, contrary to the Defence of the Realm Act, £7 and 42s. solicitor's fee. In June, 1916, *Viner* was fined £4 and solicitor's costs, 22s., for selling a greater measure of intoxicants than was asked for, and in March, 1914, for permitting drunkenness he was fined £3. On January 15th, when Mr. *Mason* applied for the license his attention was

drawn to the convictions, and it was pointed out to him that the magistrates might refuse renewal at the licensing sessions. Knowing this he went on with the application and the license was granted to him. If there was one house worse than another in the 500 in his division it was the VINE INN, Fenton Street. He never knew anything approaching it. Beside the five convictions recorded he withdrew, he believed, 11 other summonses without convictions being recorded. A multitude of offences were committed, and when the police went to serve summonses for the first offences they discovered another offence being committed. He never saw a house managed in such a loose way in his life. After conviction in June, 1916, he pointed out to the owner's representative the danger in keeping Viner in.

The Clerk asked what kind of people resorted to the house in the time of *Viner*?

Supt. Johnson said the majority were young folk, averaging from about 18 to 30 years. Quite one half were women, and these stopped after closing time (9.30) until 11 o'clock. The disorder in the street after they came out was bad, and a number of cases brought to the police court had originated at the house, including assaults on women. Wives alleged that they had found their husbands nursing somebody else's in the house, to which they objected, and the result was that they were assaulted. This sort of thing - complaints by wives against husbands being there - had been going on since the *Viners* were in the house.

By the Clerk: Mr. *Mason*'s conduct in the short time he had been there was satisfactory. They had no complaint, but the same class of people were frequenting the house.

Mr. Higgs, after remarking that Mr. *Mason* not *Viner*, was his client that morning, suggested that if *Viner*'s conduct had been satisfactory after April, 1916, the police opposition would not now have been serious.

Supt. Johnson said it would have been very serious. After conviction in March, 1914, *Viner* told him that if he would withdraw his objection he would become a model publican; but he turned out a perfect rotter. After July he told Mr. Bowles, the representative of the company, that those people at the VINE were not fit to hold the license. He could not object before the sessions, because his hands were tied.

Mr. Evers Swindell said that when the last convictions were recorded the superintendant was instructed to report the matter to the Board of Control.

Supt. Johnson said he did so on the same night, but he had not heard the result. Indeed, it was only on Saturday last that the Board asked for some further information.

Police-Srgt. Challinor stated that prior to July the VINE was kept open after hours prescribed for selling liquor by the Board of Control. He had seen from 20 to 30 youths enter the house after 9.30 p.m., and he had visited it on many occasions between this time and 11 p.m. Several times he had seen women sitting on the knees of men. Once he told the landlord that this was not adding to the good conduct of the house.

By Mr. Higgs: Some time ago he was fetched to the VINE in respect of an alleged robbery of jewellery upstairs when men and women had been there. A month or two before Mrs. *Viner* fetched him on the plea that her rings were stolen from her bed room. She accused customers. On another occasion witness had PC Tatlow behind the wardrobe waiting. Allegations of robberies were frequent, but he did not accept them as justified.

By Supt. Johnson: From time to time he had received complaints from wives as to their husbands frequenting the house, and he had complained regarding this to the landlord with respect to the loose manner in which the house was conducted. The VINE INN had been the resort of three women from Cradley Heath and also two Birmingham women. When he served summonses on *Viner* in January he found people in the house drunk, and he sent for Supt. Johnson who also witnessed what was happening.

PS Tunnicliffe stated that he had witnessed three young people of 17 and 18 and up to 30 years usually half drunk using bad language; young women sitting on men's knees. At times the landlord had been in the room when this conduct went on.

Mr. Higgs said serious hardship, if the license was not renewed would not fall on the guilty party, but on the owners and, in a lesser degree, on the present applicant, Mr. *Mason*. This house was purchased by the Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries when *Viner* was in occupation; and from then until *Viner*, with other people, was charged with giving over measure in 1916, there was no complaint. After the 1916 conviction the superintendant told Mr. Bowles that when the time came there must be a change, and Mr. Bowles said he would make arrangements, to tenants six months notice had to be given. *Viner* was going out, under notice, before that day, and *Mason* would have been in possession, conviction or no conviction. *Viner* committed these offences while under notice of removal, and under these circumstances it would be serious hardship for his clients to lose their capital. There was another strong reason against refusing the application. When the recent convictions were recorded against *Viner* the Bench decided that the house should be referred to the Liquor Control Board for consideration. This Board was purposefully set up for

considering whether houses should be closed or not under the Defence of the Realm regulations. This case was sub judice, and it would prejudice his client's case if the Bench now refused renewal of the license. In fact the Bench would be ousting the Board of their jurisdiction.

Mr. Evers Swindell asked if there was not a claim in the agreement between the owners and tenant that in the event of misconduct the tenant could be ejected at a moments notice.

Mr. Higgs agreed, but explained that after the conviction of giving over measure, they were told they must get someone else before the next licensing day. When the fact of the house being kept open after 9.30 was brought to the notice of the company they saw that it was afterwards closed at this hour.

The Bench refused to renew the license.”

It was closed by the Central Board (Liquor Traffic Order) on 4th April 1917.

VINE

23, Parkes Street, (23, Park Street), BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Ann Beddard
Elwell, Williams (acquired c.1904)
Smith and Williams (acquired c.1916)
Julia Hanson and Son Ltd. (acquired on 2nd July 1934)

LICENSEES

Ann Beddard [1872] – **1886**);
Thomas Wilcox (**1886 – 1888**);
Emily Wilcox (**1888 – 1891**);
Elijah Wilcox (**1891 – 1900**);
Thomas Darby (**1900 – 1904**);
John Richards (**1904**);
Major Allport (**1904 – 1906**);
George Benton (**1906 – 1910**);
Isaac Pennell Newton (**1910 – 1922**);
Lydia Newton [1911] ?
Joseph Ernest Emmett (**1922 – 1925**);
George William Irwin (**1925 – 1926**);
Leonard Hawkins (**1926 – 1928**);
David Dunn (**1928 – 1931**);
David Thomas Holt (**1931 – 1933**);
Mrs. Constance Lilian Lenton (**1933 – [1940]**)

NOTES

23, Park Street [1881], [1891], [1904]
23, Parkes Street [1901], [1911]
Parkes Street [1912], [1940]

It had a beerhouse license.

1881 Census

23, Park Street – VINE INN
[1] *Ann Beddard* (65), widow, innkeeper, born Dudley;
[2] *Ann Beddard* (35), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
[3] *Mary Beddard* (31), daughter, born Brierley Hill:

1891 Census

23, Park Street – The VINE INN
[1] *Emily Wilcox* (37), widow, beer retailer, born Amblecote;
[2] *Joseph Wilcox* (10), son, scholar, born Brierley Hill;
[3] *Sarah Gertrude Wilcox* (8), daughter, scholar, born Brierley Hill;
[4] *Thomas Edward Wilcox* (7), son, scholar, born Brierley Hill;
[5] *Emily Maud May Wilcox* (5), daughter, scholar, born Brierley Hill:

1901 Census

23, Parkes Street – VINE INN

- [1] *Thomas Darby* (35), beer retailer, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Hannah Darby* (44), wife, born Tipton;
- [3] *Edith Darby* (19), daughter, born Tipton;
- [4] *May Darby* (11), daughter, born Tipton:

County Express 4/1/1902

“Sick and Draw Clubs.....

VINE INN (Brierley Hill).– The members held their annual dinner in connection with this club on Monday, Mr. Morton presiding. The secretary gave his report, declaring a dividend of 14s 11d per member, which was considered satisfactory. The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. *Darby*. The club re-commences on Monday evening.”

Elizabeth Dyson drank in here with her murderer, William Lane, on the evening of her murder, 26th June 1902.

Thomas Darby, beer retailer, 23, Park Street. [1904]

Isaac Pennell Newton = Isaac Pennall Newton

1911 Census

23, Parkes Street

- [1] *Isaac P. Newton* (36), time check clerk, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Lydia Newton* (35), wife, married 11 years, public house keeper, domestic duties, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *George H. Newton* (9), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Percy Newton* (4), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *Isaac P. Newton* (6 months), son, born Brierley Hill;
- [6] *Gladys Avon* (17), servant, born Brierley Hill:

Isaac Pennall Newton, beer retailer, Parkes Street. [1912]

Tipton Herald 8/2/1913

“On Monday afternoon at the VINE INN, Parkes Street, Brierley Hill, Mr. Gough Allen (deputy coroner for South Staffordshire) held an enquiry into the circumstances of the deaths of Elizabeth Jeavons (16) and Lily Hill (17), whose homes were at Parkes Street, Brierley Hill, and whose bodies were recovered from the Birmingham canal, near the Earl of Dudley’s new level ironworks, Brierley Hill, on Friday afternoon last. When drawn from the water it was found that the girls were tied together by two wrists by means of a boot lace.

Mrs. Mary Allan Hill, wife of Benjamin Hill, a puddler, Parkes Street, said the deceased girl, Lily Hill, was her eldest child. For the past three weeks her daughter had been employed at the brickworks of Messrs. G. King Harrison, Ltd. Previously the girl was in domestic service. Lily went to work at 5.30 last Thursday morning, and did not return as usual at night. On Friday afternoon her daughter was brought home dead. Her body having been recovered from the canal. She was a bonny girl, always cheerful and bright, and had never to her knowledge, threatened suicide.

Mrs. Sarah Jane Jeavons, wife of James Jeavons, ironworker, Parkes Street, gave evidence identifying the body of her daughter. Deceased had worked for eight days at the same works as Hill, and went there contrary to witness’s wish. She last saw her alive soon after 5 on Thursday morning, when she went to work. Hill called for witness’s daughter before they went out to the brickworks, and they had cups of tea together. Her daughter was a cheerful girl. There never was a nicer girl, she said, in the world, and she was liked by everybody who knew her.

Emma Lowe (married), 33, The Dock, Wordsley, said she worked at Messrs. Harrisons brickworks, and knew both these girls. She saw them both on Thursday morning. Lily Hill said to witness that morning, ‘Pem,’ which was the name witness was known by, ‘I have a secret that I wish I could tell to you, but I am afraid to tell you, for fear you should tell the other girls and they should laugh at me.’ Both Hill and Jeavons were cheerful all the day through. In the evening at a quarter past five, Hill said to witness, ‘Pem, you will never see me on earth no more.’ Witness turned to her and replied, ‘Don’t you be foolish.’ To that Hill answered, ‘You will never see me here again, so goodnight old sport, and if you hear of anything in the morning, don’t you be surprised.’ Jeavons was not present when this

conversation took place. About four o'clock the same afternoon, Jeavons remarked to witness, 'Isn't it good to be alive.' Witness never thought the girls were serious, and took it as a joke. Had she thought Hill meant anything, she would have either followed them, or seen that someone did. They were the jolliest girls that had ever worked at these works, and Lizzie Jeavons was really a most loving girl. They seemed to have no trouble whatever, and were friends with everyone.

Benjamin Barker, 44, Alwen Street, Wordsley, a young man employed at the same works, gave evidence to seeing these two girls as they were leaving the works soon after 5.30 on Thursday night. They wished him goodnight, and added they were not going home that night. When he asked them why, Lily Hill said he would hear more of it tomorrow. At the same time she threw a bottle in which she had tea against the wall, and was about to throw her dinner basin, but she did not do so, remarking, 'No they will find this tomorrow.' They then went off together.

PS Willie gave evidence to some girls' outer clothing being found on the canal side on Friday morning, and also two dinner basins. He and others dragged the canal, and at a quarter to four in the afternoon, they recovered the bodies.

The Coroner: Were they tied together?

Witness: They were face to face, locked in one another's embrace. They got the bodies out together, because they would not separate, and when he examined them he found that Hill's left was tied to Jeavons's right wrist, by means of a boot lace wrapped twice round. There were no marks of violence on either of the bodies, neither were there marks of any struggle on the towing path. He had made every enquiry, but could find no motive.

The Coroner, summing up, said that although Hill made a remark that she intended to do something, one girl could hardly tie another by the wrist without consent. There was, however, no evidence that in any way Jeavons threatened to commit suicide. It looked, perhaps, as if the other girl had a great deal of influence over Jeavons, and induced her to do it. The jury would have to decide whether these girls committed suicide, and what was the state of their minds at the time.

The jury, after a short consultation, said it appeared to them that it was a case of determined suicide.

The Coroner asked 'Do you mean that the girls appreciated the fact that their act was contrary to the law,' and advised further consultation, as one jurymen remarked, 'Unsound mind.'

Ultimately a verdict of *felo-de se* was returned, the foreman, Mr. John Glover, stating that everything pointed to the determination of the girls, especially the way they left their clothing, the jollity, and the tying of themselves together."

Conveyance dated 2/7/1934

"All that message or Inn called the VINE INN situate in Parkes Street Brierley Hill aforesaid now or late occupied by *Isaac P. Newton* with the brewhouse, stabling, outbuildings yard and garden to the same belonging."

Check BOARD.

VINE

3, Turk Street, (Delph Lane), Delph, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Benjamin Raybould, miner
Henry Hayward
North Worcestershire Breweries Ltd. (acquired c.1896)
Atkinsons Ltd. (acquired c.1898)

LICENSEES

Benjamin Raybould [1872] - **1876**);
Henry Hayward (**1876 - 1877**);
Benjamin Raybould (**1877 - 1884**);
Joseph Raybould (**1884 - 1888**);
Charles Raybould (**1888 - 1889**);
Celia Raybould (**1889 - 1890**);
John Hobson (**1890 - 1895**);
Richard Raybould (**1895 - 1896**);
Thomas Smith (**1896 - 1897**);
Joseph Brookes (**1897 - 1898**);
John Thomas Smith (**1898**);
William Haynes (**1898 - 1899**);
William Abraham Thompson (**1899 - 1901**);
John Croft (**1901**);
Elizabeth Bird (**1901**);
Frederick Thomas Bird (**1901 - 1902**);
Francis John Bryce (**1902 - 1905**);
Ebenezer George Shaw (**1905 - 1912**);

NOTES

3, Turk Street [1881]

It had a beerhouse license.

It had a small brewery in the yard.

1881 Census

3, Turk Street

- [1] *Benjamin Raybould* (49), coal miner, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Martha Raybould* (53), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Margaret Raybould* (21), daughter, dressmaker, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] *Richard Raybould* (15), son, labourer, born Brierley Hill;
- [5] *Elisha Raybould* (11), son, born Brierley Hill:

1891 Census

Delph Lane – VINE INN

- [1] *John Hobson* (68), ironworks ball furnaceman, born Wombourne;
- [2] *Mary Hobson* (60), wife, born Wombourne;
- [3] *Walter Hobson* (24), son, fire brick burner, born Delph;
- [4] *Arthur Hobson* (18), son, helper ball furnace, born Delph;
- [5] *Fred Hobson* (14), son, scholar, born Delph:

John Smith was fined £10 and costs on 18th August 1898, for permitting drunkenness.

County Express 25/1/1902

“*Joseph Marson*, Delph, was charged with being disorderly in the VINE INN, Delph, and refusing to leave on the 11th ult.

Frederick Thomas Bird, the landlord, gave evidence as to *Marson's* conduct, and the Stipendiary imposed a fine of 10s and costs, 18s 6d in all.”

1911 Census

Delph

- [1] *Ebenezer George Shaw* (59), publican, born Quarry Bank;
- [2] *Elizabeth Shaw* (55), wife, married 39 years, born Halesowen;
- [3] *Harry Shaw* (23), son, clay miner, born Quarry Bank:

The County Advertiser 4/5/1912

“One of the oldest parts of Brierley Hill is the Delph, which lies on the eastern side of the ridge, which gave the town its name, for there was a time when the only road to the north through the district avoided the hill and passed through the valley, east of the town.

It is also the most neglected part, for some of the roads still belong to private owners, and are ankle deep in mud in the winter, and in dust in the summer. This does not, of course, apply to the road which runs through from Brettell Lane to Quarry Bank on the line of the ancient road, and which has some of the characteristics of a main thoroughfare. This road, and the property adjoining, however, have suffered severely in recent years from mining operations, as a result of which whole rows of cottages which fronted the road – for the Delph, as is the case with most east wards, sheltered some of the poorest in the town's area – have been demolished, and new ones have arisen. Involved in the wide destruction was the Delph Brewery, with the old DUKE WILLIAM INN, which the present owners, Messrs. Elwell, Williams and Co have commenced to rebuild. We give an illustration of the ruins of the old house. It will be seen that there is ample site accommodation, and we understand the company were intending to build on a rather ambitious scale, but were prevented from doing so by the fact that valuable mines still exist beneath that side of the Delph, and the price asked for these was prohibitive. They are proposing, however, to erect a substantial modern inn under the old name. Another inn, the VINE, not many hundreds of yards away, has also been pulled down by the subsidence, and we understand that the owners Messrs. Atkinson, have decided to abandon this. It is not as well situated as the DUKE WILLIAM, and apart from the site and licensed value, the latter had interesting associations for the owning company which would make them loth in any case to allow the license to lapse. Some 60 years ago it was carried on by Mr. and Mrs. *Thomas Higgs*, representatives of an old local family, and 35 years ago Mr. *George Elwell*, whose father for many years kept the WHIMSEY, took over the premises, and founded there the success of the Delph Brewery. He very quickly commenced to enlarge and improve the brewing plant, stables, etc, and subsequently erected a modern brewery on what was formerly waste ground adjoining the house. All this was demolished, however, by the subsequent mining subsidences, and the owners have so long delayed rebuilding, waiting for the ground to settle, that the patience of the licensing justices was nearly at an end. At last, however, they have some assurance that the surface has ceased to move, and the foundations of the new DUKE WILLIAM have been laid. Messrs. Batham and Beddall are the building contractors.

The VINE is situated between Turk Street and Delph Lane, and the vicinity of it is the centre of present disturbance and damage. Here the many houses which are dotted about in gardens or in irregular ‘folds’ are mainly cottage property, having been built on the land by permission of the lord of the manor, to whom the yearly site rent is paid. The undermining of the sites is now working great havoc, and in many instances there are only stacks of bricks to show where the cottages once stood. The mine-owners are not liable to pay a penny of compensation, and as the dwellings have in most cases been occupied by the same family for generations, there is both material loss and the

severing of old associations as the occupiers find their domiciles tumbling down about their ears. This is not too strong a way to put it, for in the cases in which damage is now being done to property in Delph Lane, no notice is given to the tenants that they are in imminent danger by the shaking of their foundations, and in one case a woman lived in her house until a fortnight before it collapsed. The Rayboulds, Greens, Guestfords, Keens, and Lambs, names known in the Delph for years, are leaving as their houses fall one by one. The case of the Lambs illustrates how hardly one family is sometimes hit. In Delph Lane are five houses belonging to this family. Just at this point, some 100 or more yards from the shaft of the Dock o' Nine Pit, from which coal and clay is being drawn, the road is buckled and broken as by an earthquake. There have been no crownings-in, but it is matter for wonder that the surface of the road, cracked as it is from sides to centre, does not give way altogether. In a cottage on the right hand side, as you go up the lane, lives one of the brothers, Enoch, who has patiently built up a business as a haulier, and has also turned his attention to poultry farming in a small way. He rents two fields, one on each side of the ruddy lane, and has a small garden adjoining his house. Now he finds the future very menacing, because the cottage is becoming a ruin, and if he had the means to rebuild, the site does not belong to him. The near gable end has gone in from the base, bending up the floor boards in the 'parlour' till they splinter in the middle; the outer walls have parted from the cross walls by some four to six inches, and that adjoining the lane has partly fallen out; while the washhouse has also been pulled down to prevent it falling. A sister who resided with him cannot longer sleep in the house, and goes at night across the road to the home of another brother, James.

This is in almost as sad a plight. The owner and occupier had to pay to have the corner of the second storey taken out for fear it should fall on the children. For weeks the door has refused to close, and recently the tiles in the brewhouse floor have come up on end. As one of the brothers said to a visitor, 'There is no need to go to the Siden House when you have seen these cottages'.

A house belonging to another sister, further up the lane, has been abandoned by the tenant, and the other property of the family is seriously damaged or threatened. Some people say of those who are still living in their houses, 'I should never risk it', but they do not understand the pleasure of possession and the value of old association, which led James to remark a day or two ago, 'I won't leave my place so long as there is a brick standing.'

Some day we may see a new Delph, with modern property set to a building line in properly made streets, but if the old Delph is to be destroyed by mining operations, one can readily see the new one will arise out of the fire of pain, deprivation and loss."

The license renewal was refused on 4th March 1912.

VINE +

BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

James Rider [1851]

NOTES

Check Fenton Street.

VINE

50, High Street, QUARRY BANK

OWNERS

James Henry Astley
Harriet Astley
Home Brewery (Quarry Bank) Ltd. (acquired in February 1914)
Smith, Williams (acquired February 1921)
Julia Hanson and Son Ltd. (acquired in 1934)

LICENSEES

James Henry Astley [1857] - **1899**);
Harriet Astley (**1899 - 1905**);
John Davies (**1905 - 1907**);
William Edmonds (**1907**);
Leonard Davies Jones (**1907 - 1909**);
Arthur Henry Miller (**1909 - 1910**);
Alexander Miesch (**1910 - 1911**);
Charles Henry Raybould (**1911 - 1916**);
William Henry Cook (**1916 - 1918**);
Benjamin Brookes (**1918 - 1924**);
Samuel Boden (**1924 - 1930**);
Mrs. Pamela Boden (**1930 - [1940]**)

NOTES

It was frequented by pigeon fanciers.

Brierley Hill Advertiser 25/9/1858

“*James Henry Astley*, publican and butcher, of Quarry Bank, charged Joseph Attwood, parish constable, with unlawfully bursting a door open, his property, on the night of Saturday, the 11th inst, whereby he had sustained damage to the amount of 5s. *Astley* also charged Attwood with threatening him to assault him. Attwood had also a summons out against *Astley* for keeping his house open at illegal hours on the above night.

Mr. Homfray appeared for *Astley*, and Mr. Burbury for Attwood, the constable. The three cases were all heard together.

Astley stated that on the night in question he closed his house about ten minutes before twelve o'clock, and went up stairs to bed. Attwood shortly after came to his house and rapped at the door. *Astley* got up to the window of his room, and looking down, said, ‘Who’s there.’ Attwood replied, ‘It’s me,’ upon which *Astley* said, ‘Why, you are drunk.’ This assertion was met by an enquiry on the part of Attwood as to whether he (*Astley*) would like to have murder done! Complainant then went down stairs and opened the door. Attwood did not go in, but went to Mr. Warrender’s house, next door, and fetched a candle off the table. *Astley* stated that there was an old standing quarrel between his wife and Attwood’s. The latter had handcuffs and a staff in his hand when he went to the house. In cross examination by Mr. Burbury, *Astley* stated that about eighteen months ago he had been fined for keeping his house open during church hours. Attwood did not give him time to admit him before he burst the door open.

John Warrender was called, and he deposed that Attwood was drunk when he came to his house for the candle, and that he heard him threaten to put *Astley*’s brains out, and burst the door open. He saw him do the latter. It was the back door he burst open, and he afterwards went round to the front door, which was opened to him.

Elizabeth Farr, servant at Mr. *Paskin*'s, the ROYAL OAK, Quarry Bank, deposed that Attwood was drinking in her master's house on the night of the 11th inst, and that he left about ten minutes before twelve. He was drunk when he left, and said he would go and heave the roof off *Astley*'s house.

Moses Stephens also deposed that he saw Attwood in the ROYAL OAK very much the worse for liquor. This witness stated that he heard Attwood threaten to fetch the roof off; but that he did not mention what house.

John Robinson, parish constable, deposed that as he was going along Quarry Bank, on the night in question his aid was called in by *Astley*'s wife to quell the disturbance consequent upon the above proceedings, a large number of people having assembled outside the house. In cross examination by Mr. Burbury this witness said he was fined 10s, some time ago at Brierley Hill by Mr. Leigh, and that Attwood served the summons on that occasion.

For the defence Hezekiah Pearson was first called. He stated that he saw Attwood at *Astley*'s house at the time above mentioned, but he was not more drunk then than he was on that day. He saw him go to the back door, and when he had opened it he said he had been led to understand that there were some people drinking in the house. He heard him threaten to strike *Astley* with a cleaver, but he did not see the weapon.

Maria Gadd, Attwood's servant, said her master was sober on the night in question; but Robinson who came to their house, 'looked as if he had been drinking.'

The Bench ultimately ordered Attwood to pay 5s, the amount of damage done to the door, with costs in that case, missing the charge of threatening to assault and also that against *Astley* of keeping open at illegal hours."

Stourbridge Observer 9/1/1869

"Three men named respectively Wooldridge, Billingham, and Nock, were charged by *James Astley* with being drunk, and refusing to quit his house when requested.

Complainant said he was landlord of the VINE INN, Quarry Bank. On the 25th ultimo the three defendants were in his house, and were very disorderly. They came in about two o'clock, and had a quart of fourpenny. He requested them to leave, and they refused to do so. They left about a quarter of an hour after he requested them to do so. The case was adjourned for 11 days for payment of costs."

1871 Census

Turnpike Road – UNION INN

- [1] *James H. Astley* (38), licensed victualler, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Mary M. Astley* (15), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Ruth E. Astley* (37), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Hannah Astley* (13), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Edward Astley* (10), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *William Astley* (8), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Edith M. Astley* (5), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [8] *George P. Astley* (4 months), son, born Kingswinford:

1881 Census

High Street

- [1] *James H. Astley* (48), licensed victualler, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Harriet Astley* (32), wife, born Birmingham;
- [3] *Edward Astley* (16), son, born Quarry Bank;
- [4] *William Astley* (15), son, scholar, born Quarry Bank;
- [5] *Maud Astley* (14), daughter, born Quarry Bank;
- [6] *George P. Astley* (13), son, born Quarry Bank;
- [7] ? *Astley* (12 hours), daughter, born Quarry Bank;
- [8] *Emma Cartwright* (31), nurse, born Quarry Bank:

1891 Census

High Street – VINE INN

- [1] *James Astley* (57), licensed victualler, born Sedgley;
- [2] *Harriet Astley* (41), wife, born Birmingham;
- [3] *Maud Astley* (23), daughter, domestic servant, born Quarry Bank;
- [4] *James H. Astley* (10), son, scholar, born Quarry Bank;
- [5] *Lillian E. Astley* (8), daughter, scholar, born Quarry Bank;
- [6] *George P. Astley* (20), son, labourer, born Quarry Bank:

County Express 17/3/1900

“*Harriet Astley*, landlady of the VINE INN, Quarry Bank, was charged with permitting drunkenness on her licensed premises, on the 23rd January. Mr. Clulow appeared to prosecute on behalf of the police, and Mr. Waldron defended. On the advice of her solicitor, defendant pleaded guilty. Mr. Clulow said under those circumstances he would not call evidence, and they would be content with a small fine. Mr. Waldron said he was going to ask that the summons should be withdrawn on payment of costs, but, of course, they were in the hands of the superintendent. Mr. Superintendent Spendlove said he could not agree to that. A fine of 2s 6d and costs was imposed – £2 13s in all. Joseph Billingham, Sheffield Street, Quarry bank, was fined 10s, and costs for being drunk on the premises. Police-constable Lawson proved the case.”

1901 Census

50, High Street – VINE INN

- [1] *Harriet Astley* (51), widow, innkeeper, born Birmingham;
- [2] *James Henry Astley* (19), son, born Quarry Bank;
- [3] *Lilian E. Astley* (18), daughter, born Quarry Bank;
- [4] *George Paskin Astley* (30), stepson, labourer, horse driver, born Quarry Bank;
- [5] *Ethel Lily Dodd* (9), visitor, born Birmingham:

It was the headquarters and changing rooms of Quarry Bank Celtic FC. [1912], [1930s]

County Express 6/2/1915

“Licensing Sessions at Brierley Hill.

License renewed.

In the case of the VINE INN, High Street, Quarry Bank, in which notice of objection has been served consequent upon a conviction for permitting drunkenness, Supt, Johnson stated the house had since been well conducted, and he had no objections to the license being renewed to the licensee. This was done.”

Conveyance dated 2/7/1934

“All that messuage or public-house known as the VINE INN situate in High Street Quarry Bank aforesaid with the outbuildings and appurtenances thereto belonging together with the land forming the site of the said messuage.....”

Closed

It became a dentist’s surgery.



Ex Pub 2009

WAGGON AND HORSES

1, Cradley Forge, Forge Lane, QUARRY BANK

OWNERS

Earl of Dudley

Atkinsons Ltd. (acquired in 1852) [c.1904]

Julia Hanson and Son Ltd. (acquired on 7th December 1929)

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

Thomas Talbot [1849] – [1854]

John Talbot [1856]

Thomas Talbot [] – **1858**);

George Talbot (**1858 – 1865**);

Mrs. Mary Grove (**1865 – [1870]**)

William Westwood [1872] – **1879**);

Mary Westwood (**1879 – 1900**);

Benjamin Grove (**1900**);

Sarah Grove (**1900 – 1902**);

John Harry Meese (**1902 – 1907**);

Joseph Westwood (**1907 – 1908**);

John Harry Meese (**1908 – 1914**);

Frederick Cobourne (**1914 – 1919**);

Frank Dodson (**1919 – 1923**);

John William Herbert Field (**1923 – 1924**);

John Biggs (**1924 – 1925**);

James Floyd (**1925 – 1928**);

Ernest Harry Skidmore (**1928 – 1930**);

Charles William Surman (**1930**);

Harry Payton (**1930 – 1932**);

Christopher Howarth Southworth (**1932**);

George Jarvis (**1932 – 1937**);

Isaiah Holt (**1937 – [1953]**)

Alfred Leslie Martin [1967] – **1977**);

Thomas Cedric Guest (**1977 – 1979**);

Terence John 'Terry' Henn (**1979 – 1981**);

John 'Jack' Bond (**1981 – 1985**);

Pamela Denise Cartwright (**1985 – 1987**);

Linda Carol Kelsey (**1987 – 1988**);

Pauline Olive Griffiths (**1988**);

Pamela Denise Cartwright (**1988**);

John Albert Bromley (**1988 – 1991**);

Anthony John Baidley (**1991 – 1992**);

Paul David Wright (**1992**);

Leslie John 'Les' Handley (**1992 – [1993]**)

Les Martin []



NOTES

It had a beerhouse license.

John Talbot organized blood sports.

Black Country Bugle

'Quarry Bank Murder 1856'

"..... These matches [dog fights] had taken place in the cellars WAGGON AND HORSES premier sporting house in the town."

George Talbot was the son of *Thomas*.

1861 Census

Cradley Forge

- [1] *George Talbot* (23), victualler, born Rowley;
- [2] *Elizabeth Talbot* (55), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Thomas Taylor* (4), son, born Rowley;
- [4] *Elizabeth Taylor* (2), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Thomas Talbot* (70), boarder, widower, no trade, born Rowley;
- [6] *Thomas Westwood* (19), visitor, forgerman, born Kingswinford;

Stourbridge Observer 16/7/1864

"On Monday last, an inquest was held at the house of Mr. *George Talbot*, WAGGON AND HORSES, Cradley Forge, upon the body of *Thomas Dandy*, who was killed at Blackheath, on Friday, the 8th instant.

Mr. Phillips was the coroner present Three witnesses were called, and from the evidence they gave it appeared that on the morning of the 8th instant, at about 8 o'clock, the deceased was riding on the forepart of a truck, which was being drawn by three horses when he suddenly struck the hind horse, and from the sudden jerk given to the truck, the deceased fell. The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death."

Stourbridge Observer 20/5/1865

"*Mary Grove*, beerhouse keeper, Quarry Bank, was charged by Superintendent Mills, with keeping her house open for the sale of beer, on the 7th inst. [Sunday], before the hour of half past twelve o'clock, to wit. 30 minutes past (?) in the morning. Police-constable Freeman proved the case. Fined 5s and costs."

1881 Census

Cradley Forge – WAGGON AND HORSES INN

- [1] *Mary Westwood* (66), widow, licensed victualler, born Pear Tree Lane, Worcestershire;
 - [2] *Elizabeth Hampton* (17), general servant, born Woodside, Worcestershire:
- [Pear Tree Lane is probably the one in Netherton, and Woodside is part of Dudley.]

1891 Census

Cradley Forge – WAGGON AND HORSES

- [1] *Mary Westwood* (76), widow, beerhouse keeper, born Dudley;
- [2] *Henrietta Evans* (18), general servant, born _____ Bank, Worcestershire:

It was demolished in the 1890s and rebuilt.

County Express 11/8/1900

"On Monday Mr. *B. Grove*, of the WAGON AND HORSES, entertained some 30 friends and customers to an outing by brake to Hartlebury. Owing to the wet weather outdoor recreation at Hartlebury was prevented, and the party spent the time inside listening to a good musical entertainment."

1901 Census

1, Cradley Forge – WAGGON AND HORSES INN

[1] Sarah Grove (56), widow, publican, born Quarry Bank;

[2] Cornelious Homer (31), son in law, engine driver, born Quarry Bank;

[3] Mary A. Homer (31), daughter, born Quarry Bank;

[4] George A. Homer (6), son, born Quarry Bank;

[5] Annie Gladys Homer (3), daughter, born Quarry Bank:

County Express 4/1/1902

“Sick and Draw Clubs.....

WAGON AND HORSES (Cradley Forge).– About fifty members attended the annual dinner of the club held last week at the WAGON AND HORSES, Cradley Forge, Quarry Bank. Mr. C. Dudley presided, and Mr. Joseph Jones was in the vice-chair. The secretary (Mr. William Smith) read the accounts, which showed a balance of 15s 6d per member, which was deemed thoroughly satisfactory, considering the members only paid 1s every three weeks and pay sick money for the whole year. A hearty vote of thanks was given to the hostess (Mrs. B. Grove), which was acknowledged by Mr. Cornelius Homer. The chairman, vice-chairman, and others gave songs, and a happy evening was spent.”

Joseph Jones drank in here on the same evening that he murdered his son in law, Edmund Clark, by cutting his throat, in December 1906.

London Gazette 27/7/1915

“Friendly Societies Act, 1896. Advertisement of Dissolution by Instrument.

Notice is hereby given, that the Pride of the Parish, Branch No.217, of the Honourable Order of Modern Masons, held at the WAGGON AND HORSES INN, Lower High Street, Quarry Bank is dissolved by Instrument, registered at this Office, the 20th day of July, 1915.....”

It was sold for £2,900 at auction on 14th October 1929.

Terry Henn was married to Shirley.

[2015]



1998



2015

WATERFRONT

6+7, Waterfront (East), BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

J. D. Wetherspoon

LICENSEES

Roger Alan Beesley [2001]
Emma Harvey [2009] manager
Lucia Davies [2015] manager

NOTES

It opened on 14th July 1999.

[2015]



2015

WATERLOO

41, (47), (23), Mill Street, (Mill Lane), (Locks Lane), BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

William Darby

John Richards

John Rolinson and Son [1908]

Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd. (acquired on 15th March 1932)

LICENSEES

John Shaw [1818] – [1829]

Joseph Leech [1834]

James Parkes [1835]

Oliver Lowe [1845] – 1865);

William Spittle (1865 – 1870);

Isaac Bellamy (1870 – 1871);

James Wardell (1871);

Samuel Hayward (1871 – 1874);

John Richards (1874 – 1881);

John Cornelius Adey (1881 – 1884);

Henry Frank Meese (1884 – 1886);

Charles Henry Shaw (1886 – 1890);

Edgar Hickman (1890 – 1891);

Elijah Duncombe (1891 – 1892);

Horatio William Fisher (1892 – 1894);

Joseph Westwood (1894 – 1904);

Alfred 'Alf' Hickman (1904 – 1923);

George Henry Hickman (1923 – 1931);

Walter Smith (1931 – 1932);

Joseph Gutteridge (1932 – 1936);

Robert Ruff (1936 – 1941);

Vera Ruff (1941 – 1942);

Sydney Lane (1942 – 1960);

Elsie Lane (1960 – 1967);

Eric Reuben Turner (1967 – 1969);

Ernest James Riley (1969 – 1971);

Thomas Pearsall (1971 – 1972);

John Joseph Milligan (1972 – 1974);

Brian Hewitt (1974 – 1980);

Anthony Donald Richards (1980 – 1982);

Derek Granvill Clarke (1982 – 1984);

Donald Peter Smith (1984 – 1986);

Howard Joseph Williams (1986 – [1987]

Tony Smith [1992]

John Hughes [2009]



1996



2009

NOTES

Locks Lane

Mill Lane [1849], [1854]

23, Mill Street [1873], [1881], [1892], [1896], [1904], [1911], [1916]

27, Mill Street [1901]

47, Mill Street [1916], [1921], [1940]

41, Mill Street [1990], [1993]

John Shaw was also a tailor. [1818]

Brierley Hill Advertiser 24/10/1857

“On Friday (yesterday), an inquest was held, by T. M. Phillips, Esq, coroner, at the house of Mr. *E. Waldron*, UNION INN, Mill Street, in this town, on the body of a child, named Elizabeth Lowe, aged eight years, whose death was occasioned by her falling into a boiler, at the home of her uncle, Mr. *Oliver Lowe*, WATERLOO INN, Mill Street, on Wednesday, the 7th inst, the particulars of which and occurrence will be seen in the evidence adduced.

George Wood, sworn, I am a labourer, and reside in Cottage Street, in this town, and was employed by Mr. *Oliver Lowe*, uncle to the deceased, on Wednesday, the 7th inst. I was employed in paring potatoes in the brewhouse, for a club supper, which was to take place that evening. Deceased came into the brewhouse between one and two o'clock in the afternoon, and was playing about. Deceased came into the brewhouse between one and two o'clock in the afternoon, and was playing about. Soon afterwards she got up on the brickwork between the two boilers; one boiler contained potatoes, which were boiling for the pigs, the other boiler was empty. I told deceased to come off the boiler; but she did not. Deceased called out, ‘Oh, George, I am in the boiler.’ I turned round and saw she had one foot in the empty boiler. I told her to come off. I then went on with peeling the potatoes. In about a minute afterwards, I heard a scream; but cannot tell whether it was the servant girl or the child that screamed. Emma Shaw, the servant, was against the brewhouse door at the time, and made an alarm. I took the child out of the boiler, and I gave her to her uncle. The child’s clothes were taken off as quick as possible; and Mr. Norris, surgeon, was sent for. Mr. Norris, when he came, asked Mrs. Lowe what she had done, and Mrs. Lowe replied that she had dressed the scalds with some brandy, which he (Mr. Norris) said was quite right, and went away; he saw the child once afterwards. On the following Sunday, the child was taken to a woman at The Lye, named Mrs. Wood, who dressed the child’s legs with ointment, and continued to do so up to the Saturday before her death, when Dr. Walker was called in, and attended the child up to the time of her death. In answer to a question put by the Coroner, witness said it was more than his place was worth to touch the child.

Emma Shaw, servant to Mr. *Lowe*, said she was taking the dinner things away, and was passing by the brewhouse door, when she saw deceased with both her legs in the boiler, and holding the top up with her two hands. Wood was sitting on a bucket close to the boiler. Mr. and Mrs. *Lowe*, hearing the screams ran into the brewhouse and immediately conveyed the child into the house. She did not think Wood had put the child in the boiler.

The Coroner read over the evidence, and said although Wood had shown a great want of moral courage, yet there was nothing in the evidence adduced to criminate him.

The jury then returned a verdict that deceased had Accidentally Slipped into the boiler, and that her death was caused by the injuries she then received by the scalds.

Mr. Phillips had Wood brought into the room and gave him a very severe lecture on his inhuman conduct, and said that if he had used common discretion, he had no doubt the fatal accident would not have occurred – he should not allow him any expenses for attending as a witness on the enquiry.”

1861 Census

Mill Street

[1] *Oliver Lowe* (53), publican, born Kingswinford;

[2] *Sarah Lowe* (56), wife, born Kingswinford;

[3] *Matilda Hall* (18), general servant, born Kingswinford;

[4] *Caroline Hall* (7), niece, born Dudley;

William Spittle = William Spittall

London Gazette 23/11/1869

“*William Spittle*, of the WATERLOO INN, Mill Street Innkeeper, having been adjudged bankrupt under a Petition on the 2nd day of September 1869.....”

Stourbridge Observer 2/9/1871

“Mr. W. H. Phillips, held an inquest, on Tuesday, at the WATERLOO INN, Mill Street, on the body of a young woman named Jane Elizabeth Beech, of Mill Street. From the evidence it appeared that the girl went out a walk on Saturday night, with her sweetheart, a man named Levi Cole. When near the canal at the Nine Locks she suddenly said to her companion, ‘I shall drown myself; shake hands.’ After this she made an attempt to jump into the canal, but Cole prevented her, and called assistance. A man came up, and then the girl said she would go straight home, but they had scarcely left the spot when she dashed away from both men and threw herself into the canal. It was stated that the girl attempted suicide on Thursday week, but was prevented from accomplishing her purpose. The body of the girl was found on Sunday morning, about three o’clock.

The Jury returned a verdict of Suicide whilst in a state of Temporary Insanity.”

Samuel Hayward, beer retailer, 23, Mill Street. [1872]

Stourbridge Observer 16/3/1872

“*Samuel Hayward*, landlord of the WATERLOO INN, Mill Street, was charged with permitting drunkenness in his house, on the 6th inst. Police-constable Grady said he visited defendant’s house on the night in question, and found five drunken men there. He told the landlord about it, and on visiting the house again he found the same men there, with the exception of one.

Police-constable Griffiths gave corroborative evidence.

Police-sergeant Breton said he visited the house in question, and saw four or five men drunk. The defendant was there, and he was not sober. He spoke to defendant.

Defendant denied the charge, and said there was no drunkenness in the house. He did not speak to Sergeant Breton, and Police-constable Griffiths was intoxicated.

Sophia Webb, defendant’s servant, said there was no drunkenness in the house on the night in question. The dancing room was closed at 11. When the officers visited the house, the men were sitting round, but they were not drunk. Defendant was fined 20s and costs; in default 21 days.”

Stourbridge Observer 11/5/1872

“At the Police Court, on Thursday, before I. Spooner Esq., *Samuel Hayward*, landlord of the WATERLOO INN, Mill Street, was charged with permitting drunkenness in his house on the 22nd ultimo. Mr. Stokes appeared for defendant. Police-sergeant Breton said on Monday the 22nd ult, he visited defendant’s house in company with Sergeant Passey and Police-constable Griffiths at 30 minutes to twelve pm. He went into the taproom and saw three men sitting behind the door. They were all drunk. They had two cups of ale in front of them. He spoke to the landlord about the men, and told him he had three drunken men in his house, and he said he thought they were gone. The landlord spoke to the men, and two of them left the house. The other one he allowed to remain there.

Cross examined: Did not hear him say he had not served them with any drink. A man said to me, ‘There is nothing wrong.’ The man did not speak to me at the door. There were men standing near the table. There were five or six cups on the table. I saw the defendant in the passage coming from the bar.

Police-sergeant Passey gave corroborative evidence.

Mr. Stokes, in defence, said the men came in drunk, and the landlord met them as they were in the passage. He saw they were drunk, and he ordered them out, and they went. He went into the bar to attend to some customers, and whilst he was there, the men came back without his knowledge, and it was then the policemen went into the house. He should call witnesses to prove that the men did not have anything to drink in the house. Three witnesses were called, who stated that the men came into the house, and were ordered out by the landlord. They returned again shortly afterwards, and called for some ale and ginger beer, but they did not have any drink.

In answer to Mr. Spooner, the witnesses said there were some cups on the table at which the men sat, but they did not drink anything.

Police- constable Griffiths was called for the prosecution, and said he saw the men go into the defendant's house. He had ordered them out of the street some time before, and they were both drunk. He went and told the two sergeants.

Superintendent Mills proved that there had been a previous conviction against defendant on the 11th of March, for a similar offence. The house had not been well conducted since then.

Defendant was fined £10 and costs, and his license was endorsed."

Stourbridge Observer 5/10/1872

".....Superintendent Mills said that on the 11th of March last, *Samuel Hayward*, licensed victualler, Mill Street, was fined £1 for permitting drunkenness in his house, and on the 9th of May he was fined £10 for a similar offence. Since the last conviction the house had been tolerably well kept, and if defendant continued to conduct his house as he had during the last months, then the police should make no further complaint against him.

The Chairman [of the Licensing Committee]: You have been twice convicted, and evidently you have not carried on your house as well as you ought to have. Under the new Licensing Act you will have to be very careful, and, although we shall grant your license this time, your previous offences will be remembered against you if you are summoned again."

Evening Express 4/1/1881

"At Brierley Hill Police Court yesterday (Monday), before H. Hall and T. W. Webb, Esqrs., Rowland Cartwright, 20, retort maker, Ravensditch, near Brierley Hill, was charged with causing the death of Ellen Skidmore, a girl of 17 years of age, described as a domestic servant, and who resided with her stepfather, Charles Jones, at Bank Street, Brierley Hill. Evidence was only taken sufficient to justify a remand.

Police-constable Watton said that whilst on duty at 12.45am, on the 2nd inst, in Mill Street, Brierley Hill, he saw the prisoner and the deceased together quarrelling. Deceased pointed to the prisoner and said, 'He has been keeping company with me for some time, and has got me into trouble, and now wants to go with someone else.' The prisoner, addressing the deceased as a cat, said repeatedly using objectionable adjectives told her to go and drown herself, adding that, 'If she went after him, he would give her something for her trouble.' He also said, 'Before I would be tied to you, I would sooner be tied to a cart-tall and be dragged to death. I will have a bit of rope put here (putting his hand to his neck) for you, you cat. I will give you 5s if you will drown yourself.' The deceased said, 'I am a credit to you,' to which Cartwright retorted with, 'You are a fine credit to anyone.' The officer also alleged that he said to her, 'I am going this way, and if you follow me I will give you something for your trouble,' again repeating his remark about the bit of rope and pushing the deceased from him telling her to go home. She replied, 'I am going where you go,' and they both went down Mill Street together, Cartwright still threatening the deceased as they went along the street. Witness told the prisoner to use better language in the street, and he replied, 'I'll go and she will — will not follow me.' She again said, 'I am going where you go.'

Nothing more appears to have been said of the deceased until about seven o'clock on Sunday morning, when her dead body was found in the canal. The prisoner was remanded for a week.

The Inquest.

The inquest on the body of Eleanor Skidmore, was opened yesterday (Monday) afternoon, before W. H. Phillips, Esq, (District Coroner) at the WATERLOO INN, Mill Street, Brierley Hill. A crowd of persons gathered in front of the house, manifesting great interest in the proceedings.

Sarah Jones, wife of Thomas Jones, labourer, Albion Street, Brierley Hill, stated that she was sister to the deceased, who was 17 years of age last March. Deceased resided with her stepfather (Charles Jones), and her mother at Bank Street, Brierley Hill. Deceased's father's name was David Skidmore, and he was a puddler by trade. Deceased was last in service at the house of Mr. John Waldron, at Clent, but about six or seven weeks' ago she left and came home in consequence of an abscess under her arm, and had since remained at home. Witness last saw deceased alive at twenty minutes to one o'clock on Sunday morning. About nine o'clock on Saturday evening deceased met witness and her husband in the HORSE SHOE public house and stayed about five minutes with them, and then left the house alone. It was customary for her to call at the house named on Saturday evenings to see witness and her husband, who usually had something to drink here. Witness offered her a drink whilst in the house but she refused it. At half past eleven o'clock the same night, deceased, in company with Rowland Cartwright, her young man, with whom she had been keeping company, called at witness's house, with the intention, witness believed, of staying all night. Cartwright lay on the sofa with his head back, and witness asked him to take the deceased home. He was not the worse for drink, although he had had something to drink. Witness tried to persuade him to take the deceased home as her mother would be angry. Deceased also went to Cartwright and asked him to take her home, upon which he

flew out of her arms, gave her a smack on the left side of her face, and told her to 'take her hook', and go and drown herself, as he had had enough of her. They had had no words previously in the presence of witness. Cartwright and the deceased then got up, and about a quarter to one o'clock on Sunday morning started to go home together. Witness saw no more of them that night. Deceased's eyes looked swollen, as if she had been crying, when she entered the house. On Sunday afternoon, as witness was going to her mother's, she was asked if she had heard about a person being drowned, but witness was afraid of going to make enquiries for fear she should recognise deceased as her sister. Supposing Cartwright and the deceased to have gone straight home from witness's house, their road would have been along Albion Street, but nowhere near the canal.

By the Coroner: When deceased entered witness's house she did not appear to be suffering from any blow or injury. She asked witness to be allowed to stay at her house that night, but did not say why she wished to stay. She asked to be allowed to stay the night with Cartwright. Both made this request, Cartwright saying when he lay upon the sofa that he was not going any further. Witness refused to allow them to stay. They had stayed at witness's house on Christmas Eve, and, with the other members of witness's family, sat up together all night.

By the Foreman: They left my house about half past six on Christmas morning.

By the Coroner: Had never known deceased's mind be affected, or heard of her attempting to destroy her life. The witness was much affected whilst giving her evidence.

David Harris, blast furnaceman, Rocks Hill, Brierley Hill, deposed that, as he and another man were returning from work at the Level New Ironworks about half past seven o'clock on Sunday morning along the towing path of the Birmingham Canal, he found the hat and handkerchief produced, lying, as he described, on the towing path, about two feet from the water's edge. The stains, of what now looked like blood, were upon the handkerchief when witness found them. (The handkerchief was tied in a knot at one end to the elastic of the hat.) Witness, on making the discovery, called up some boatpeople out of a boat which was moored about three yards from where he found the things. He saw a track of feet having slipped down into the water. The canal had walled sides. There were footprints which looked like those of a woman's feet. He could see no mark of a man's foot. There was no appearance of a body having been dragged along in the mud. There was no snow upon the ground. Witness went and gave information to the police, and accompanied them to the spot and saw deceased's body found. It was taken out of the middle of the canal by Police-constable Eden right opposite to where the hat and handkerchief were found.

Deceased's sister here identified the hat and handkerchief as belonging to the deceased, and said when Cartwright struck her on Saturday night she wiped the side of her face with the handkerchief. Her face was not, however, bleeding at the time. The handkerchief was not then attached to the hat.

Police-constable John Thomas Eden, stationed at Brierley Hill, said on Sunday morning he recovered the deceased's body with a drag from the water pound above the top lock of the canal at Nine Locks. Witness dragged from eight o'clock to twenty minutes past. Deceased appeared fully dressed with the exception of her hat. Her jacket was unbuttoned at the two bottom buttons. In her possession were a pair of kid gloves, and two keys. The body did not appear to be quite cold, and after its removal was partly warm. It would not be over a quarter of a mile from where the body was found to the house of deceased's sister.

At this stage, the Coroner said it was quite plain that there was a quarrel of some sort between Cartwright and the deceased, and he did not think the jury would be doing right, where a person was found dead under such circumstances, in returning a verdict without knowing the exact cause of death – whether it arose from drowning or whether there was violence used. He proposed to adjourn the inquiry for a few days to allow a post mortem examination of the body to be made, and to enable the person who occupied the boat which was moored all night near to the spot where the deceased was found to be present and give evidence.

The inquest was then adjourned until Friday morning."

Evening Express 7/1/1881

"The inquiry touching the death of Eleanor Skidmore (17), domestic servant, Bank Street, Brierley Hill, was this (Friday) morning resumed before Mr. W. H. Phillips (district coroner), at the WATERLOO INN, Mill Street, Brierley Hill.

Police-superintendent Woollaston watched the proceedings on behalf of the police, and Mr. W. Waldron was present for the young man, Roland Cartwright, who is in custody upon the charge of having caused the death of the deceased. The evidence given when the inquest was opened and before the magistrates was to the effect that the deceased and Cartwright had been keeping company, that on Saturday night, the 1st instant, they visited together the house of deceased's sister, when there was some kind of altercation between them, and that after leaving there they were heard quarelling, Cartwright, it was alleged, being heard to threaten the deceased and telling her that he would have a bit of rope around his neck for her. The next morning the deceased's dead body was found in the canal.

Dr. Walker was now called, and stated that he had made a post mortem examination of the deceased's body in the presence of Dr. Ashmead and Mr. Bradley. The body was of full habit and well nourished. There were a few scratches upon the forehead, and a slight mark upon the cheek. Death resulted from drowning, and not from violence.

By Mr. Waldron: She was not pregnant.

In reply to the Coroner: Thought the marks on the handkerchief were blood stains.

William Hendon, boatman, in the employ of Messrs. Price and Son, Brierley, stated that he took his boat into the pound above the top lock of the canal at Nine Locks, Brierley Hill, on Friday morning, the 31st ult. On Saturday night witness went to the boat at twelve o'clock, and he and his wife and her sister slept in the boat and remained there until ten o'clock on Sunday morning. Two furnacemen rattled at the door of his cabin about seven o'clock on Sunday morning, and he went and saw the deceased's body found about five yards from the cabin head of his boat where he had been sleeping. Witness heard no cry or noise during the night, and the finding of the body was the first intimation witness had that there was a person in the water. Witness went to sleep at half past one and did not awake until aroused by the two furnacemen.

William Wood, night watchman at the Locks Ironworks, belonging to Messrs. Newton and Sons, deposed that on Saturday night and Sunday morning he was on duty at the works and walked about whilst there. He went on duty at four o'clock on Saturday afternoon, and remained until seven o'clock on Sunday morning, and was not absent from the premises in the interval. About four o'clock on Sunday morning, as witness was sitting in the office, he heard what he thought was a groan, but could not tell from what direction it came. He went out of the office to ascertain the cause of the noise. He saw no one about. His office was about 50 yards distant from where the body was found.

By the Coroner: Did not sleep at all during the night. It was a very dark night. When he heard the noise at four o'clock he went close to the boat referred to, but saw or heard nothing. Between twelve and one o'clock on Sunday morning witness saw two men go on board one of the boats, and saw them strike a light.

By Mr. Waldron: The light was struck on the boat on the side of the canal on which the works were situated.

By a juryman: Saw or heard no one passing the works during the hours of twelve and four o'clock.

Hendon recalled, said his boat was moored on the opposite side of the canal to Newton's works. There were three boats moored in the lock.

Ellen Jones, the wife of Charles Jones, labourer, Bank Street, Brierley Hill, and the deceased's mother, stated that her first husband's, and deceased's father, name was David Skidmore. About two o'clock on Sunday morning witness went out to look for deceased, and found deceased and Cartwright together in a yard near to witness's house. Witness requested deceased to go home. She went out of the yard, and Cartwright followed. Witness again asked her to go home, and as she was turning to go in that direction Cartwright laid hold of her by the two shoulders and pushed her up the road before him. Witness spoke to him about it, upon which he muttered something, and continued to push the deceased before him until at last witness lost sight of them at the top of Bank Street. Deceased went out from home at six o'clock on Saturday evening, but returned three times during the evening, but witness did not see her in Cartwright's company until the time referred to. Each time she went home in the course of the evening the deceased enquired for Cartwright, with whom she was keeping company. Deceased had never previously stayed out late with Cartwright, except on two previous occasions. Witness found them in the yard, hearing them talking.

By the Coroner: Witness lost sight of the deceased and Cartwright near the pawnshop of Macmullen. Never knew the deceased threaten to destroy herself. About nine o'clock on the Saturday evening, when witness saw her, she appeared to have been crying. She had a shilling in her possession at the time.

The Coroner: Have you any reason to suppose she was robbed.

Witness: She must have got shut of the shilling in some way.

By Mr. Waldron: Did not tell a woman named Esther Pearson that her daughter and Cartwright went down Drag Lane, when she lost sight of them. Witness did not swear at the deceased. Witness once had a married daughter named Mary, who poisoned herself. Deceased was preparing for her marriage with Cartwright. Witness never beat the deceased, Did not tell Esther Pearson that after she lost sight of the deceased and Cartwright in the street, the deceased went home at two o'clock, and then went out again.

Police-constable Ambrose Wetton, stationed at Brierley Hill, stated that at 12.45am on Sunday morning last he was on duty in Mill Street, and saw the deceased and Cartwright together. They were standing quarrelling, and witness went up to them. The deceased said to witness, 'We have been keeping company together for some time, and he has got me into trouble and now wants to leave me and go with someone else.' Cartwright, addressing the deceased, said, 'You cat, go away from me.' Deceased said to him, 'Come and go home with me', and tried to induce him to go down High Street. He replied, 'Go and drown yourself, you cat.' Deceased said, 'I am a credit to you.' He

replied, 'You are a fine credit to anybody. I will give you 5s if you will go and drown yourself.' Deceased said, 'I should like 5s now, I am short. You promised to marry me, and if you don't I will drown myself.' He retorted, 'Before I would be tied to you I would sooner be tied to a cart and flogged to death. I will have a piece of rope round here (putting his hand to his neck) for you.' Witness ordered them off and told Cartwright, who swore badly, to use better language. Cartwright said to deceased, 'I am going, and if you follow me I will give you something for your trouble.' They then went down Mill Street, Cartwright repeating his expression about the rope. Deceased had hold of Cartwright's arm.

George Rowley, shoemaker, Round Oak, John Street, said at ten minutes past two witness saw the deceased, her mother, and a young man together near to Peter Harris's public house in Bank Street. Deceased ran down Dog Lane from her mother. Cartwright followed next, and the mother went after him. Deceased's mother blamed Cartwright for keeping her daughter out until that hour, and she called her daughter a cat.

By Mr. Waldron: Did not see Cartwright push the deceased.

Police-sergeant Edward Smith (Brierley Hill) said at ten minutes to three o'clock on Sunday morning he saw a young man and a young woman pass from Bank Street into Level Street. They were walking side by side. After Cartwright was taken into custody witness identified him as the man he saw.

Isaiah Cartwright, miner, Amblecote, said the deceased had more than once told him that 'she would make herself away.' Witness supposed she meant if Cartwright would not marry her. She last threatened to destroy herself about three weeks ago. On Sunday morning last witness happened to meet Cartwright about eleven o'clock at Amblecote, and he (Cartwright) wanted witness to have a walk with him to Brierley Hill. Witness accompanied him as far as Turners Lane.

By Mr. Waldron: Cartwright seemed very cheerful at the time.

This was the whole of the evidence on behalf of the police.

Mr. Waldron said he had several witnesses to call in Cartwright's behalf, and he should have to adjourn the enquiry, owing to having other engagements today. Reviewing the evidence, he said the injury to the deceased's cheek was accounted for by the slap which it had been stated Cartwright gave her on the Saturday night. The doctor had stated that she died from drowning, but there was no direct evidence to show how she got into the canal, and it would like the inquest adjourned, or would record their verdict now. He should prefer it being adjourned to give Mr. Waldron an opportunity of calling witnesses. As yet there was no material evidence against anyone, but he should like the matter fully investigated before a verdict was given.

Mr. Waldron: Would you allow the prisoner out on bail?

The Coroner: I should not under the circumstances, because in a case of this sort it is either a charge of a serious nature or nothing at all.

The enquiry was then adjourned until Monday next."

Evening Express 10/1/1881

".....At the adjourned inquiry before the Coroner, this afternoon. Mr. Waldron will call a number of witnesses, some of whom will state, among other things, that the deceased had threatened to destroy her own life if anything should happen to separate her and Cartwright."

[She was buried in Brierley Hill Churchyard on Saturday last.]

1881 Census

23, Mill Street

[1] *John Richards* (49), innkeeper, born Tipton;

[2] *Hannah Richards* (36), wife, born Brierley Hill;

[3] *Hannah Richards* (19), daughter, born Brierley Hill;

[4] *Elizabeth Richards* (12), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;

[5] *Minnie Bedall* (14), general servant, born Brierley Hill:

London Gazette 12/8/1881

"The Bankruptcy Act, 1869.

In the County Court of Worcestershire, holden at Stourbridge.

In the Matter of Proceedings for Liquidation by Arrangement or Composition with Creditors, instituted by *John Richards*, of the WATERLOO INN, Mill-street, Brierley Hill, in the parish of Kingswinford, in the county of Stafford, Licensed Victualler and Grocer.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a First General Meeting of the creditors of the above-named person has been summoned to be held at the offices of Mr. William Waldron, No.17, High-street, Brierley Hill, in the county of Stafford, on the 20th day of August, 1881, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon precisely.

Dated this 4th day of August, 1881.

William Waldron, 17, High-street, Brierley Hill, Solicitor for the said Debtor.”

County Express 25/8/1900

“Thomas Brown, a young man, of Hulland, Brockmoor, was charged with assaulting *Joseph Westwood*, landlord of the WATERLOO INN, Mill Street, on August 20th.

It appeared from the evidence given by the complainant, supported by his wife, and Ellen Cox, barmaid, that defendant with others were in the house on this evening. For a time there was quiet, but eventually Brown became abusive and used bad language. He refused to go out when requested, and upon Mr. *Westwood* attempting to put him out, Brown landed him two heavy blows in the face, making his nose bleed profusely.

Defendant strongly denied being the aggressor, and said the landlord struck him; this was denied. He refused to go until the police arrived.

The Stipendiary said it was a bad assault, and he fined defendant 20s and 10s 6d costs, or a month.”

1901 Census

27, Mill Street

[1] *Joseph Westwood* (41), publican, born Lye;

[2] *Elizabeth Westwood* (41), wife, born Lye;

[3] *Isaac Westwood* (22), son, horse driver, born Lye;

[4] *Joseph Henry Westwood* (18), son, engine stoker, born Lye;

[5] *Phoebe Taylor* (17), general servant, born Brierley Hill:

County Express 18/1/1902

“*Samuel Price*, Mill Street, Brierley Hill was charged with being drunk in the WATERLOO INN, Mill Street, on January 4th. PC *Wheatley* said the landlord had refused to supply defendant.

Fined 10s and costs, or fourteen days.”

Tipton Herald 7/3/1903

“Mr. T. A. Stokes (coroner) held an inquest yesterday (Friday) at the WATERLOO INN, Mill Street, Brierley Hill, relative to the death of *Henry Hoare* (31), a miner, of 18, Mill Street, Brierley Hill, who met with his death on Tuesday, whilst at work at the Earl of Dudley’s No.36 Pit; Saltwells Colliery.

Mr. *Hugh R. Makepeace* (inspector of mines), was present, also Mr. C. F. E. *Griffith*, certified manager, and Mr. W. *Hill*, charter master. Mr. J. T. *Higgs* represented the deceased’s relatives.

From the evidence it appeared that deceased was attempting to take four tubs along the road in No.36 Pit, Saltwells Colliery, when two tubs on a side road, which were unfastened at deceased’s request, ran over him. He died shortly afterwards, and was removed to his home. Deceased generally took two tubs at a time, but on this occasion took four to save a journey.

A verdict of Accidental Death was returned, no blame being attached to anybody except the poor unfortunate man himself.”

Tipton Herald 21/8/1909

“On Saturday, Mr. T. Allan Stokes held an enquiry at the WATERLOO INN, Mill Street, Brierley Hill, into the circumstances attending the death of *Benjamin Webb*, aged seven, whose parents reside in Brickkiln Street, and whose lifeless body was recovered from the canal at the Nine Locks, on the previous day.

A boy, named *Samuel Randle*, gave evidence showing that he saw deceased dangling his feet in the canal, at a spot where two boats were moored. As he left him, witness said, ‘You will be drowned if you don’t mind.’ Deceased replied, ‘Oh! No I shan’t.’

Harold Trueman said he happened to be passing the canal on Friday morning, where he saw the body floating on the top of the water, and got it out. Deceased’s father, who was on the side of the canal, saw the body, and he fell down and cried. The body was found just under the Mill Street bridge, where the water was over four feet deep.

A Juryman: What caused the head to be injured?

Perhaps the body had been under a passing boat. There happened to be a horse and boat going along at the time I was there, and perhaps the body was then brought to the surface. The body was floating between two boats.

The Juryman: His head seems to have been bruised very badly.

PS O'Leary said he was called to the spot between ten and eleven o'clock on Friday morning, and found the body on the towing path. There was a bruise on the centre of the forehead, the skin being slightly discoloured. There was another bruise over the right ear, as though a boat had come in contact with the body. Blood was oozing from the nose, and not from a wound, and deceased's hands were clenched. There was no suspicion of foul play.

The jury returned a verdict of Accidentally Drowned, one of the number expressing the opinion that a recommendation ought to go from that court to the District Council that they should provide baths. It was, he said, a scandalous shame that there was no place where boys could learn to swim. It was also a scandalous thing to summon boys for bathing in the canal under the circumstances.

Councillor B. Williams, who was on the jury, said he would convey the recommendation to the Council."

1911 Census

23, Mill Street – WATERLOO INN

- [1] *Alfred Hickman* (42), licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] *Mary Ann Hickman* (42), wife, married 20 years, born Wordsley;
- [3] *Sarah Marion Hickman* (18), daughter, at home, born Wordsley;
- [4] *George Henry Hickman* (17), son, mineral water worker, born Wordsley;
- [5] *Alfred James Hickman* (14), son, labourer, iron worker, rolling mills, born Dudley;
- [6] *Oscar Baden Hickman* (11), son, at school, born Wordsley;
- [7] *Walter Bertram Hickman* (8), son, at school, born Wordsley;
- [8] *Wilfred Bert Hickman* (4), son, at school, born Brierley Hill;
- [9] *Doris Olive Hickman* (2), daughter, born Brierley Hill;
- [10] *Elizabeth Oldnall* (21), servant, born Brettle Lane:

County Express 22/1/1916

"The annual meeting of Brierley Hill and District Licensed Victuallers' Association was held Thursday at the WATERLOO INN, Brierley Hill, Mr. J. Round presiding.

The President announced that the membership was practically the same as a year ago, about 150 - (hear, hear). He thanked the committee and officers, and especially Mr. Drakeford, for their splendid assistance.

Mr. W. D. Drakeford, the secretary, presented the balance sheet. and there was a profit on the year's working of £23 2s. 7½d. - (hear, hear).

The balance sheet was adopted, and it was decided to invest £200 of the deposit account in 5 per cent, war loan"

'Nobby' Clarke, flyweight boxer was trained here by Dan Hughes.

His manager was the licensee *Alf Hickman*. [1920s]

Tony Smith had worked as a milkman for 26 years.

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Delph, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

James Tart

LICENSEES

James Tart [1822] – [1835]

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WHIMSEY

BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Emma Bytheway [1870]

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Stourbridge Observer 30/7/1870

“William Chance, of the Delph, was charged with stealing a quantity of cigars on the 25th, the property of *Emma Bytheway*, landlady of the WHIMSEY INN.

Emma Bytheway, niece of the landlady, said she lived with her aunt, and about two o'clock saw the prisoner in the parlour, with the cigar box in his hand, against the beer machine. When the prisoner saw her he tried to put the box on the shelf. Some of the cigars were on the floor, and some he had in his hand. She also saw him at the money drawer. He had his hand in the drawer. There was some silver in, but it was taken out. The money was safe a quarter of an hour before. Examined the drawer while the prisoner was in the room.

Emma Bytheway, landlady, said that the last witness called her into the room. She found the prisoner with a cigar box in his hand. She saw the prisoner open the money drawer. There was 2s 6d in silver in it, but it was taken out. Prisoner asked to be forgiven. She sent for the police, and the prisoner ran away.

Joseph Pearson of the BROCKMOOR HOUSE, was in the room at the time. I told him I thought he was as big a thief as the prisoner.

Police-constable Fairbanks proved apprehending the prisoner, and charged him with stealing money and cigars.

The learned Stipendiary sentenced the prisoner to three months' hard labour; and he much regretted that the person with him was not before him, as he would have sentenced him. It was a dastardly outrage to take advantage of Miss *Bytheway* to rob her.”

The County Advertiser 4/5/1912

“One of the oldest parts of Brierley Hill is the Delph, which lies on the eastern side of the ridge, which gave the town its name, for there was a time when the only road to the north through the district avoided the hill and passed through the valley, east of the town.

It is also the most neglected part, for some of the roads still belong to private owners, and are ankle deep in mud in the winter, and in dust in the summer. This does not, of course, apply to the road which runs through from Brettell Lane to Quarry Bank on the line of the ancient road, and which has some of the characteristics of a main thoroughfare. This road, and the property adjoining, however, have suffered severely in recent years from mining operations, as a result of which whole rows of cottages which fronted the road – for the Delph, as is the case with most east wards, sheltered some of the poorest in the town's area – have been demolished, and new ones have arisen. Involved in the wide destruction was the Delph Brewery, with the old DUKE WILLIAM INN, which the present owners, Messrs. Elwell, Williams and Co have commenced to rebuild. We give an illustration of the ruins of the old house. It will be seen that there is ample site accommodation, and we understand the company were intending to build on a rather ambitious scale, but were prevented from doing so by the fact that valuable mines still exist beneath that side of the Delph, and the price asked for these was prohibitive. They are proposing, however, to erect a substantial modern inn under the old name. Another inn, the VINE, not many hundreds of yards away, has also been pulled down by the subsidence, and we understand that the owners Messrs. Atkinson, have decided to abandon this. It is not as well situated as the DUKE WILLIAM, and apart from the site and licensed value, the latter had interesting associations for the owning company which would make them loth in any case to allow the license to lapse. Some 60 years ago it was carried on by Mr. and Mrs. *Thomas Higgs*, representatives of an old local family, and 35 years ago Mr. George Elwell, whose father for many years kept the WHIMSEY, took over the premises, and founded there the success of the Delph Brewery. He very quickly commenced to enlarge and improve the brewing plant, stables,

etc, and subsequently erected a modern brewery on what was formerly waste ground adjoining the house. All this was demolished, however, by the subsequent mining subsidences, and the owners have so long delayed rebuilding, waiting for the ground to settle, that the patience of the licensing justices was nearly at an end. At last, however, they have some assurance that the surface has ceased to move, and the foundations of the new DUKE WILLIAM have been laid. Messrs. Batham and Beddall are the building contractors.

The VINE is situated between Turk Street and Delph Lane, and the vicinity of it is the centre of present disturbance and damage. Here the many houses which are dotted about in gardens or in irregular 'folds' are mainly cottage property, having been built on the land by permission of the lord of the manor, to whom the yearly site rent is paid. The undermining of the sites is now working great havoc, and in many instances there are only stacks of bricks to show where the cottages once stood. The mine-owners are not liable to pay a penny of compensation, and as the dwellings have in most cases been occupied by the same family for generations, there is both material loss and the severing of old associations as the occupiers find their domiciles tumbling down about their ears. This is not too strong a way to put it, for in the cases in which damage is now being done to property in Delph Lane, no notice is given to the tenants that they are in imminent danger by the shaking of their foundations, and in one case a woman lived in her house until a fortnight before it collapsed. The Rayboulds, Greens, Guestfords, Keens, and Lambs, names known in the Delph for years, are leaving as their houses fall one by one. The case of the Lambs illustrates how hardly one family is sometimes hit. In Delph Lane are five houses belonging to this family. Just at this point, some 100 or more yards from the shaft of the Dock o' Nine Pit, from which coal and clay is being drawn, the road is buckled and broken as by an earthquake. There have been no crownings-in, but it is matter for wonder that the surface of the road, cracked as it is from sides to centre, does not give way altogether. In a cottage on the right hand side, as you go up the lane, lives one of the brothers, Enoch, who has patiently built up a business as a haulier, and has also turned his attention to poultry farming in a small way. He rents two fields, one on each side of the ruddy lane, and has a small garden adjoining his house. Now he finds the future very menacing, because the cottage is becoming a ruin, and if he had the means to rebuild, the site does not belong to him. The near gable end has gone in from the base, bending up the floor boards in the 'parlour' till they splinter in the middle; the outer walls have parted from the cross walls by some four to six inches, and that adjoining the lane has partly fallen out; while the washhouse has also been pulled down to prevent it falling. A sister who resided with him cannot longer sleep in the house, and goes at night across the road to the home of another brother, James.

This is in almost as sad a plight. The owner and occupier had to pay to have the corner of the second storey taken out for fear it should fall on the children. For weeks the door has refused to close, and recently the tiles in the brewhouse floor have come up on end. As one of the brothers said to a visitor, 'There is no need to go to the Siden House when you have seen these cottages'.

A house belonging to another sister, further up the lane, has been abandoned by the tenant, and the other property of the family is seriously damaged or threatened. Some people say of those who are still living in their houses, 'I should never risk it', but they do not understand the pleasure of possession and the value of old association, which led James to remark a day or two ago, 'I won't leave my place so long as there is a brick standing.'

Some day we may see a new Delph, with modern property set to a building line in properly made streets, but if the old Delph is to be destroyed by mining operations, one can readily see the new one will arise out of the fire of pain, deprivation and loss."

WHITE HORSE +

BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

D Taylor [1818]

WHITE HORSE

166, (16b), New Street, (New Road), (Chapel Street), QUARRY BANK

OWNERS

Mrs. Emily Tranter
Frank Tranter, Kidderminster
Sarah Julia Tranter
Elwell, Williams (acquired c.1905)
Smith and Williams (acquired on 2nd July 1934)
Julia Hanson and Sons Ltd.
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.
Union Pub Co. (part of Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.)

LICENSEES

Joseph Parrock [1851]
John Grice [1854]
William Tranter [1860] – [1865]
Mrs. Emily Tranter [1870] – 1889);
William Pitt Tranter (1889 – 1903);
Mrs. Sarah Julia Tranter (1903 – 1905);
Arthur Billingham (1905 – 1908);
William Hayes (1908 – 1909);
John Harbach (1909 – 1911);
Reuben Robins (1911 – 1916);
Issacher Willetts (1916 – 1920);
Mrs. Lily Willetts (1920 – 1928);
Joseph Bunn (1928 – 1933);
Noah Hingley (1933 – [1940]
Gordon Beasley [c. 1995]
David Skitt [2005]
David Taylor [2008]

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New Road [1860]
166, New Street
16b, New Street [1996] – this was probably an error.

Brierley Hill Advertiser 7/6/1856

“An inquest was held at the WHITE HORSE INN, Quarry Bank, on Tuesday last, on the body of a newly born male child, aged 9 hours, son of William Depper, shopkeeper. It appeared in the evidence, that the mother of the child had no medical attendance at the birth, nor was any one with her when the child died. Verdict Died from Natural Causes. This is the second child Depper had had die under similar circumstances.”

William Tranter = William Tranler = William Trauler

PUBLIC NOTICE.
I, THE Undersigned **WILLIAM TRANTER**,
late of the Three Crowns Inn, Brierley-Hill,
Hereby give **NOTICE** to all Persons **INDEBTED** to me
that unless such Debts are liquidated forthwith, I shall
proceed for the recovery of the same.
WILLIAM TRANTER.
White Horse Inn, Quarry Bank, April 20, 1858.

Advert 1858

1861 Census

Quarry Bank New Road – WHITE HORSE

- [1] *William Tranter* (33), victualler, born Kidderminster;
- [2] *Emily Tranter* (34), wife, born Monmouthshire;
- [3] _____g *Tranter* (7), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *Emily Tranter* (4), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Laura A. Tranter* (1), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Fanny Grosvenor* (15), servant, born Kingswinford:

Stourbridge Observer 21/10/1865

“At the Petty Sessions on Monday, *Elizabeth* (sic) *Tranter*, landlady of the WHITE HORSE, Quarry Bank, was charged by Superintendent Mills with refusing to admit him into the house, on the morning of the 8th inst. Complainant said that from repeated complaints he had received, he visited defendant’s house soon after 11 o’clock in the morning. He rapped at the door and looked through the window as no one came, and he distinctly saw five or six persons go through the passage to the back door. After rapping at the door for some time, someone came and began to lock and unlock the door. It seemed as if they could not open the door, and so he walked away. The defence was that she was superintending the dinner, and did not hear any one rap. She went to open the door, and when she had opened it Mr. Mills was gone, and she thought he had gone round to the back door. Defendant was fined 10s and costs, £1 2s 6d.”

Stourbridge Observer 4/4/1868

“On Tuesday last, Brother William Miles, of Court ‘William,’ of the Ancient Order of Foresters, held at the WHITE HORSE INN, was interred at the Wordsley Churchyard. The officers and members of the above Court attended to pay their last tribute of respect, in the characteristic dress of the order. The usual ceremony was efficiently discharged by Brother J. Parrock, jun, CB, and Brother J. Holyoake, PDCE.”

Stourbridge Observer 26/11/1870

“On Tuesday, Mr. W. H. Phillips, coroner, held an inquest at the WHITE HORSE INN, New Road, touching the death of Joseph Parrock, 55 years of age, formerly of Stourbridge.

It appeared that deceased had been employed for some years as millwright at Cradley Forge Iron Works. Lately he has been ailing and in a desponding state. On Saturday, he went to the shop of Mr. Cox, and purchased some vermine killer, saying he wanted to destroy rats on his premises. Some time after this he went home. His son, a lad of 12, saw him reach down a cake, sprinkled something like powder over it, and having covered it with butter, commenced to eat. He died in about half an hour.

The verdict was Suicide while in a state of Temporary Insanity.”

1871 Census

New Street

- [1] *Emily Tranter* (44), widow, licensed victualler, born Ganderson, Monmouthshire;
- [2] *Mary Tranter* (17), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [3] *Emily Tranter* (13), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [4] *William Tranter* (12), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Edwin Grice* (23), brother, forge roller, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Elizabeth Whitehouse* (17), domestic servant, born Kingswinford;
- [7] *Frances Tranter* (7), daughter, scholar, born Kingswinford:

Stourbridge Observer 15/4/1871

“William Granton was charged by Joseph Deeley with assaulting him on the 11th inst, at Quarry Bank. Mr. Addison was for the defence.

Complainant said on the above date he came out of the WHITE HORSE INN, Quarry Bank, when defendant knocked him down and kicked him, without any provocation.

Grantham Shaw and Dinah Taylor corroborated complainant.

Mr. Addison, in defence, said complainant accused defendant of stealing a pigeon and irritated him, and struck off at him. They went outside and had a fair fight.

Amos Barnsley Nock, chainmaker, Quarry Bank, said he was with defendant and his father at the WHITE HORSE INN, on the above date. Complainant was talking about birds, and they argued about the pigeon. When they went outside complainant hit defendant, and he hit him in return.
John Granton, father of defendant, corroborated last witness.
The Bench dismissed the case.”

1881 Census

Chapel Street – WHITE HORSE Public House

- [1] *Emily Tranter* (54), widow, innkeeper, born Monmouthshire;
- [2] *Emily Tranter* (23), daughter, born Quarry Bank;
- [3] *William Tranter* (22), son, born Quarry Bank;
- [4] *Frances Tranter* (11), daughter, born Quarry Bank:

1891 Census

New Street – WHITE HORSE INN

- [1] *William Pitt Tranter* (32), licensed victualler, born Quarry Bank;
- [2] *Sarah Julia Tranter* (31), wife, born Colley Gate;
- [3] *Mabel Hadley Tranter* (6), daughter, born Cradley;
- [4] *George Hugh Tranter* (6), son, born Cradley;
- [5] *Mary Ann Hadley* (76), wife's mother, widow, born Quarry Bank;
- [6] *Beatrice Williams* (18), domestic servant, born Quarry Bank:

It had a bowling green [1892], [1926]

County Express 3/2/1900

“On Monday night, a splendid smoking concert was given at the WHITE HORSE HOTEL by Mr. Harry J. Wharton's concert party in aid of Mr. George Hooper, glasscutter, of Brettell Lane, who has been ill for over twelve years, and unable to follow any employment for about three years past. Mr. William Wilesmith occupied the chair. The room was packed to excess. The following was on the programme:– Glee, ‘Here's to life and health to England's Queen,’ Brockmoor Church Glee Union; humorous song, ‘I'd like to go halves in that,’ Mr. Ern. Homer; song ‘Shall I be an angel Daddy,’ Master Eddie Hazeldine; song, ‘When thou art by my side,’ Mr. W. Pugh; humorous song, ‘The mid-night son,’ (encore, ‘How they nurse the baby,’) Mr. Harry J. Wharton; song ‘The Bugler,’ Mr. George Rendall; glee, ‘The Tack,’ and ‘My lady fair,’ (encore, ‘The soldier's farewell’), Brockmoor Church Glee Union; song.....”

County Express 10/2/1900

“On Tuesday, at the WHITE HORSE INN, a concert was given in aid of the local Reservist Fund. It is hoped to hand over £7 to the fund. The host (Mr. *Tranter*) bore all the expenses of engaging the talent. Mr. F. W. Frost, of the RAILWAY HOTEL, Cradley Heath, presided. The following took part in the concert, The Orpheus Glee Singers (Messrs. A. Yardley, G. Evans, S. Yardley, and H. Stevens), Messrs. J. Hughes (Tipton), J. Singleton (Kate's Hill), W. King (Quarry Bank), S. Bladen (Colley Gate), S. Southall (Lye), Pat Tyrone (Colley Gate), Mr. J. Norris (Tipton) was accompanist.”

County Express 16/6/1900

“.....Arthur H. Sidaway is favoured with instructions to Sell by Auction, on Tuesday, June 26th, 1900, at the house of Mr. *W. P. Tranter*, the WHITE HORSE INN, New Street, Quarry Bank Three Valuable Freehold Dwelling Houses.....”

County Express 7/7/1900

“On Thursday night a meeting of the committee in connection with the Brierley Hill and District Licensed Victuallers’ Association was held at the WHITE HORSE INN, New Street, Quarry Bank. Mr. H. F. Williams (president of the Association) was in the chair, and Mr. J. Woolridge (vice-president) in the vice-chair, and there were also present Messrs. *W. P. Tranter*, J. Preston, S. G. Morgan, W. E. Higgs (secretary), S. Mobberley, James Round, A. Billingham, R. B. Wood, etc. The committee passed a resolution expressing the hope that the members of the Association would follow out the instructions of the Midland Brewers’ Association with reference to the ‘long pull’ and over measure, in giving only 25 per cent over in lieu of a quart for a pint. The new rule is fixed to come into operation on July 16th.”

County Express 14/7/1900

“The members of Court Emily held their annual meeting at the Court House, WHITE HORSE INN, Quarry Bank, on Monday, when there was a splendid repast put before about 50 or 60 members. After the dinner the members spent a very enjoyable evening, Mr. Frank Webb being in the chair, and Mr. Thomas Cartwright in the vice-chair. The Chairman spoke of the satisfactory condition of the club. Songs were given by the vice-chairman (Mr. Thomas Cartwright), and Messrs. Edward Dunn, William Bloomer, Cornelius Brooks, William Jones, and George Ray. A vote of thanks was given to the host and hostess for the way they had catered for the members, and also the chairman and vice-chairman.”

County Express 10/11/1900

“Samuel Ganner, New Street, Quarry Bank, and George Parkes, Birch Coppice, were charged with assaulting Albert Weaver, miner, Saltwell Coppices, on October 25th, and Garner was also charged threatening Benjamin Sidaway. Mr. Waldron prosecuted and Mr. P. Mellor defended Parkes. It appeared that the parties were in the WHITE HORSE INN, Quarry Bank, when Ganner accused Weaver of owing him threepence for eight or nine years. When Weaver denied it, Ganner expressed his intention of knocking it out of him, and struck Weaver repeatedly and blacked his left eye. Ganner then departed, and Parkes assaulted Weaver, Parkes’s blow blacked Weaver’s right eye. Before leaving Ganner had threatened Sidaway with violence. Ganner admitted the offences, but Parkes denied striking a blow, although he admitted raising his fist. Ganner was bound over to keep the peace for the threats, and fined 20s and cost, or a month for the assault. Parkes too was fined 20s and costs, or a month.”

County Express 2/3/1901

“Mr. T. A. Stokes (coroner) held an inquest at the WHITE HORSE INN, New Street, on Monday, relative to the death of John Pearson, aged six weeks, son of Joseph and Sarah Pearson of Brook Street. On the previous Thursday the mother found the child dead on her arm at 4.30am. It had been Accidentally Suffocated. A verdict to this effect was given.”

1901 Census

New Street – WHITE HORSE

[1] *William P. Tranter* (42), licensed victualler, born Quarry Bank;

[2] Sarah J. Tranter (41), wife, born Quarry Bank;

[3] Mabel H. Tranter (16), daughter, born Quarry Bank;

[4] George H. Tranter (15), son, born Quarry Bank;

[5] Gladys J. Tranter (9), daughter, born Quarry Bank;

[6] Elizabeth Simcox (14), domestic servant, born Quarry Bank:

County Express 4/5/1901 - Advert

“Sale Of Freehold Property, Maughan Street, Quarry Bank.

Rollinson & Beckley are instructed to Sell By Auction, on Tuesday, May 14th, 1901, at the WHITE HORSE INN, Quarry Bank, at seven o’clock in the evening, and subject to Conditions then to be read, all those Four Freehold Dwelling Houses and Two Chain Shops, situate in Maughan Street aforementioned, now in the respective occupations of Miss W. Williams, Samuel Coley, David Wootton, and another, and of an estimated annual value of £35.....”

Tipton Herald 14/2/1903

“Mr. T. A. Stokes, deputy coroner, held an adjourned inquiry at the WHITE HORSE INN, New Street, on Monday morning relative to the death of Henry Phibbs (13), who formerly resided with his parents at Brook Street, Quarry Bank, and who died under singular circumstances.

At the former inquest it was alleged that the lad’s father had inflicted certain injuries upon his son the morning of the day deceased died.

At this inquiry the father was the first witness called, and after taking the usual oath he was cautioned by the coroner. Frederick Phibbs, a puddler, and the father of the deceased, said that previous to the lad’s death he did not notice any discolouration on the deceased.

Coroner: Did he say anything about pains on the body?

Witness: No sir. He never mentioned anything of the kind.

Coroner: Were you present when the police examined the deceased?

Witness: No sir.

Coroner: At the last inquiry I asked you if you had ever hit him, and you said ‘No’. Is it the truth?

Witness: I never have hit him.

Coroner: Have you ever kicked him?

Witness: No sir I have not.

The Coroner here asked PC Lawson who was the woman who had stated that she saw the deceased being kicked by the father.

PC Lawson: That woman has since told me that she never saw the father kick the lad. She only said she heard some school children say that they saw the father kick the deceased.

The Coroner (addressing the father): Had deceased used to grumble to fetch you coal?

Witness: He used to grumble sometimes.

The Coroner: Had you not used to beat him when he refused to fetch it?

Witness: No sir, I have not kicked or hit him, although I have threatened him.

The Coroner: What were the threats you used?

Witness: I used to threaten to give him a ‘good hiding’ if he would not fetch it.

The Coroner: Before deceased died you say you never heard him complain of any pain?

Witness: No sir. He only complained of having a headache on the day he died.

A Juror: You had to wake him up on the day he died?

Witness: Yes sir.

A Juror: Did you touch him?

Witness: No I never touched him. I only spoke to him, and he said, ‘Father, let me lie a little longer, my head does ache’.

Dr. G. K. Gifford of Brierley Hill, deposed to making a postmortem examination on the deceased on the 31st January. The body was well nourished, and there were no external marks of violence. There were marks on the body caused by postmortem staining, and many people would mistake these for bruises. The internal organs were all found to be congested, there was nothing to account for death from asphyxia or cessation of breathing. The brain was found to be deeply congested, but there was nothing to account for death. He was still of opinion that death was due to some ill defined change or disease in the central nervous system. Death was in his opinion due to disease of the brain, brought about by natural causes. There were no marks of violence or injury.

A Juror: We were under the impression when we viewed the body that there was the mark of a foot on it.

The Doctor: That was due to postmortem staining.

A Juror: Then the mark was not due to inflammation?

The Doctor: No.

A Juror: The mark on the back was just the shape of a boot.

The Doctor: When I saw the body there was no bruise or injury upon it.

A Juror: If he had had a boot prised in him would it have caused inflammation?

Doctor: No.

The coroner in summing up said that according to the doctor’s evidence the lad must have died from disease of the brain. He thought they would agree with what the doctor had said.

After a short consultation a verdict of Natural Causes was returned by the Jury.”

1911 Census

New Street – WHITE HORSE INN

- [1] *John Harbach* (40), licensed victualler, born Cradley, Worcestershire;
- [2] *Sarah Harbach* (40), wife, married 19 years, born Cradley, Worcestershire;
- [3] *Sarah Harbach* (38), sister, domestic servant, born Cradley, Worcestershire;
- [4] *Gladys Harbach* (11), niece, school, born Mount Pleasant:

Issacher Willetts was also a chainmaker.

It had a successful bowling club in the 1920s.

Conveyance dated 2/7/1934

“All that messuage or public-house called the WHITE HORSE situate in New Street Quarry Bank aforesaid together with the outbuildings stable yard and garden thereto belonging now or late occupied by *Issacher Willetts*.....”

Gordon Beasley was shot dead in July 1996, after tackling intruders, in Johannesburg.

Teams from here were Lye and District Bowling League Champions in 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006.

It was closed after an arson attack on 13th April 2005.

It reopened in July 2005.

[2009]

It closed on 21st January 2010.

Reopened [2013]

[2015]



1997



2015

WHITE HORSE

Thorns, QUARRY BANK

OWNERS

LICENSEES

John Bevan [] - **1857**);
John Bashford (**1857 - 1858**);
Thomas Benjamin Badger* (**1858 - [1862]**)
Thomas Badger* [1870]
Ann Maria Hazelhurst [] - **1871**);
Mary Marsh (**1871 - []**)

NOTES

Brierley Hill Advertiser 1/3/1856

“To be let, and entered upon after March 25th, that well-known, Old-licensed Public House, the WHITE HORSE INN, situate at the Thorns, near Brierley Hill.....”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 10/7/1858 and 7/8/1858 - Advert

“The WHITE HORSE INN, Thorns. To be Let, with immediate possession, the above road-side, Old Licensed Public House. The premises are good and roomy, with a good Garden, and situated in a good thoroughfare; the rent and payments low.

For further particulars apply to H. Detheridge, public house agent, High Street, Brierley Hill.”

Stourbridge Observer 4/4/1868

“On Tuesday last, Brother William Miles, of Court William, of the Ancient Order of Foresters, held at the WHITE HORSE INN, was interred at Wordsley Churchyard. The officers and members of the above Court attended to pay their last tribute of respect, in the characteristic dress of the order. The usual ceremony was efficiently discharged by Brother J. Holyoake, PDCR.”

* possibly the same person

1871 Census

Thorns

[1] *Mary Marsh* (32), unmarried, publican, born Middle Halton, Lancashire;

[2] *Elizabeth Price* (14), general servant, born Cradley, Worcestershire:

Check THORNS.

THE WHITE HORSE INN, THORNS.

TO be LET, with immediate possession the above road-side Old-Licensed PUBLIC-HOUSE. The premises are good and roomy, with a good Garden, and situated in a good thoroughfare; the rent and payments low. — For further particulars apply to H. Detheridge, public-house agent, High-street Brierley-Hill.

Advert 1858

WHY NOT

Brettell Lane, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

NOTES

Brierley Hill Advertiser 1/8/1857 - Advert

“To be let, with immediate possession, that well-frequented Public House, in Brettell Lane, The WHY NOT. The present tenant is leaving in consequence of other engagements. Rent £15 per annum. Coming in very moderate. For further particulars apply upon the premises.”

PUBLIC HOUSE TO LET

TO BE LET, with immediate possession, that well-frequented Public House, in Brettell Lane, “The Why Not.” The present tenant is leaving in consequence of other engagements. Rent, £.5 per annum. Coming-in very moderate.—For further particulars apply upon the premises

Advert 1857

WOODMAN

31, Leys Road, (24, The Leys), Brockmoor (Green), BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Henry French Williams
Elwell, Williams and Co. (acquired c.1901)
Smith, Williams and Co. (acquired c.1916)
Julia Hanson and Son Ltd. (acquired on 2nd July 1934)
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.
Hartlebury Brewery [2012]

LICENSEES

Mrs. Ann Wood [1849] – [1854]
Thomas Bate [1860] – **1869**;
John Henry Deeley (**1869 – 1878**);
Samuel Timmins (**1878 – 1882**);
Edward Williams (**1882 – 1886**);
Mrs. Martha Williams (**1886 – 1893**);
Harry French Williams (**1893 – 1917**);
Garnett Harry Orford (**1917 – 1924**);
James Patrick Tyler (**1924 – 1926**);
Dora Lottie Wheatley (**1926 – 1928**);
Ernest Law (**1928 – 1948**);
Horace Ernest Griffin (**1948 – 1953**);
Ralph Alwyne Goodman (**1953 – 1956**);
William Leonard Chambers (**1956 – 1975**);
Gerald Whitehouse (**1975 – 1976**);
Geoffrey Michael Stretton (**1976 – 1979**);
Derek Sidney Bagley (**1979**);
Keith Hodgetts (**1979 – 1980**);
Philip David Hughes (**1980 – 1983**);
Beatrice Rose Malpass (**1983 – 1985**);
Ethel May Garnell (**1985 – 1987**);
Arthur Raymond Griffiths (**1987**);
Richard Grant (**1987 – 1991**);
Ivor Edward Williamson (**1991 – []**)
Michael Wilkins [2000]
Stacey Tyler [2006]

NOTES

Mrs. Ann Wood, WOODMAN and shopkeeper, Brockmoor Green. [1849]

1851 Census

Brockmoor

- [1] Ann Wood (65), widow, licensed victualler, born Kingswinford;
- [2] Maria Wood (29), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [3] Eliza Hingley (21), visitor, born Kingswinford;
- [4] William Jenkins (28), boarder, accountant, born Glamorganshire;
- [5] Job Cartwright (41), visitor, stocktaker, born Staffordshire;
- [6] Eliza Cartwright (37), visitor, born Staffordshire:

1861 Census

Brockmoor

- [1] Thomas Bate (52), publican, born Kingswinford;
- [2] Ann Bate (50), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] Benjamin Bate (19), son, farmer, born Kingswinford;
- [4] Thomas Bate (16), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [5] Sarah Watkins (16), house servant, born Kingswinford;
- [6] Rebecca Wood (12), house servant, born Kidderminster:

1871 Census

Leys – WOODMAN INN

- [1] John Henry Deeley (47), licensed victualler, born Kingswinford;
 - [2] Maria Deeley (41), wife, born Kingswinford;
 - [3] John Henry Deeley (17), son, born Kingswinford;
 - [4] Charles Thomas Deeley (15), son, born Kingswinford;
 - [5] William Albert Deeley (10), son, born Kingswinford;
 - [6] Sarah Jane Deeley (8), daughter, born Kingswinford;
 - [7] George Deeley (6), son, born Kingswinford;
 - [8] Jemimah Deeley (5), daughter, born Kingswinford;
 - [9] Clara Helen Deeley (4), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- and two servants:

Evening Express 4/2/1881 - Advert

“Wanted, Servant Girl, 16; good character indispensable. – WOODMAN INN, Brockmoor, near Brierley Hill.”

Evening Express 11/3/1881 - Advert

“Wanted, respectable Servant, 16, from the country; good character. – WOODMAN INN, Brockmoor, near Brierley Hill.”

1881 Census

The Leys – WOODMAN INN

- [1] Samuel Timmins (42), innkeeper, born Dudley;
 - [2] Ann Susannah Timmins (37), wife, born Feckenham, Worcestershire;
 - [3] Samuel Boucher Timmins (3), son, scholar, born Birmingham;
 - [4] Eliza Sheriff (20), domestic servant, born Wordsley;
 - [5] Alfred Parkes (15), brewer and domestic servant, born Clent;
- [Feckenham is about 4 miles SW of Redditch.]

Evening Star 6/1/1882 - Advert

“Wanted, a strong Servant Girl, with good character. – Apply WOODMAN INN, Brockmoor, Brierley Hill.”

Brierley Hill Advertiser 4/2/1883 - Advert

“To Be Let: WOODMAN INN, Brockmoor, with 6 acres of land. Income reduced due to illness. Now only £300.”

1891 Census

WOODMAN INN

- [1] *Martha Williams* (64), widow, licensed victualler, born Doddington;
- [2] *Harry F. Williams* (29), son, banker, born Wolverley;
- [3] *Mary Williams* (33), daughter in law, born Swansea;
- [4] *Edith Williams* (3), granddaughter, born Kingswinford;
- [5] *Dorothy Williams* (1), granddaughter, born Kingswinford;
- [6] *Elizabeth Hickman* (20), servant:

1901 Census

24, The Lays – WOODMAN INN

- [1] *Harry F. Williams* (39), brewer and licensed victualler, born Cookley, Worcestershire;
- [2] *Mary Williams* (41), wife, born Swansea;
- [3] *Dorothy Williams* (11), daughter, born Brockmoor;
- [4] *Margery Williams* (6), daughter, born Brockmoor;
- [5] *Edward Williams* (3), son, born Brockmoor;
- [6] *Mary A. Lane* (24), general servant, born Princes End:

A team from here took part in the Elwell Williams and Company Cricket League. [1901]

County Express 13/7/1901

“The annual supper of the Trademen’s Sick, Benefit and Dividend Society was held at the WOODMAN INN, Brockmoor, on Saturday. After the repast, of which 32 members partook, a pleasant evening was spent. The members’ worth was considerably over £11 each, and they were presented with £1 bonus. Votes of thanks were accorded Mr. Hickman (chairman), Mr. D. Parsons (secretary), and to the host and hostess for their catering.”

County Express 7/12/1901

“The Brierley Hill and District Licensed Victuallers.- The monthly committee meeting was held at the WOODMAN INN, Brockmoor, on Thursday. Mr. *H. F. Williams* presided, and Mr. J. Wooldridge was in the vice-chair. There were also present Messrs. S. Hill, W. Higgs, J. Preston, T. Banks, J. Parker, E. Pearson, R. B. Wood, W. McGill, J. Aston, C. Wood, and J. Davies (secretary). The Sale to Children Act, 1901, was discussed, and it was resolved that every member of the association be supplied with printed posters and leaflets containing directions as to the provisions of the Act with reference to the public and the publican. Mr. S. Hill was unanimously elected delegate to attend the National Trade Defence Association meeting at Birmingham on 17th January next.”

Harry French Williams was a committee member of Brierley Hill and District Licensed Victuallers’ Association. [1902]

Conveyance dated 2/7/1934

“All that messuage or tenement used as a public-house and known by the name of the WOODMAN INN together with the yard bowling green and appurtenances situate at the Leys Brockmoor in the Parish of Kingswinford aforesaid formerly occupied by the said *Harry French Williams* and (with other premises) delineated on the plan annexed to an Indenture dated the Seventh day of November One thousand eight hundred and ninety-two and thereon edged pink and containing three thousand one hundred square yards Except such portion of the said land as has been taken into the road for road widening purposes And Save And Except unto Phillip Walter Leacroft Freer, William Freer and Helena Freer their heirs and assigns all the mines and minerals hereunder.”

London Gazette 4/11/1983

“*Hughes, Philip David* lately carrying on business at The WOODMAN INN, High Street, Brockmoor as a Tenant Publican date of Filing Petition – 27th October 1983.”

It was the headquarters of Woodside and Brockmoor Bowls Club. [2006]

The bowls pavilion was completely destroyed by fire, on 29th June 2006.

[2006]

It closed in April 2008.

It was demolished in 2012.



2008

WOODMAN

14, Wallows Street, (14, Wallace Street), Round Oak, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

John Preston
Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries Ltd.

LICENSEES

Thomas Priest [] - **1871**);
Handel Male (**1871 - 1877**);
Moses Moore (**1877 - 1882**);
George Millerchip (**1882 - 1883**);
Allen Brooks (**1883 - 1885**);
Mrs. Sarah Ann Moore (**1885 - 1892**);
John Preston (**1892 - 1909**);
Mrs. Sarah Ann Preston (**1909 - 1920**);
Harry Clifton Moore (**1920 - 1933**);
Charles Frederick Moore (**1933 - [1940]**)
Raymond Ivan Stringer [] - **1969**);
Ivy Blanche Rowbury (**1969 - 1970**);
Lillian Gough (**1970 - 1971**);
Christine L Terry (**1971 - 1977**);
Terence Robert Dunn (**1977 - 1980**);
Maurice John Webb (**1980 - 1984**);
William James Morton (**1984 - 1987**);
Gordon Campbell Mill (**1987**);
Richard Grant (**1987 - 1988**);
Bernadette Maria Usher (**1988**);
Philip Stuart Chilton (**1988 - 1989**);
Irene Florence Horton (**1989**);
May Adams (**1989 - 1991**);
Edward John Usher (**1991 - 1992**);

NOTES

Wallace Street [1881]
14, Wallows Street [1901]



Handel Male = Handle Male

1881 Census

Wallace Street

- [1] Moses Moore (30), licensed victualler, born Kingswinford;
- [2] Sarah A. Moore (29), wife, born Kingswinford;
- [3] Joseph Moore (7), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [4] Frederick Moore (4), son, scholar, born Kingswinford;
- [5] Marrion Moore (1), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [6] Sidnet Moore (1 month), son, born Kingswinford;
- [7] Violetta Clark (78), widow, visitor, born Kingswinford;
- [8] Eliza Green (22), general servant (domestic), born Kingswinford:

1891 Census

Wallows Street

- [1] Sarah Ann Moore (39), married, publican, born Kingswinford;
- [2] John Preston (40), lodger, carpenter, born Kingswinford;
- [3] Joseph Moore (17), son, glass blower, born Kingswinford;
- [4] Charles F. Moore (15), son, carpenter, born Kingswinford;
- [5] Harry C. Moore (13), son, boiler maker, born Kingswinford;
- [6] Elizabeth Moore (11), daughter, born Kingswinford;
- [7] Sidney Moore (10), son, born Kingswinford;
- [8] Emma Priest (18), cousin, born Kingswinford:

A team from here took part in the Brierley Hill and District Bowling League. [1900]

1901 Census

14, Wallace Street – WOODMAN INN

- [1] John Preston (52), brewer, born Quarry Bank;
- [2] Sarah Ann Preston (49), wife, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] Mary Ann Priest (75), aunt, widow, born Woodside;
- [4] Annie Roberts (20), general servant, born Harts Hill:

John Preston was a committee member of Brierley Hill and District Licensed Victuallers' Association. [1902]

County Express 5/4/1902

“The annual meeting of the Women’s Benefit Society, held at Mr. *John Preston*’s, WOODMAN INN, Round Oak, took place on Tuesday evening last. The proceedings commenced with a good tea, at which 150 members were present, and which was much enjoyed. Later, the business of the club was transacted, and a dividend of 9s 6d was declared. Twenty-six new members were admitted. The evening passed off very successfully.”

Tipton Herald 11/4/1903

“On Monday evening a smoking concert was held at the WOODMAN INN, Round Oak, under the auspices of the Brockmoor Conservative Association. Councillor H. F. Williams presided.....”

Tipton Herald 24/7/1909

“Many of our readers will regret to hear of the death of Mr. *John Preston*, the licensee of the WOODMAN INN, Wallows Street, Brierley Hill. The deceased was about 61 years of age, and was the president of the Brierley Hill and District Licensed Victuallers’ Association. Last week he journeyed with the victuallers to Warwick and Stratford on Avon, although he was not in robust health, and died after a few days confinement to his room, on Wednesday last. He was of a most genial nature, and was greatly esteemed in the Brierley Hill district.”

1911 Census

14, Wallows Street – WOODMAN INN

- [1] Sarah Ann Preston (59), widow, licensed victualler, born Brierley Hill;
- [2] Charles Frederick Moore (34), son, married 10 years, brewer beer, born Brockmoor;
- [3] Mary Ann Moore (37), daughter in law, born Brierley Hill;
- [4] Mary Moore (9), granddaughter, school, born Brockmoor;
- [5] Joseph Moore (7), grandson, school, born Brockmoor;
- [6] Harry Clifton Moore (5), grandson, school, born Brockmoor;
- [7] Cecilia Green (17), general servant, born Harts Hill:

Harry Moore was treasurer of the Brierley Hill and District Free Home Brewers' Protection Society. [1933]

Charles Frederick Moore was the vice chairman of Brierley Hill and District Licensed Victuallers' Association. [1935]

It closed on 4th April 1992.

It was converted into a builders' merchant's store.



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WOODMAN

Chapel Wharf, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Thomas Pierce [1858]

NOTES

Brierley Hill Advertiser 29/5/1858 - Advert

“Sale at the WOODMAN INN, Chapel Wharf, Brierley Hill.

To be Sold by Auction, by Mr. W. Hawkins, on Tuesday Next, June 1st, 1858, the Stock In Trade of Ale, well seasoned Casks, Ale Tubs, Shelving, Mahogany and Deal Tables, Capital Eight-day Clock, mahogany case, Buffet; Mahogany Dining Table, D ends; Chest of Drawers, Chaffoneer, Chairs, Tump of Hops, and other effects, belonging to Mr. *Thomas Pierce*, who is giving up the Public business.

Sale to commence in the Morning at Eleven o'clock.”

This is probably one of the previous ones.

**SALE AT THE WOODMAN INN,
CHAPEL HILL, BRIERLEY-HILL.**

To be SOLD by AUCTION, by Mr. W. HAWKINS, on TUESDAY NEXT, June 1st, 1858, the STOCK-IN-TRADE of ALE, well-seasoned Casks, Ale Tubs, Shelving, Mahogany and Deal Tables, Capital Eight-day Clock, mahogany case; Buffet; Mahogany Dining Table, D ends, Chests of Drawers, Chaffoneer, Chairs, Tump of Hops, and other effects, belonging to Mr. THOMAS PIERCE, who is giving up the public business.

Sale to commence in the Morning at Eleven o'clock.

Advert 1858

WOODMAN

Brockmoor, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Edgar Randle [1904]

WOOD'S VAULTS

108, (100), High Street, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

Elizabeth Wheeler, Albion Street, Kingswinford
John Breeze, Moor Street, Brierley Hill
Joseph E. Breeze, Leafields, Abbots Bromley

LICENSEES

Thomas Wood Jnr. [1872] - **1901**);
Frederick Hipkiss (**1901 - 1915**);
William Henry Smith (**1915 - 1918**);
Herbert Vernon Smith (**1918 - 1926**);
Walter Male (**1926 - 1934**);
Clifford Fullwood (**1934 - 1936**);
Mrs. Isabella Hodgkiss (**1936 - 1939**):

NOTES

It was originally known as the BOARD until 1903.

It had a six-day license.

Thomas Wood, spirit vaults, High Street. [1872]

1901 Census

108, High Street

- [1] *Thomas Wood* (71), widower, wine and spirit merchant, born Dudley;
- [2] *Delilah Pearson* (55), housekeeper, born Brierley Hill;
- [3] *Phoebe Webb* (44), barmaid, born Brockmoor;
- [4] *Maud Wellings* (17), domestic servant, born Brockmoor;
- [5] *Sarah A. Lloyd* (18), barmaid, born Brockmoor:

The license was referred to the Compensation Authority on 6th March 1939.
It closed on 30th December 1939.

YEW TREE

QUARRY BANK

OWNERS

Earl of Dudley

LICENSEES

Maria Stevens [] - **1873**);
William Stevens (**1873 - 1891**):

NOTES

It was originally called the THORNS.

The name was changed to the YEW TREE in 1887.

The license was not renewed in August 1891.

Beerhouse - Unnamed

Brockmoor, BRIERLEY HILL

OWNERS

LICENSEES

Thomas Baker [1867]

NOTES

Stourbridge Observer 16/2/1867

“On Monday last, at the Public Office, *Thomas Baker*, beerhouse keeper, of Brockmoor, was charged by Superintendent Mills with having a bagatelle board in his house on the 6th inst contrary to the statute. Pleaded guilty. Withdrawn by defendant paying costs, and ordered to do away with the board.”

LIST OF BRIERLEY HILL PUBS

ABRAHAM DARBY Times Square Avenue, Merry Hill Centre, BRIERLEY HILL
ACADEMY Waterfront East, Merry Hill Centre, BRIERLEY HILL
ALBION 17, (9), Albion Street, BRIERLEY HILL
ALBION 35, (38), Moor Street, (Moor Lane), BRIERLEY HILL
ALBION 71, (124), Commonside, PENSNETT
ALMA 1a, (3), (1), Mill Street, BRIERLEY HILL
ALMA Lays Road, Brockmoor, (Buckpool), BRIERLEY HILL
ALMA COTTAGE The Common, Round Oak, BRIERLEY HILL
ANCHOR Brockmoor, (Commonside), BRIERLEY HILL
BAR EDGE 2-5, Waterfront East, BRIERLEY HILL
BEE HIVE Delph, BRIERLEY HILL
BELL Bell Lane, BRIERLEY HILL
BELL 172, Delph Road, (Delph Lane), Dingle, (27, Lower Delph), BRIERLEY HILL
BELL 39, (13), (14), High Street, BRIERLEY HILL
BELL + BRIERLEY HILL
BELL Bell Street / 2, (6), Hollies Street, PENSNETT
BIRCH COPPICE 2, Woodland Avenue, (2, Birch Coppice), QUARRY BANK
BIRD IN HAND Fenton Street, BRIERLEY HILL
BIRD IN HAND 1, (2), (3), Parkes Street, (Park Street), BRIERLEY HILL
BIRD IN HAND Shut End, PENSNETT
BLACK HORSE 52, (79), Delph Road, (58, (59), Delph) / Black Horse Lane, BRIERLEY HILL
BLACKSMITHS ARMS High Oak, PENSNETT
BLUE BALL High Street / Thorns Road, (7, Merry Hill), QUARRY BANK
BLUE BRICK 153, Dudley Road, (2, Round Oak), BRIERLEY HILL
BOARD 17, Chapel Street, BRIERLEY HILL
BOARD 54-56, Mill Street, BRIERLEY HILL
BOARD 23, Park Street, (Parkes Street), BRIERLEY HILL
BOARD + BRIERLEY HILL
BOARD + BRIERLEY HILL
BOARD Cradley Forge, QUARRY BANK
BOAT Pheasant Road / 33, (25), Station Road, (Belle Isle), (Hulland), Brockmoor, BRIERLEY HILL
BOTTLE AND GLASS 23, Moor Lane, (23, Buckpool), (Lays Road), The Leys, Brockmoor, BRIERLEY HILL
BREWERS WHARF Waterfront, Level Street, Merry Hill, BRIERLEY HILL
BRICKMAKERS ARMS 29, Tansey Green Road, (5, Tansey Green), PENSNETT
BRICKMAKERS ARMS 36, (42), Mount Pleasant, (Delph), QUARRY BANK
BRIDGE 163, (92), Bank Street, Brockmoor, BRIERLEY HILL
BRIDGE Level, BRIERLEY HILL
BRITANNIA Delph Lane, BRIERLEY HILL
BRITANNIA 68, (153), Dudley Road, (Dudley Street), Round Oak, BRIERLEY HILL
BRITANNIA The Fold, (2, Lower Delph), BRIERLEY HILL
BRITANNIA Cressett Lane, The Leys, Brockmoor, BRIERLEY HILL
BRITISH OAK BRIERLEY HILL
BROCKMOOR HOUSE 48, Station Road / 17, High Street, Brockmoor, BRIERLEY HILL
BROWN JUG Round Oak, BRIERLEY HILL
BRUNELS Waterfront East, BRIERLEY HILL
BULLS HEAD 86, (13), Bull Street, (Bull Lane), Silver End, Brettell Lane, BRIERLEY HILL
BULLS HEAD 132, Pensnett Road, (Brockmoor Bridge), (Brockmoor Wharf), (1, Commonside), PENSNETT
BUSH Commonside, PENSNETT
BUSH High Street, QUARRY BANK
CALEDONIA Mousehall Farm Road, (Woods Lane), QUARRY BANK
CASTLE High Street, BRIERLEY HILL
CHURCH TAVERN 36, High Street (Highway Road) / Church Street, QUARRY BANK
COACH AND HORSES High Street, BRIERLEY HILL
COCK Brettell Lane, BRIERLEY HILL
COCK 122, (76), (69), Moor Street, (Moor Lane), BRIERLEY HILL
COCK + BRIERLEY HILL
COMMERCIAL 36, Fenton Street, BRIERLEY HILL
COMMERCIAL 42, High Street / Cressett Lane, Brockmoor, BRIERLEY HILL
COMMERCIAL 23, Bromley, (Bromley Lane), PENSNETT
CORBYNS HALL PENSNETT
CORN EXCHANGE Amblecote Road / Mount Pleasant, BRIERLEY HILL
COTTAGE Cottage Street, BRIERLEY HILL
COTTAGE Cricket Field, Brockmoor, BRIERLEY HILL
COTTAGE IN THE BOWER 72, Maughan Street, (Bower Lane), QUARRY BANK
COTTAGE SPRING 172, (31), Mill Street, BRIERLEY HILL
CROSS 15, (8), Level Street, BRIERLEY HILL
CROSS Bromley (8, Commonside) / Brockmoor Bridge (Brockmoor Wharf), PENSNETT
CROSS GUNS 57, Dudley Street, (57, Dudley Road), Round Oak, BRIERLEY HILL
CROSS KEYS 10, Cressett Lane, (Cressett Street), Brockmoor, (Brockmoor Green), BRIERLEY HILL

CROWN Round Oak, BRIERLEY HILL
CROWN + BRIERLEY HILL
CROWN 36, Commonside, PENSNETT
DOCK AND IRON 104, (41), (45), Delph Road, (45, Delph), BRIERLEY HILL
DOG AND LAMPPOST 62, (156), Dudley Road, (Dudley Street), BRIERLEY HILL
DOG AND PARTRIDGE 136, (89), (88), High Street, BRIERLEY HILL
DOG AND PARTRIDGE 17, Thorns Road, Caledonia, QUARRY BANK
DOLPHIN 133, (55), High Street, BRIERLEY HILL
DUDLEY ARMS 139, (68), Dudley Street / John Street, (68, Dudley Road), Round Oak, BRIERLEY HILL
EAGLE 7, Turners Lane, Delph, BRIERLEY HILL
ELEPHANT AND CASTLE 64, Bromley, (Bromley Lane), (Commonside), PENSNETT
ELEPHANT AND CASTLE 91, High Street / Rose Hill, QUARRY BANK
EXCHANGE VAULTS 51, (20), (19), High Street, (Dudley Street and High Street), BRIERLEY HILL
FALCON 112, (35), Mill Street, (Mill Lane), (Locks Lane), BRIERLEY HILL
FISH 190, (28), Commonside, (Brockmoor common-side), PENSNETT
FIVE WAYS 88, (114), High Street, (Mill Street), BRIERLEY HILL
FORESTERS ARMS 30, Cressett Lane, (Cressett Street), Brockmoor, BRIERLEY HILL
FORTUNE OF WAR 86, (144), (149), Dudley Street, Round Oak, (Harts Hill), BRIERLEY HILL
FOSTERS ARMS Tansey Green Road, Shutt End, (Tansey Green), PENSNETT
FOUNTAIN 13, (7), Level Street, BRIERLEY HILL
FOUNTAIN 1, Bradley Street, PENSNETT
FOUNTAIN 21, Victoria Road, (Vine Street), QUARRY BANK
FOUR FURNACES 6, (61), (60), New Street, Rocks Hill, BRIERLEY HILL
FOUR FURNACES 81, High Street (Kingswinford Road) / Tansey Green Road, (Shutt End), PENSNETT
FOX AND GOOSE 100, (103), Level Street, BRIERLEY HILL
FOX AND GOOSE QUARRY BANK
FOX AND GRAPES 176, (36), High Street, PENSNETT
GATE near Pensnett Road, Brockmoor, BRIERLEY HILL
GATE HANGS WELL 13, Bower Lane, QUARRY BANK
GOLDEN CROSS Brockmoor Bridge, BRIERLEY HILL
GOLDEN CUP 6, (67), Bank Street, BRIERLEY HILL
GOLDEN CUP Gorsty Bank, BRIERLEY HILL
GOLDEN EAGLE 109, (43), High Street, BRIERLEY HILL
GOLDEN LION BRIERLEY HILL
GRAND TURK 3, Amblecote Road, (Turk Street), (Mount Pleasant), Delph, BRIERLEY HILL
GREYHOUND BRIERLEY HILL
HAPPY RETURN 169, Moor Street, (Brockmoor Lane), (12, Buckpool), Buckpool, BRIERLEY HILL
HARBORNE INN Commonside, PENSNETT
HEARTY GOOD FELLOW 38, High Street, Brockmoor, BRIERLEY HILL
HEN AND CHICKENS Dudley Street, BRIERLEY HILL
HEN AND CHICKENS Fenton Street, BRIERLEY HILL
HEN AND CHICKENS Level Street / High Street, BRIERLEY HILL
HEREFORDSHIRE HOUSE Brockmoor, BRIERLEY HILL
HIGH OAK 82, (37), High Street, High Oak, PENSNETT
HOLLY BUSH Cressett Street, (Cressett Lane), Brockmoor, (Brockmoor Green), (Commonside), BRIERLEY HILL
HOLLY BUSH 35, Potter Street, BRIERLEY HILL
HOLLY BUSH + BRIERLEY HILL
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HOLLY BUSH + BRIERLEY HILL
HOLLY BUSH + BRIERLEY HILL
HOLLY BUSH 15, Bell Street, PENSNETT
HOLLY BUSH Cradley Forge, QUARRY BANK
HOPE TAVERN Brettell Lane, (Dingle), Lower Delph, BRIERLEY HILL
HOPE AND ANCHOR 23, Bower Lane, QUARRY BANK
HOP POLE South Street, Delph, BRIERLEY HILL
HORSESHOE 85, (31), High Street, BRIERLEY HILL
HORSE SHOE Commonside, Bromley, PENSNETT
THE HOTEL PENSNETT
HUCKLEBERRY FINN'S Waterfront West, BRIERLEY HILL
JOINERS ARMS Round Oak, BRIERLEY HILL
JOLLY COLLIER Park Street, BRIERLEY HILL
JOLLY COLLIER 18, Bromley, (Bromley Lane) / Mullett Street, (Brettell Meadow), PENSNETT
KINGS ARMS 58, (37), Brettell Lane, Silver End, BRIERLEY HILL
KINGS HEAD 15, (7), (7+8), Mill Street, BRIERLEY HILL
KINGS HEAD 136, (68), Commonside, PENSNETT
LABOUR IN VAIN Sun Street, Brockmoor, BRIERLEY HILL
LAMP 1, Fenton Street, (Felton Street), BRIERLEY HILL
LAYS INN 11, The Leys, Brockmoor, BRIERLEY HILL
LION High Street, BRIERLEY HILL
LION HOTEL 240, (51), High Street, PENSNETT
MARKET VAULTS 107, (42), High Street, BRIERLEY HILL

MAYA BAR Waterfront, BRIERLEY HILL
MINERS ARMS 149, Dudley Road, Round Oak, BRIERLEY HILL
MITRE 141, (59), High Street, BRIERLEY HILL
MOUNTAIN DAISY 170, Dudley Road, (Dudley Street), BRIERLEY HILL
MOUTH OF THE NILE Church Street, (High Street), BRIERLEY HILL
NAGS HEAD Brockmoor Green, BRIERLEY HILL
NELSON 54, Dudley Street (Road), Round Oak, BRIERLEY HILL
NEW INN Round Oak, BRIERLEY HILL
NEW INN 166, New Street / Queen Street, (High Street), QUARRY BANK
NEW STAR High Street, BRIERLEY HILL
NEW WELLINGTON Brettell Lane, Silver End, BRIERLEY HILL
NOAHS ARK High Street, BRIERLEY HILL
NOAHS ARK Brockmoor, BRIERLEY HILL
OLD BELL 6, (7), Bell Street, BRIERLEY HILL
OLD BUSH 128, (67), (68), Level Street, BRIERLEY HILL
OLD BUSH 220, Moor Street, (34, Moor Lane), Brockmoor, BRIERLEY HILL
OLD CROWN 43, Brettell Lane, (Moor Lane), (Seven Dwellings), Silver End, BRIERLEY HILL
OLD MANSION 81, (73), Cressett Lane, (Cressett Street), Brockmoor, BRIERLEY HILL
OLD NEW INN 17, (1), (1a), High Street / Bell Street, BRIERLEY HILL
OLD STAR 85, Norwood Road, (42, Sun Street), (Sun Lane), Brockmoor, BRIERLEY HILL
OLD SWAN 10, Queen Street / Chapel Street, PENSNETT
OLD WHIMSEY 26, (33), Church Street, (Chapel Hill), Brettell Lane, BRIERLEY HILL
PACK HORSE PENSNETT
PHEASANT Pheasant Street / 1, Cottage Lane, (Cricket Fields), Brockmoor, BRIERLEY HILL
PHEASANT Bromley, PENSNETT
PIED BULL Cressett Street (Road), Brockmoor, BRIERLEY HILL
PILGRIMS COTTAGE Cradley Forge, QUARRY BANK
PJ's MOON AND SIXPENCE 10-13, Waterfront, BRIERLEY HILL
PLOUGH 7, (10), (11), Church Street, BRIERLEY HILL
PLOUGH Commonside, PENSNETT
PLOUGH PENSNETT
POTTERS ARMS 34, Potter Street, (Rock Street), (Rocks Hill), The Dingle, BRIERLEY HILL
PRINCE OF WALES The Leys, Brockmoor, BRIERLEY HILL
PUDDLERS ARMS High Street, BRIERLEY HILL
QUEEN Moor Lane, (23, Buckpool), Buckpool, BRIERLEY HILL
QUEENS BRIERLEY HILL
QUEENS HEAD 19, (12), Dudley Street, (12, Dudley Road), (High Street), BRIERLEY HILL
QUEENS HEAD 79, (47), (46), Level Street, (Old Level), BRIERLEY HILL
QUEENS HEAD 117, (148), Commonside, PENSNETT
QUEENS HEAD 84, High Street, QUARRY BANK
RAILWAY 118, (45), (47), Fenton Street, (Fendon Street), (Felton Street), (18, Mill Street), Brockmoor, BRIERLEY HILL
RAILWAY TAVERN Moor Lane, BRIERLEY HILL
RED COW Church Lane, BRIERLEY HILL
RED COW 17, Hall Street, BRIERLEY HILL
RED LION 33, (10), (9+10), High Street, BRIERLEY HILL
RED LION Sun Street, Brockmoor, BRIERLEY HILL
RED LION 35, Maughan Street, QUARRY BANK
REINDEER 41, Chapel Street, PENSNETT
RICHMOND HOUSE 63, (62-63), Dudley Road, BRIERLEY HILL
RIFLE 28, Church Street, PENSNETT
ROBIN HOOD Merry Hill, QUARRY BANK
ROCK TAVERN 16, Cressett Street, Brockmoor, (Brockmoor Green), BRIERLEY HILL
ROCK TAVERN 68, (26), Hill Street, (10, Potter Street), (Chapel Street), The Dingle, (Rock Hill), BRIERLEY HILL
ROEBUCK 13, Amblecote Road, Mount Pleasant, (Amblecote Bank), BRIERLEY HILL
ROEBUCK QUARRY BANK
ROSE AND CROWN 161, (91), Bank Street, Brockmoor, BRIERLEY HILL
ROSE AND CROWN 114, Bromley Lane, Commonside, PENSNETT
ROUND OAK Dudley Street, (10, (14), Round Oak) / John Street, BRIERLEY HILL
ROUND OAK Merry Hill, QUARRY BANK
ROUND OF BEEF Dudley Street, (1, Round Oak), BRIERLEY HILL
ROYAL EXCHANGE Bankwell Street, Brockmoor, BRIERLEY HILL
ROYAL EXCHANGE 71, Brettell Lane, (71, Silver End), BRIERLEY HILL
ROYAL EXCHANGE 41, Wallows Street, (4, Wallace Street), Round Oak, (Brockmoor), BRIERLEY HILL
ROYAL OAK 67, Brettell Lane, Silver End, BRIERLEY HILL
ROYAL OAK Dudley Road, (10, Round Oak), BRIERLEY HILL
ROYAL OAK 11, Broad Street, PENSNETT
ROYAL OAK 21, High Street, (Quarry Bank Road), (Thorns), QUARRY BANK
SAMSON AND LION 87, (61), Chapel Street, PENSNETT
SARACENS HEAD 33, (35), (20), Dudley Road, (Dudley Street), BRIERLEY HILL
SEVEN DWELLINGS Mill Lane, Delph, BRIERLEY HILL
SEVEN STARS 69, Fenton Street, BRIERLEY HILL

SHEFFIELD 65, Sheffield Street, QUARRY BANK
SHINGLERS ARMS 22, Commonsides, (Brockmoor Bridge), PENSNETT
SHOOTING CANTEEN Barrow Hill, PENSNETT
SPOTTED COW 104, (74), (81), (86), Moor Street, (81, Moor Lane), Brettell Lane, BRIERLEY HILL
SPREAD EAGLE 2, (155), High Street, (6, (7), Church Street) / Hill Street, BRIERLEY HILL
STAFFORDSHIRE HOUSE Thorns, (29, Caledonia), QUARRY BANK
STAR 130, (93), High Street, BRIERLEY HILL
STAR + Brockmoor, BRIERLEY HILL
STAR + BRIERLEY HILL
SUN High Street, BRIERLEY HILL
SUN 1, Sun Street, Brockmoor, (Brockmoor Green), (The Leys), BRIERLEY HILL
SUN 218, High Street, (Quarry Bank Road), QUARRY BANK
SWAN High Street, BRIERLEY HILL
SWAN High Street / Sun Street, (Holland), Brockmoor, BRIERLEY HILL
SWAN 70, (56), Mill Street, BRIERLEY HILL
SWAN 61, (63), (60), Moor Street, (Moor Lane), BRIERLEY HILL
SWAN 102, (13), High Street, (Swan Terrace), PENSNETT
SWAN High Street, PENSNETT
SWAN + PENSNETT
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SWAN WITH TWO NECKS Brettell Lane, BRIERLEY HILL
TALBOT 341, (5), (2), Brettell Lane, Silver End, BRIERLEY HILL
TALBOT 2, High Street, (Kingswinford Road), (3, Lenches Bridge), Shutt End, PENSNETT
TANSEY GREEN ARMS Tansey Green Road, Tansey Green, (Shut End), PENSNETT
TENTH LOCK 154, Delph Road, (8, Delph), BRIERLEY HILL
THORNS 174, Thorns Road, QUARRY BANK
THORNS COTTAGE 28, Thorns Road, QUARRY BANK
THREE CROWNS 61, (63), (25), High Street, BRIERLEY HILL
THREE FURNACES 67, (40), Level Street, (Level Road), (Old Level), BRIERLEY HILL
THREE HORSE SHOES 120, High Street, QUARRY BANK
TOWN ARMS 90, (113), High Street / Mill Street, (Cottage Street), (Five Ways), BRIERLEY HILL
TRAVELLERS REST 22, (39), (23), Church Street, BRIERLEY HILL
TRUE BRITON 124, New Street, (New Road), QUARRY BANK
TURKS HEAD 148, (84), (84+85), High Street, BRIERLEY HILL
TWO FURNACES Level Street, BRIERLEY HILL
TWO WAYS BRIERLEY HILL
UNICORN 134, Dudley Street, Round Oak, BRIERLEY HILL
UNION Brettell Lane, (Meeting Lane), BRIERLEY HILL
UNION 29, (25), Mill Street, BRIERLEY HILL
VICTORIA Thorns, QUARRY BANK
VINE 68, Brettell Lane, (24, Silver End), BRIERLEY HILL
VINE 10, (125), Delph Road, (94, Delph), (Mount Pleasant), BRIERLEY HILL
VINE 2, (104), Fenton Street, (Moor Lane), (Moor Street), BRIERLEY HILL
VINE 23, Parkes Street, (23, Park Street), BRIERLEY HILL
VINE 3, Turk Street, (Delph Lane), Delph, BRIERLEY HILL
VINE + BRIERLEY HILL
VINE 50, High Street, QUARRY BANK
WAGGON AND HORSES 1, Cradley Forge, Forge Lane, QUARRY BANK
WATERFRONT 6+7, Waterfront (East), BRIERLEY HILL
WATERLOO 41, (47), (23), Mill Street, (Mill Lane), (Locks Lane), BRIERLEY HILL
WHEATSHEAF Delph, BRIERLEY HILL
WHIMSEY BRIERLEY HILL
WHITE HORSE + BRIERLEY HILL
WHITE HORSE 166, (16b), New Street, (New Road), (Chapel Street), QUARRY BANK
WHITE HORSE Thorns, QUARRY BANK
WHY NOT Brettell Lane, BRIERLEY HILL
WOODMAN 31, Leys Road, (24, The Leys), Brockmoor (Green), BRIERLEY HILL
WOODMAN 14, Wallows Street, (14, Wallace Street), Round Oak, BRIERLEY HILL
WOODMAN Chapel Wharf, BRIERLEY HILL
WOODMAN Brockmoor, BRIERLEY HILL
WOOD'S VAULTS 108, (100), High Street, BRIERLEY HILL
YEW TREE QUARRY BANK

Beerhouse – Unnamed Brockmoor, BRIERLEY HILL

HOW TO USE THE INFORMATION

PUB NAME

This is generally the name by which the pub was officially known. Other names, either changes or nicknames, are to be found in the notes section.

Names marked with + are, at present, not specifically identified as being any of those listed before them, and have not been attributed yet because of the lack of data available.

Pubs are not listed necessarily under their current name.

A number of beerhouses were never given a name, and these appear at the end of the pub lists as Beerhouse – Unnamed. Only those that I am pretty sure had 'on' licences are included.

This is sometimes the case with alehouses too.

Can't find the pub you want?

It's probably had its name changed. Try using the search facility to locate the pub name, or nickname, that you know.

ADDRESS

Eg. 52, (79), Haden Street, (Haden Lane) / Cox Alley, Kates Hill, DUDLEY

Numbers and street names in brackets denote earlier addresses. These are usually detailed in the notes section. Buildings were renumbered with development and demolition, or the renaming of the street etc.

/ = on the corner with.....

Sometimes districts are also included, such as Kates Hill above. These are often historical and are now obsolete, but can be located on early maps.

OWNERS

These are listed where known.

They include companies and individuals, and occasionally the dates acquired and prices paid.

LICENSEES

Often the owner was the licensee, and even when they employed managers their names would appear in directories.

Where known, names are appended with (manager, non-resident, tenant etc.).

Dates

These are differentiated by the use of brackets and/or italics.

[1862] = This was the case in 1862. Where the date appears on its own it refers to the earliest or latest reference found.

This also applies where a pub has its name changed, eg.

[2001] followed by "Its name was changed to XXXX. [2003]"

This means that in 2001 it still had its previous name, but by 2003 its name had been changed to XXXX.

[1862] = Information from a directory dated 1862, so may have been out of date when it was published. As much as five years in some cases!

[c. 1862] = About 1862, but exact date not known.

[1860's] = Some time in this decade.

[] = No date available, but the detail is inserted in roughly the right chronological place.

(1862 – [1863]) = Started in 1862 and was still the case in 1863.

[1862] – **1863) = It was the case in 1862 and ended** in 1863.

(1862 – 1863) = Started in 1862 and **ended** in 1863.

(1862 – 1863); the ; signifies that the licensee was immediately followed by the next person in the list. Sometimes the licence transfer came months after a person's death, but the transfer date is the one used, if date of death is not known.

Sometimes the licensing registers contradict findings from other sources such as directories. Where this occurs the ; is still used, the anomalous name is given a question mark and is placed in a suitable chronological place, and the next person is the one that follows the ;

Eg.

Fred Smith [1916] – **1927);**

Joseph Bloggs [1921] ?

George Jones **(1927 – 1932)**

In the register George Jones follows on from Fred Smith, but Joseph Bloggs was mentioned in another source in 1921. He is left in for completeness.

When using original documents, such as licensing registers, which are sometimes damaged, it is impossible to read some material (including dates). Where this has occurred, and only the decade or century is decipherable, I have used underscoring to replace the missing digits in an effort to keep the licensees in the correct order.

Eg. Fred Smith **(188_ – 18_);**

John Jones **(18_ – 189_):**

If the date is followed with a : this signifies the last person to hold the licence.

NOTES

These start with locations, and are followed by previous names or nicknames of the pub. These are then followed by other details, often where dates are unknown.

Historical details then follow chronologically where possible.

Some pubs listed are the same as others, but so far I have been unable to connect them. This is especially true when directories only list the pub name and licensee, and more than one pub of that name existed at the time. These are often identified by:-
Check OTHER PUB NAME.

Licensees are often associated with more than one pub, and pubs are sometimes rebuilt on different sites to their original one. These are identified by:-
See OTHER PUB NAME

Titles – only Miss and Mrs are used here (when known).
No other titles are used.
ie. Major George Cox was not a major. Major was his first name.

Often names were spelt differently in the sources used. This is identified where possible, and one spelling is used for consistency.

Where I have decided that different spellings are the same person I have identified this
eg. *Smith* = *Smithe* = *Smyth*

Where I am unsure about this I have identified it thus

* possibly the same person

or

* probably the same person

Where sources are quoted these appear in **colour**, followed by the quote in black in a different typeface from the remainder of the information. Sometimes I have paraphrased a quotation, and some have had additions entered by myself.

Information which has been transcribed by me from handwritten sources, such as censuses, parish records, licensing minutes etc., should be correctly spelt, but the reader is advised to check the original for themselves. In cases where I have been unable to transcribe individual names, only those letters that are clear are given. eg, Osbal__on ? The underscore does not indicate the number of missing letters, as this is often as unclear as the name itself.

Where I am not 100% sure that I have deciphered a name correctly this is indicated by a question mark in parentheses ie. (?)

Census records are presented in a different form than the original.

[1] = position in the household.

This is followed by the name and (age).

Relationship to [1] follows, and then occupation (if any is listed).

Finally comes the place of birth. Where these places are local to the Black Country, or are larger towns and cities, no county name is given.

Where birthplaces are given in the Black Country it has to be remembered:-

(a) Harborne once included Smethwick

(b) Kingswinford once covered places such as Brierley Hill, Pensnett, Quarry Bank and Wall Heath

(c) Sedgley once included Coseley and the Gornals

(d) West Bromwich once included Great Bridge (now in the Tipton file), Great Barr and Hamstead (not considered by me as part of the Black Country).

Most local newspapers were weekly and appeared on a Saturday.
This does not apply to the Express & Star, Midland Counties Evening Express, or Evening News / Star.

Newspaper articles sometimes spell the same thing (eg. Surname) differently in a single report. Where the proper spelling is known this is altered by me, but when I am unsure they are left as they appear.

A gazeteer is provided to give approximate locations of place names in relation to larger towns and cities in Britain.

Where a licensee changes her name by marriage, her former surname appears in brackets
ie. Jane (maiden or previous married name) Smith.

Where names of spouses are known, they are listed in the past tense, even though many may be still husband and wife. This is merely a convention used by me for convenience.

[text] Where square brackets occur, with text in a different typeface inside, this signifies comments of my own.

Some entries, in all sections, are followed by a number of question marks (without parentheses). These show the extent of doubt that I have over that entry.

The historical nature of the contents has meant that the old currency of pounds shillings and pence is used frequently. A pound (£) was divided into 20 shillings (s) and a shilling was divided into 12 pence (d). Halfpennies and farthings (1/4d) were also in use.

This is also the case where other measures, length, weight etc., are used. See glossary for details.

GLOSSARY

A number of terms may be unfamiliar and their meanings are listed below. Also abbreviations appear in quotations and they are translated below.

acre A measure of area equal to 4840 square yards.

alehouse An obsolete term meaning both a house licensed to sell ale, or one with a full license, as distinct to a beerhouse.

ante 1869 Licensed before 1st May 1869, and applies to beerhouses which were protected from refusal to renew the license, unless statutory rules were broken.

These were:-

(a) That the premises were frequented by thieves, prostitutes or people of bad character.

(b) Failure of an applicant to provide evidence of a good character.

(c) The applicant had been disqualified due to misconduct.

A.O.F. Ancient Order of Foresters

apprentice One who was bound to a skilled worker for a specified time to learn the trade.

axle tree maker One who made axles for coaches and waggons.

bagatelle A billiards derived game in which players have to negotiate wooden pins in order to navigate balls around a table.

bagman A travelling salesman.

banksman A man in charge of the cages at a pit head.

barm yeast / fermenting liquor

barrel A barrel containing 36 gallons.

base coin Counterfeit coin

beerhouse A pub which was only licenced to sell beer.

billiard marker A person who attends on players at billiards and records the progress of the game.

bill poster One who pastes up bills, notices or placards.

billycock A hard felt hat popular in Victorian times.

black list Anyone convicted of drunkenness was placed on this list. It was an offence to serve such a person, knowingly, for three years after being listed.

black saddler Someone who made cart, gig and other saddles in black leather.

blacksmith Someone who forges and shapes red hot iron with a hammer and anvil, also one who shoes horses.

bobber Metal polisher.

boots A hotel servant who cleans boots, runs errands etc.

brake A long waggonette.

breeze Furnace refuse used in making building material.

bridle cutter A person who cut leather to make horses' bridles.

brown saddler A person who made riding saddles from brown leather.

buckle tongue maker A person who made the metal points that go in the holes of belts, harness etc.

bushel A measure of 8 gallons.

butty A mining term for one who takes a contract for work in a coal mine.

c. circa

cabman One who drove a cab.

C.A.M.R.A. Campaign for Real Ale

carter A carrier, usually with a cart or waggon.

chartermaster A middleman who negotiated mining contracts and supplied the labour.

charwoman A cleaner.

cheap Jack A travelling hawker, who professes to give great bargain.

cobbler One who mended shoes.

commercial When applied to an inn or hotel it meant that commercial travellers were catered for, often at a reasonable price.

common brewer A brewer whose beer is brewed for the public, generally, not just for a pub.

Compensation Authority A body set up to decide the amount of compensation to be paid to the owner, when a licensing authority proposes to refuse a license renewal on grounds other than the statutory ones relating to the character or the conduct of the house.

Compensation was paid by the Inland Revenue from moneys collected from a levy on licenses.

compositor Someone who set type for printing.

cordwainer shoemaker (not a boot maker)

core A device used in casting and moulding processes to produce internal cavities.

Cork Club A charitable organisation in which the members had to carry a cork on their person at all times. They were challenged by other members of the club to produce their cork, and if they could not, they had to pay a 'fine' into the charity fund.

corn factor A middleman in corn deals.

C.R. Chief Ranger – an office within the Ancient Order of Foresters.

currier Horse groom / leather trade finisher who greases the dry leather to make it flexible.

cwt hundredweight, 112 pounds (approximately 51 kilograms)

d (old) pence

DCM Distinguished Conduct Medal

D.C.R. District Chief Ranger – an office within the Ancient Order of Foresters.

D.D.M. Deputy District Master – an office within the Ancient Order of Foresters.

die sinker Someone who engraves dies for stamping or embossing, or cutting screw threads on metal.

D.M. District Master – an office within the Ancient Order of Foresters.

doggy An overlooker of a certain number of men and boys in a pit.

draper A dealer in cloth, cloth goods, and sewing needs.

dray A low strong cart for heavy goods.

dropsy A morbid accumulation of watery fluid on any part of the body.

edge tool maker A person who made knives and agricultural tools such as scythes.

epithet A term or expression.

f. founded

factor's clerk A clerk to a manufacturer.

farrier A horse doctor, or blacksmith who shoes horses.

filling A Victorian term meaning to serve beer / alcohol.

firkin A barrel containing 9 gallons.

florin A coin of the value 2s (10p).

fob A small watch pocket.

four foot The space between the rails on a standard gauge railway.

footpad A highwayman on foot.

freehold Legal ownership and control of a building or a piece of land for an unlimited time.

French polisher Someone who polished quality furniture using French polish, wax or lacquer.

fs when on 1841 census, probably means female servant

fuller A scourer of cloth, or a finisher.

gaming The playing of games of chance for winnings.

gawn A small round tub with a handle, used for carrying the wort.

General Annual Licensing Meeting This was the principal licensing meeting, and was sometimes called the **Brewster Sessions**. They were usually held during the first fortnight of February every year.

grains of paradise Aframomum melegueta. A form of ginger native to the swamps of West Africa. The seeds (grains) were used in brewing to give the impression of strength. Its use became illegal in Britain in 1816.

grist ground malt used in brewing.

guinea An amount of £1 1s 0d.

haberdasher A dealer in small wares, as ribbons, tapes etc.

half crown A coin of the value 2s 6d.

hame One of the two curved bars of a draught horse's collar.

harbouring the police Allowing police officers to be on the licensed premises when they should be on duty. The exceptions being when they have permission of a senior officer, or are engaged in preventing / detecting a breach of the licensing laws, or keeping order.

higgler or **higler** pedlar, usually with a horse and cart

hogshead A barrel containing 52½ gallons.

hoof prints / marks During the winter of 1855 there was a spate of people reporting these marks being visible in the snow on their roofs.

hostler see ostler

indict to officially charge with a crime

indigent in need, especially of sustenance

inst. / instant (during) the current month

intoxicating liquor spirits, beer, cider, wine and British wine

japanner A person who made 'japanned' object using the Japanese lacquer techniques.

journeyman Fully qualified tradesman who had served an apprenticeship.

kilderkin A barrel holding 18 gallons.

liquor water (brewing)

L.M.S. London, Midland and Scottish (railway)

L.N.E.R. London and North Eastern Railway

long pull This was a practice in which more beer was served than the quantity ordered. It was originally encouraged by brewers to improve trade, but around 1900 they began to object to it, to improve takings!
It is no longer illegal.

m. married

M. U. Manchester Unity (of Oddfellows)

milliner A dealer in Milan goods, or more commonly a maker / seller of women's hats, trimmings etc.

Minorca a breed of laying poultry

moiety one of two parts or divisions

NUOFG National United Order of Free Gardeners

oliverman An operator of a forge hammer worked by foot

on tramp travelling

Order of Discharge An order by a court of law saying that a person or company that is bankrupt is no longer responsible for paying back its debts.

ordinary A meal provided at a fixed cost.

Ordinary Removal A method of attaching a license of any description to premises previously unlicensed by the removal of a license of the same description from other premises.

ostler Someone who attends to horses at an inn.

paviour One who does paving work.

PCR Past Chief Ranger (Order of Foresters)

Penny dreadful A cheap sensational serial or tale.

perch A measure of area equal to 30¼ square yards (25.3 square metres).

plaister An obsolete form of plaster.

platelayer One who laid and maintained railway tracks.

posting house (post house) A place where horses were kept as replacements to pull stage coaches, which arrived there. (A staging post is an alternative name.)

potboy / potman Someone who worked in public houses, collecting and washing dirty pots or glasses.

Preceptoress Female preceptor (teacher).

provisional renewal When the Justices refer a license to the Compensation Authority this is granted. It enables the pub to continue until a decision is made. If the license is extinguished this renewal expires 7 days after compensation is paid, if not then it becomes unconditional.

publican's license This license authorizes the sale of any intoxicating liquor for consumption on or off the premises.

puddler (pudler) Wrought iron worker, he would stir molten pig iron to form wrought iron.

puncheon An Imperial measure of 72 gallons.

quart An Imperial measure of liquid equal to two pints.

quarter A measure of eight bushels; equivalent to 8 barrels of beer.

quartern A quarter of a pint.

R. A. O. B. Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes.

rat killing ledger A blood sport in which dogs kill as many rats, in a given time; the one killing most being the winner. Gambling took place – hence the ledger (book in which bets were recorded).

RFA Royal Field Artillery

rim lock A locking device that attaches to the surface of a door or window.

rood A measure of area of about a quarter of an acre.

s shillings

sennight A week (ago)

shingler Manipulator of puddled balls of iron to remove impurities.

Sick and Dividend Society A society in which annual / monthly / weekly contributions were made by its members in order to provide "insurance" payouts when work preventing sickness, or death, occurred to its members. A dividend was paid (usually in December) from the remaining investment.

sine die without a day (appointed), indefinitely.

sinker Well or shaft digger.

6 day license Pubs with this type of license were not allowed to open on Sundays.

smoking concert A concert where those attending were allowed (or even encouraged!) to smoke.

sovereign A coin of the value of £1.

spragging Mining term for propping.

stallman Keeper of stable underground (mining).

syncope a fainting fit caused by a sudden fall in blood pressure in the brain.

temperance hotel (house) A building run along the same lines as pubs / hotels, but without alcohol.

tuyere (or twyer or tweer) a nozzle for a blast of air.

ult / ultimo (during) the previous month

union fermentation system A system of fermentation, developed in the 19th century, in which fermenting beer is kept in rows of large barrels (unions) interconnected by pipes and troughs, which allows the yeast to continually circulate through the beer. It is often referred to as the Burton Union system.

W. B. A. West Bromwich Albion

whitesmith A metal worker in tin, or light metals.

WM masonic term for Worshipful Master.

wood turner Someone who turns wood on a lathe.

wort The malt solution that results from the main brewing operation.

£ pound

THE ACTS

Below is a list of some of the Acts of Parliament relating to licensing, and some of their effects. By no means is all legislation here.

Alehouse Act, 1828

Laid down, for the first time, a uniform code of procedure for annual licensing and transfer sessions. Premises licensed under this Act were enabled to sell not only 'Ale' but other intoxicating drinks.

Beerhouse Act, 1830

A reforming Act intended to discourage the consumption of spirits (especially gin). Excise licenses could be taken out without having to go through the justices, and this resulted in the growth of beerhouses nationwide.

Refreshment Houses Act, 1860

Effectively put the sale of wine on an even footing with beer, as it enabled a refreshment house keeper to sell wine without obtaining a justice's license.

Wine and Beerhouse Act, 1869

Gave the licensing justices control over all premises where intoxicating liquor was sold for consumption on the premises. No new licenses could be obtained without applying to them, but existing beer and wine licenses were protected (see ante 1869, above).

This inhibited the continuing growth of beerhouses resulting from the 1830 Act.

Licensing Act, 1872

This established a procedure whereby a new license was only valid after a second, Confirmation procedure had taken place.

Licensing Act, 1902

This granted justices the same rights over off licenses as they had over on licenses, since 1869.

Licensing Act, 1904

This set up the compensation procedure for the extinguishing of unnecessary licenses, or those of unsound premises, but did not affect ante 1869 beerhouses.

GAZETTEER

The following places appear in the main text. Below is their location in reference to bigger towns or cities. Distances and directions are approximate. Not all places in the text are mentioned below.

ABBERLEY, Worcestershire - 5 miles SW of Stourport on Severn

ABBOTS BROMLEY, Staffordshire - 7 miles S of Uttoxeter

ABERCARN, Monmouthshire - 10 miles NW of Newport

ABERGAVENNY, Monmouthshire - 15 miles W of Monmouth

ACKLETON, Shropshire - 7 miles NW of Bridgnorth

ACTON TRUSSELL, Staffordshire - 4 miles SE of Stafford

ADDERBURY, Oxfordshire - 3 miles S of Banbury

ADMASTON, Shropshire is part of Telford

ALBRIGHTON, Shropshire - 7 miles NW of Wolverhampton

ALDBOURNE, Wiltshire - 6 miles NE of Marlborough

ALDERMINSTER, Warwickshire - 4 miles SSE of Stratford upon Avon

ALDINGTON, Worcestershire - 3 miles E of Evesham

ALDRIDGE, Staffordshire - 4 miles ENE of Walsall

ALLENSMORE, Herefordshire - 4 miles SW of Hereford

ALLESLEY, Warwickshire - 3 miles W of Coventry

ALREWAS, Staffordshire - 7 miles SW of Burton upon Trent

ALSTON, Cumberland - 29 miles SE of Carlisle

ALTON, Hampshire - 9 miles SE of Basingstoke

ALTON, Staffordshire - 5 miles ENE of Uttoxeter

ALVECHURCH, Warwickshire - 4 miles NW of Redditch

ALVEDISTON, Wiltshire - 8 miles E of Shaftesbury

ALVELEY, Shropshire - 6 miles SE of Bridgnorth

AMESBURY, Gloucestershire - 7 miles N of Salisbury

ANSTEY, Leicestershire - 4 miles NW of Leicester

ARLEY KINGS - 10 miles N of Worcester

ARLINGTON, Wiltshire is part of Trowbridge

ARMITAGE, Staffordshire - 4 miles NNW of Lichfield

ASHBY CUM FENBY, Lincolnshire - 5 miles S of Grimsby

ASHOVER, Derbyshire - 4 miles NE of Matlock

ASTERLEY, Shropshire - 8 miles ESE of Shrewsbury

ASTLEY, Lancashire - a suburb of Chorley

ASTLEY ABBOTTS, Shropshire - 2 miles N of Bridgnorth

ASTON, Warwickshire is probably the part of Birmingham

ASTON CANTLOW, Warwickshire - 5 miles NW of Stratford

ATTLEBOROUGH, Norfolk - 14 miles NE of Thetford

ATTLEBOROUGH, Warwickshire – about 1 mile SE of Nuneaton

AUDLEY, Staffordshire - 4 miles NW of Newcastle under Lyne

AUSTREY, Warwickshire - 5 miles ENE of Tamworth

BADDESLEY ENSOR, Warwickshire - 3 miles W of Atherstone

BADGER, Shropshire is just to the N of Ackleton (see above)

BADSEY, Worcestershire - 2 miles E of Evesham

BALSALL HEATH, Worcestershire is part of Birmingham

BALSCOTT, Oxfordshire - 4 miles W of Banbury

BARFORD, Norfolk - 6 miles W of Norwich

BARNACLE, Warwickshire – 2 miles NE of Coventry

BARNBY DUN, Yorkshire is part of Doncaster

BARROW UPON SOAR, Leicestershire - 2 miles SE of Loughborough

BARSTON, Warwickshire - 9 miles W of Coventry

BARTON, Lancashire - 6 miles N of Preston

BARTON, Oxfordshire is a suburb of Oxford

BARTON, Yorkshire - 6 miles SW of Darlington

BARTON UNDER NEEDWOOD, Staffordshire - 4 miles SW of Burton upon Trent

BASCHURCH, Shropshire - 7 miles NW of Shrewsbury

BAVERSTOCK, Wiltshire - 7 miles W of Salisbury

BAYSTON HILL, Shropshire - 3 miles S of Shrewsbury

BEARLEY, Warwickshire - 5 miles N of Stratford on Avon

BEDDINGTON, Surrey is part of the London Borough of Sutton

BEDSTONE, Shropshire - 5 miles ENE of Knighton

BEDWORTH, Warwickshire - 3 miles S of Nuneaton

BELTON, Rutlandshire - 6 miles SW of Oakham

BENNINGHOLME, Yorkshire - 6 miles N of Hull

BENTLEY, Warwickshire - 6 miles NW of Nuneaton

BEOLEY, Worcestershire - 2 miles N of Redditch

BERKELEY, Gloucestershire - 11 miles SSW of Stroud

BERRINGTON, Shropshire - 4 miles SSE of Shrewsbury

BICKENHILL, Warwickshire - 3 miles NE of Solihull

BIDFORD on AVON, Warwickshire - 4 miles S of Alcester

BILLINGSLEY, Shropshire - 6 miles S of Bridgnorth

BILSTONE, Leicestershire - 3 miles NW of Market Bosworth

BINFIELD, Berkshire - 8 miles SE of Reading

BIRSTALL, Leicestershire - 3 miles N of Leicester

BISHAMPTON, Worcestershire - 9 miles SE of Worcester

BISHOPS STONE, Herefordshire - 6 miles W of Hereford

BISHOP WILTON, Yorkshire - 12 miles ENE of York

BITTERLEY, Shropshire - 4 miles E of Ludlow

BLABY, Leicestershire - 5 miles S of Leicester

BLACKLEY, Lancashire is part of Manchester

BLACKWATER, Berkshire - 1 mile W of Camberley

BLEWBURY, Berkshire - 14 miles S of Oxford

BLOCKLEY, Worcestershire - 10 miles SE of Evesham

BLYMILL, Staffordshire - 10 miles SW of Stafford

BLYTHEFIELD, Staffordshire is part of Burton on Trent

BOBBINGTON, Staffordshire - 8 miles E of Bridgnorth

BOLAS MAGNA, Shropshire - 8 miles N of Telford

BONEHILL, Staffordshire is part of Tamworth

BONSALL, Derbyshire - 2 miles SW of Matlock

BOTTESFORD, Leicestershire - 16 miles N of Melton Mowbray

BOURNHEATH, Worcestershire - 3 miles N of Bromsgrove

BOURTON ON THE WATER, Gloucestershire - 4 miles SSW of Stow on the Wold

BRACKENFIELD, Derbyshire - 4 miles ESE of Matlock

BRADFORD ON AVON, Wiltshire - 8 miles SE of Bath

BRAILES, Upper and Lower, Worcestershire - 4 miles ESE of Shipston on Stour

BRAMFIELD, Suffolk - 10 miles NE of Framlingham

BRAMPTON, Derbyshire is part of Chesterfield

BRAMPTON, Huntingdonshire - 2 miles SW of Huntingdon

BRAMPTON BRYAN, Herefordshire - 5 miles E of Knighton

BRANSTON, Staffordshire - 2 miles S of Burton on Trent

BRAUNSTON, Northamptonshire - 3 miles NNE of Daventry

BRERETON, Staffordshire - 1 mile S of Rugeley

BREWOOD, Staffordshire - 6 miles W of Cannock

BRICKLEHAMPTON, Worcestershire - 3 miles SE of Pershore

BRIDSTOW, Herefordshire - 1 mile W of Ross on Wye

BRINDLE, Lancashire - 5 miles SE of Preston

BROADWAY, Worcestershire - 6 miles SE of Evesham

BROCTON, Staffordshire - 4 miles SE of Stafford

BROMLEY, Middlesex is part of London

BROOM, Worcestershire - 6 miles NNE of Evesham

BROOME, Worcestershire - 5 miles ENE of Kidderminster

BROSELEY, Shropshire is part of Telford

BROUGHTON GIFFORD, Wiltshire - 1.5 miles W of Melksham

BRYMBO, North Wales is part of Wrexham

BURGHILL, Herefordshire - 3 miles NNW of Hereford

BURLTON, Shropshire - 8 miles NNW of Shrewsbury

BURNHILL GREEN, Shropshire - 6 miles NE of Bridgnorth

BURNTWOOD, Staffordshire - 4 miles W of Lichfield

BURTON IN LONSDALE, Lancashire / Yorkshire - 9 miles E of Carnforth

BURWARTON, Shropshire - 10 miles NE of Ludlow

BYFIELD, Northamptonshire - 6 miles SSE of Daventry

CALNE, Wiltshire - 6 miles E of Chippenham

CANNING TOWN, Essex is part of London

CARLTON, Leicestershire - 12 miles W of Leicester

CARSINGTON, Derbyshire - 2 miles WSW of Wirksworth

CASTLE DONINGTON, Leicestershire - 12 miles SW of Nottingham

CASTLE FROME, Herefordshire - 10 miles ENE of Hereford

CASTLE MORTON, Worcestershire - 5 miles E of Ledbury

CASTOR, Northamptonshire - 4 miles W of Peterborough

CAVERSWALL, Staffordshire - 5 miles ESE of Stoke on Trent

CAYNHAM, Shropshire - 3 miles SE of Ludlow

CHADDESLEY CORBETT, Worcestershire - 4 miles ESE of Kidderminster

CHALFORD, Gloucestershire - 4 miles SE of Stroud

CHARMINSTER, Dorset - 1 mile N of Dorchester

CHEADLE, Staffordshire - 7 miles NW of Uttoxeter

CHEDDLETON, Staffordshire - 3 miles S of Leek

CHELMARSH, Shropshire - 4 miles S of Bridgnorth

CHERRINGTON, Shropshire - 6 miles N of Telford

CHESLYN HAY, Staffordshire - 2 miles S of Cannock

CHESWARDINE, Shropshire - 4 miles SE of Market Drayton

CHETTON, Shropshire - 4 miles WSW of Bridgnorth

CHILLINGTON, Staffordshire - 4 miles NW of Wolverhampton

CHILVERS COTON, Warwickshire - 1 mile SW of Nuneaton

CHINNOR, Oxfordshire - 4 miles SE of Thame

CHIRBURY, Shropshire - 3 miles E of Montgomery

CHOLESBURY, Buckinghamshire - 4 miles E of Wendover

CHORLEY, Staffordshire - 3 miles WSW of Lichfield

CHORLTON UPON MEDLOCK, Lancashire is part of Manchester

CHULMLEIGH, Devonshire - 13 miles NW of Crediton

CHURCH HILL, Worcestershire is part of Redditch

CHURCH LAWTON, Cheshire - 6 miles WSW of Congleton

CLAINES, Worcestershire - 2 miles N of Worcester

CLAYHANGER, Staffordshire is just W of Brownhills

CLEETON, Shropshire - 3 miles NE of Ludlow

CLIFTON, Bedfordshire - 9 miles SE of Bedford

CLIFTON, Derbyshire - 1 mile SW of Ashbourne

CLIFTON UPON DUNSMORE, Warwickshire - 2 miles E of Rugby

CLIFTON CAMPVILLE, Staffordshire - 10 miles E of Lichfield

CLIFTON ON TEME, Worcestershire - 10 miles NW of Worcester

CLOWS TOP, Worcestershire - 5 miles W of Stourport

CLUN, Shropshire - 5 miles N of Knighton

CLUNGUNFORD, Shropshire - 8 miles WNW of Ludlow

CLUTTON, Somerset - 8 miles WSW of Bath

CLYDACH, Breconshire - 4 miles SW of Abergavenny

CLYRO, Radnorshire - 1 mile NW of Hay on Wye

COALBROOKDALE, Shropshire is part of Telford

COALPIT BANK, Shropshire is part of Telford

COALPORT, Shropshire is part of Telford

COBRIDGE, Staffordshire is part of Stoke on Trent

CODDINGTON, Nottinghamshire - 3 miles E of Newark

CODNOR, Derbyshire - 2 miles N of Heanor

COFTON HACKETT, Worcestershire - 16 miles NE of Worcester

COGGESHALL, Essex - 6 miles E of Braintree

COLD HATTON, Shropshire is part of Telford

COLLINGTON, Herefordshire - 4 miles N of Bromyard

COLTON, Staffordshire - 2 miles N of Rugeley

COLWICH, Staffordshire - 3 miles NW of Rugeley

COMBERFORD, Staffordshire - 2 miles NE of Tamworth

COMBERTON, Herefordshire - 4 miles WSW of Ludlow

CONDOVER, Shropshire - 5 miles S of Shrewsbury

CONGRESBURY, Somerset - 7 miles E of Weston-super-Mare

COOKLEY, Worcestershire - 2 miles N of Kidderminster

CORBIT, Worcestershire is possibly another name for Chaddesley Corbett

CORELEY, Shropshire - 5 miles NE of Tenbury Wells

COTE, Oxfordshire - 4 miles S of Witney

COTHERIDGE, Worcestershire - 4 miles W of Worcester

COTON, Warwickshire - check Chilvers Coton

COTON IN THE ELMS, Staffordshire - 5 miles S of Burton on Trent

COUNTRESTHORPE, Leicestershire - 6 miles S of Leicester

COVEN, Staffordshire - 5 miles N of Wolverhampton

COWBRIDGE, Glamorganshire - 7 miles W of Cardiff

CRADLEY, Herefordshire - 3 miles W of Great Malvern

CROOK, County Durham - 10 miles SW of Durham

CROPREDY, Worcestershire - 4 miles N of Banbury

CROWELL, Oxfordshire - 4 miles SE of Thame

CROWLE, Worcestershire - 2 miles E of Worcester

CRUDGINGTON, Shropshire - 7 miles NW of Telford

CUBBINGTON, Warwickshire is on the NE outskirts of Leamington Spa

CUBLEY, Derbyshire - 6 miles S of Ashbourne

CULLINGWORTH, Yorkshire - 4 miles S of Keighley

CURDWORTH, Warwickshire - 11 miles E of Birmingham

CUTNALL GREEN, Worcestershire - 3 miles N of Droitwich

DALLINGTON, Northamptonshire - 2 miles NW of Northampton

DARRINGTON, Yorkshire - 3 miles ESE of Pontefract

DAVENHAM, Cheshire - 2 miles S of Northwich

DAWLEY, Shropshire is part of Telford

DEDDINGTON, Oxfordshire - 6 miles S of Banbury

DEFFORD, Worcestershire - 2 miles SW of Pershore

DESFORD, Leicestershire - 7 miles W of Leicester

DEUXHILL, Shropshire - 4 miles SWS of Bridgnorth

DIDDLEBURY, Shropshire - 6 miles N of Ludlow

DILWYN, Herefordshire - 6 miles SW of Leominster

DITTON PRIORS, Shropshire - 7 miles WSW of Bridgnorth

DODDINGTON, Cambridgeshire - 4 miles S of March

DODLESTON, Cheshire - 5 miles SW of Chester

DONHEAD ST. ANDREW, Wiltshire - 4 miles E of Shaftesbury

DONNINGTON, Shropshire - 6 miles ESE of Shrewsbury

DORDON, Warwickshire - 3 miles NW of Atherstone

DOVERDALE, Worcestershire - 2 miles NW of Droitwich

DRAYCOTT IN THE CLAY, Staffordshire - 4 miles SE of Uttoxeter

DRIGHLINGTON, Yorkshire - 6 miles SW of Leeds

DUDDINGTON, Northamptonshire - 6 miles SW of Stamford

DUFFIELD, Derbyshire - 3 miles S of Belper

DUKENFIELD, Cheshire is part of Greater Manchester

DYMCHURCH, Kent - 10 miles SE of Ashford

DYMOCK, Gloucestershire - 4 miles S of Ledbury

EARL SHILTON, Leicestershire - 10 miles SW of Leicester

EARLS BARTON, Northamptonshire - 7 miles E of Northampton

EAST HARLING, Norfolk - 8 miles E of Thetford

EASTLEIGH, Hampshire - 5 miles NE of Southampton

EASTNOR, Herefordshire - 3 miles E of Ledbury

EAST STOKE, Dorsetshire - 3 miles W of Wareham

EBRINGTON, Gloucestershire - 2 miles E of Chipping Campden

ECCLESFIELD, Yorkshire - 4 miles N of Sheffield

ECCLESHALL, Staffordshire - 6 miles W of Stone

ECKINGTON, Derbyshire - 7 miles NE of Chesterfield

EDENBRIDGE, Kent - 10 miles W of Tonbridge

EDGTON, Shropshire - 5 miles SE of Bishops Castle

EDWINSTOWE, Nottinghamshire - 6 miles ENE of Mansfield

EDGERTON, Shropshire - near Ludlow (OS SO605812), now abandoned

ELFORD, Staffordshire - 5 miles E of Lichfield

ELMBRIDGE, Worcestershire - 3 miles N of Droitwich

ELMLEY LOVETT, Worcestershire - 5 miles NW of Droitwich

ENDERBY, Leicestershire - 8 miles NNE of Hinckley

EPPING, Essex - 5 miles S of Harlow

EPSTONE, Staffordshire is probably a former spelling of Ipstones

ERDINGTON, Warwickshire is part of Birmingham

ESSINGTON, Staffordshire - 4 miles NE of Wolverhampton

ETTINGTON, Warwickshire - 5.5 miles SE of Stratford on Avon

EXHALL, Warwickshire - 4 miles NE of Coventry

EYNSHAM, Oxfordshire - 5 miles NW of Oxford

FALLING SANDS, Worcestershire is part of Kidderminster

FARRINGDON, Berkshire - 10 miles NW of Wantage

FEATHERSTONE, Staffordshire - 5 miles NNE of Wolverhampton

FECKENHAM, Worcestershire - 4 miles SW of Redditch

FENNY COMPTON, Warwickshire - 8 miles N of Banbury

FENNY STRATFORD, Buckinghamshire is part of Milton Keynes

FENSTANTON, Huntingdonshire - 2 miles S of St. Ives

FENTON, Lincolnshire - 5 miles ESE of Newark on Trent

FENTON, Staffordshire is part of Stoke on Trent

FEWCOTT, Oxfordshire - 4 miles NW of Bicester

FILLONGLEY, Warwickshire - 7 miles NW of Coventry

FLOCKTON, Yorkshire - 7 miles E of Huddersfield

FOLESHILL, Warwickshire is part of Coventry

FRADLEY, Staffordshire - 5 miles NE of Lichfield

FRAMLINGHAM, Suffolk - 9 miles N of Woodbridge

FRANKLEY, Worcestershire is part of Birmingham

FRESHFORD, Somersetshire - 6 miles SE of Bath

FRODINGHAM, Lincolnshire - 1 mile N of Scunthorpe

FULLBROOK, Oxfordshire - 6 miles WNW of Witney

GAILEY, Staffordshire - 4 miles W of Cannock

GILLINGHAM, Dorset - 4 miles NW of Shaftesbury

GLASBURY, Radnorshire - 4 miles SW of Hay on Wye

GNOSSALL, Staffordshire - 6 miles ENE of Stafford

GOOSNARGH, Lancashire - 5 miles NE of Preston

GOSCOTE is part of Walsall

GREAT ALNE, Warwickshire - 6 miles SE of Redditch

GREAT BARR, Staffordshire is part of Birmingham

GREAT BOWDEN, Leicestershire - 1 mile N of Market Harborough

GREAT CHEVERELL, Wiltshire - 4 miles S of Devizes

GREAT DALBY, Leicestershire - 3 miles S of Melton Mowbray

GREAT HAYWOOD, Staffordshire - 4 miles NE of Rugeley

GREAT MARLOW, Buckinghamshire - 4 miles SSW of High Wycombe

GREAT SHELSLEY, Worcestershire is the former name of Shelsley Beauchamp

GREENS MORTON, Northamptonshire - 1 mile NW of Towcester

GRENDON, Warwickshire - 5 miles SE of Tamworth

GRESSINGHAM, Lancashire - 5 miles E of Carnforth

GRIMLEY, Worcestershire - 3 miles N of Worcester

GRIMSCOTE, Northamptonshire - 5 miles NW of Towcester

GUILSFIELD, Montgomeryshire - 3 miles N of Welshpool

HADLEY, Shropshire is part of Telford

HAGBOURNE, Berkshire - 1 mile S of Didcot

HAGLEY, Worcestershire - 2 miles S of Stourbridge

HALSALL, Lancashire - 3 miles NW of Ormskirk

HAMPTON LUCY, Warwickshire - 4 miles NE of Stratford on Avon

HAMSTALL RIDWARE, Staffordshire - 4 miles ENE of Rugeley

HANBURY, Worcestershire - 4 miles E of Droitwich

HANDSACRE, Staffordshire - 5 miles N of Lichfield; 3 miles S of Rugeley

HANDSWORTH, Staffordshire is part of Birmingham

HANLEY, Staffordshire is part of Stoke on Trent

HANLEY CASTLE, Worcestershire - 8 miles S of Worcester

HARBURY, Warwickshire - 6 miles SE of Warwick

HARLEY, Warwickshire - 10 miles SE of Shrewsbury

HARPOLE, Northamptonshire - 4 miles W of Northampton

HARTINGTON, Derbyshire - 9 miles NNW of Ashbourne

HARTLEBURY, Worcestershire - 4 miles S of Kidderminster

HARVINGTON, Worcestershire - 2 miles ESE of Kidderminster

HARWELL, Berkshire / Oxfordshire - 2 miles W of Didcot

HASELOR, Warwickshire - 1 mile E of Alcester

HATHERTON, Staffordshire - 2 miles W of Cannock

HAWARDEN, Flintshire - 6 miles W of Chester

HAYFIELD, Derbyshire - 10 miles N of Buxton

HAZLETON, Gloucestershire - 10 miles E of Cheltenham

HEDNESFORD, Staffordshire - 2 miles NE of Cannock

HENTOR, Oxfordshire - 3 miles W of Princes Risborough

HIGHAM, Derbyshire - 8 miles S of Chesterfield

HIGH HAM, Somerset - 8 miles SE of Bridgwater

HIGHBRIDGE, Somerset - 7 miles N of Bridgwater

HIGHLEY, Shropshire - 7 miles S of Bridgnorth

HIGHWORTH, Wiltshire - 6 miles NE of Swindon

HILDERSTONE, Staffordshire - 9 miles N of Stafford

HIMBLETON, Worcestershire - 6 miles SE of Droitwich

HINDLIP, Worcestershire - 4 miles NE of Worcester

HINTS, Staffordshire - 3 miles W of Tamworth

HIXON, Staffordshire - 5 miles ENE of Stafford

HOLDGATE, Shropshire - 7 miles SE of Church Stretton

HOLLINGTON, Derbyshire - 5 miles ESE of Ashbourne

HOLMES CHAPEL, Cheshire - 8 miles N of Crewe

HOLT FLEET, Worcestershire - 5 miles N of Worcester

HONEYBOURNE, Worcestershire - 3 miles E of Evesham

HOOK NORTON, Oxfordshire - 4.5 miles NE of Chipping Norton

HOPTON HEATH, Shropshire - 8 miles W of Ludlow

HOPWOOD, Worcestershire is in South Birmingham

HORSEHAY, Shropshire is part of Telford

HORSLEY, Gloucestershire - 4 miles S of Stroud

HUGGLESCOTE, Leicestershire - 1 mile S of Coalville

HUNTINGTON, Staffordshire - 2 miles N of Cannock

HURLEY, Warwickshire - 8 miles E of Sutton Coldfield

HYDE, Cheshire is part of Greater Manchester

ILMINGTON, Warwickshire - 8 miles S of Stratford

INGESTRE, Staffordshire - 3 miles ENE of Stafford

INGLETON, Yorkshire - 10 miles NW of Settle

INKBERROW, Worcestershire - 6 miles SSW of Redditch

IPSTONES, Staffordshire - 5 miles SE of Leek

IRONBRIDGE, Shropshire is part of Telford

IRONVILLE, Derbyshire - 3 miles N of Heanor

IVINGHOE, Buckinghamshire - 4 miles N of Tring

KEMPSEY, Worcestershire - 4 miles S of Worcester

KEMPTON, Shropshire - 11 miles NW of Ludlow

KIDSGROVE, Staffordshire is part of Newcastle under Lyne

KILSBY, Northamptonshire - 5 miles SE of Rugby

KINGS ARLEY, Worcestershire - see Arley Kings

KINGS BROMLEY, Staffordshire - 4 miles N of Lichfield

KINGSBURY, Warwickshire - 6 miles S of Tamworth

KINGSLAND, Herefordshire - 4 miles WNW of Leominster

KINGS LANGLEY, Hertfordshire - 2 miles S of Hemel Hempstead

KINGTON, Worcestershire - 7 miles E of Worcester

KINLET, Shropshire - 8 miles S of Bridgnorth

KINVER, Staffordshire - 4 miles W of Stourbridge

KIRK LANGLEY, Derbyshire - 4 miles NW of Derby

KIRKTON, Dumfriesshire - 4 miles N of Dumfries

KNUTSFORD, Cheshire - 11 miles NW of Macclesfield

LAMPORT, Northamptonshire - 8 miles WSW of Kettering

LAPLEY, Staffordshire - 7 miles WNW of Cannock

LEAGRAVE, Bedfordshire is part of Luton

LEA MARSTON, Warwickshire - 7 miles SW of Atherstone

LEEK WOOTTON, Warwickshire - 3 miles N of Warwick

LEIGH SINTON, Worcestershire - 5 miles SW of Worcester

LEINTWARDINE, Herefordshire - 8 miles W of Ludlow

LENTON, Nottinghamshire is part of Nottingham

LEYLAND, Lancashire - 6 miles S of Preston

LILLESALL, Shropshire - 3 miles NE of Telford

LINDRIDGE, Worcestershire - 8 miles W of Stourport

LINGEN, Herefordshire - 11 miles SW of Ludlow

LINTON, Herefordshire - 3 miles E of Ross on Wye

LISKEARD, Cornwall - 12 miles E of Bodmin

LITTLE ASTON, Staffordshire - 5 miles E of Walsall

LITTLE BRICKHILL, Berkshire - 5 miles N of Leighton Buzzard

LITTLE BUDWORTH, Cheshire - 4 miles W of Winsford

LITTLE COMPTON, Gloucestershire - 4 miles NW of Chipping Norton

LITTLE HORWOOD, Buckinghamshire - 4 miles ESE of Buckingham

LITTLE HAYWOOD, Staffordshire - 5 miles E of Stafford

LLANDWSILL, Montgomeryshire - 2 miles from Montgomery

LLANDYFRIOG, Cardiganshire - 16 miles SW of Lampeter

LLANFAIR WATERDINE, Shropshire - 4 miles NW of Knighton

LOCKINGTON, Leicestershire - 7 miles NW of Loughborough

LONG BENNINGTON, Lincolnshire - 7 miles N of Grantham

LONGBOROUGH, Gloucestershire - 2.5 miles N of Stow on the Wold

LONG BUCKBY, Northamptonshire - 5 miles NE of Daventry

LONG COMPTON, Warwickshire - 12 miles SW of Banbury

LONG ITCHINGTON, Warwickshire - 6 miles E of Leamington Spa

LONGDON, Staffordshire - 2 miles NNW of Lichfield

LONG LAWFORD, Warwickshire - 2 miles NW of Rugby

LONG MELFORD - 14 miles S of Bury St. Edmunds

LONG SUTTON, Lincolnshire - 13 miles E of Spalding

LONGTON, Staffordshire is part of Stoke on Trent

LOWER BODDINGTON, Northamptonshire - 5 miles NE of Banbury

LOWER HEYFORD, Northamptonshire - 6 miles W of Bicester

LOWESMORE, Worcestershire is part of Worcester

LOXLEY, Warwickshire - 3 miles ESE of Stratford on Avon

LOYSWEEDON, Northamptonshire - see Weedon Lois

LUDGEBRIDGE BROOK, Worcestershire - Lye

LUGWARDINE, Herefordshire - 1 mile NE of Hereford

LULLINGTON, Derbyshire - 6 miles S of Burton on Trent

LYNTON, Devon - 16 miles W of Minehead

MADLEY, Herefordshire - 6 miles W of Hereford

MADELEY, Shropshire is part of Telford

MANGOTSFIELD, Gloucestershire - 3 miles NE of Bristol

MANTON, Wiltshire - 1 mile WSW of Marlborough

MARCHINGTON, Staffordshire - 4 miles SE of Uttoxeter

MARCHWOOD, Hampshire - 2 miles SW of Southampton

MARGAM, Glamorganshire - 3 miles SE of Port Talbot

MARSTON GREEN, Warwickshire - 4 miles NNE of Solihull

MARTLEY, Herefordshire - 7 miles NW of Worcester

MARTON, Shropshire - 6 miles SE of Welshpool

MEASHAM, Derbyshire - 4 miles SSW of Ashby de la Zouch

MASBROUGH, Yorkshire is part of Rotherham

MEIFOD, Montgomeryshire - 7 miles NW of Welshpool

MELFORD, Suffolk (see Long Melford)

MELVERLEY, Shropshire - 10 miles WNW of Shrewsbury

MEOLE BRACE, Shropshire - 2 miles S of Shrewsbury

MERTON, Surrey became a London borough

The MIDDLE, Shropshire - 8 miles NW of Shrewsbury

MIDDLETON, Warwickshire - 3 miles ENE of Sutton Coldfield

MIDDLETON CHENEY, Northamptonshire - 2 miles E of Banbury

MILFORD, Staffordshire - 3 miles ESE of Stafford

MILSON, Worcestershire - 10 miles W of Stourport. It is now in Herefordshire.

MINETY, Wiltshire - 8 miles WNW of Swindon

MOIRA, Leicestershire - 3 miles WSW of Ashby de la Zouch

MONKHOPTON, Shropshire - 5 miles W of Bridgnorth

MONK BRETTON, Yorkshire - 2 miles NE of Barnsley

MONMORE GREEN is between Wolverhampton and Bilston

MORETON IN MARSH, Gloucestershire - 8 miles WNW of Chipping Norton

MORETON MORRELL, Warwickshire - 6 miles E of Stratford upon Avon

MOULTON, Cheshire - 3 miles S of Northwich

MUCH WENLOCK, Shropshire - 7 miles NW of Bridgnorth

MURSTON, Leicestershire - 5 miles W of Grantham

NAILSEA, Somerset - 10 miles WSW of Bristol

NAILSTONE, Leicestershire - 3 miles NE of Market Bosworth

NAPTON ON THE HILL, Warwickshire - 10 miles ESE of Warwick

NEEN SAVAGE, Herefordshire - 11 miles E of Ludlow

NEEN SOLARS, Shropshire - 3 miles S of Cleobury Mortimer

NESSCLIFFE, Shropshire - 8 miles NW of Shrewsbury

NESTON, Cheshire - 10 miles NW of Chester

NEWBALD, Yorkshire - 13 miles NW of Hull

NEWBOLD ON AVON, Warwickshire - 1.5 miles NW of Rugby

NEWBOLD VERDON, Leicestershire - 9 miles W of Leicester

NEWDAL, Shropshire is part of Telford

NEWENT, Gloucestershire - 8 miles NW of Gloucester

NEWHALL, Derbyshire - 3 miles SE of Burton upon Trent

NEW INVENTION is part of Willenhall

NEW MILLS, Derbyshire - 8 miles SE of Stockport

NEWNHAM, Worcestershire - 8 miles ESE of Ludlow

NEWPORT, Shropshire - 15 miles ENE of Shrewsbury

NEWSTEAD, Nottinghamshire - 9 miles WNW of Nottingham

NEWTON SOLNEY, Derbyshire - 3 miles NE of Burton on Trent

NORLEY, Cheshire - 6 miles W of Northwich

NORMANTON, Derbyshire is part of Derby

NORTHENDEN, Cheshire - 5 miles S of Manchester city centre

NORTHFIELD, Worcestershire is a part of Birmingham

NORTH NIBLEY, Gloucestershire - 2 miles NW of Wotton under Edge

NORTHWICH, Cheshire - 18 miles E of Chester

NORTON CANES, Staffordshire - 2 miles ESE of Cannock

OAKAMOOD, Staffordshire - 10 miles E of Stoke on Trent

OAKENGATES, Shropshire is part of Telford

OCKER HILL is part of Tipton

OLD PARK, Shropshire is part of Telford

OMBURY, Shropshire - 5 miles NW of Ludlow

OPENSHAW, Lancashire - 2 miles E of Manchester city centre

ORTON ON THE HILL, Leicestershire - 6 miles E of Tamworth

OSGATHORPE, Leicestershire - 7 miles W of Loughborough

OVERTON, Hampshire - 8 miles WSW of Basingstoke

OVING, Buckinghamshire - 3.5 miles NE of Waddesdon

PACKINGTON, Leicestershire - 1 mile S of Ashby de la Zouch

PADBURY, Buckinghamshire - 2 miles SE of Buckingham

PARKGATE, Yorkshire is part of Rawmarsh, 2 miles N of Rotherham

PATTINGHAM, Staffordshire - 7 miles W of Wolverhampton

PAXFORD, Worcestershire - 11 miles ESE of Evesham

PEASENALL, Suffolk - 4 miles N of Saxmundham

PEMBERTON, Lancashire is a district of Wigan

PEMBRIDGE, Herefordshire - 7 miles W of Leominster

PENDLEBURY, Lancashire - 4 miles NW of Manchester city centre

PENDLETON, Lancashire - 7 miles NW of Burnley

PENKRIDGE, Staffordshire - 6 miles S of Stafford

PENSAX, Worcestershire - 6 miles WSW of Stourport

PEOPLETON, Worcestershire - 7 miles SE of Worcester

PERSHORE, Worcestershire - 8 miles SE of Worcester

PILTON, Somerset - 3 miles SW of Shepton Mallet

PIPE RIDWARE, Staffordshire - 6 miles N of Lichfield

PITCHCOTT, Buckinghamshire - 3 miles NE of Waddesdon

POCKLINGTON, Yorkshire - 13 miles E of York

POLESWORTH, Warwickshire - 4 miles E of Tamworth

PONTESBURY, Shropshire - 8 miles SW of Shrewsbury

PORTLAND TOWN, Middlesex was part of Marylebone, London

PORTOBELLO is part of Willenhall

PRESTBURY, Cheshire - 1.5 miles N of Macclesfield

PRESTEIGNE, Radnorshire - 5 miles N of Kington

QUATFORD, Shropshire - 2 miles SE of Bridgnorth

RADBOURNE, Derbyshire - 4 miles W of Derby

RADFORD SEMELE, Warwickshire - 2 miles ESE of Leamington Spa

RADCLIFF ON TRENT, Nottinghamshire - 5 miles E of Nottingham

RAMSEY, Huntingdonshire - 10 miles SE of Peterborough

RATLEY, Warwickshire - 6 miles NW of Banbury

RAVENSTONE, Leicestershire is to the W of Coalville

REPTON, Derbyshire - 5 miles NE of Burton upon Trent

RETFORD, Nottinghamshire - 23 miles W of Lincoln

RIPPLE, Gloucestershire is part of Tewkesbury

RODINGTON, Shropshire - 6 miles E of Shrewsbury

ROMSLEY, Worcestershire - 4 miles S of Halesowen

ROTHLEY, Leicestershire - 5 miles N of Leicester

ROTHWELL, Northamptonshire - 4 miles WNW of Kettering

ROWINGTON, Warwickshire - 5 miles NW of Warwick

RUARDEAN, Monmouthshire - 3 miles NW of Cinderford

RUGELEY, Staffordshire - 6 miles NWN of Lichfield

RUSHOCK, Worcestershire - 4 miles N of Droitwich

RUSHTON, Shropshire is part of Telford

SADDINGTON, Leicestershire - 9 miles SE of Leicester

ST. MARTINS, Herefordshire is part of Hereford

SALTCOATS, Ayrshire - 12 miles WNW of Kilmarnock

SAMBOURNE, Warwickshire - 12 miles NNW of Stratford on Avon

SAMBROOK, Shropshire - 6 miles SSE of Market Drayton

SANDFORD ON THAMES, Oxfordshire - just S of Oxford

SANDON, Staffordshire - 5 miles NE of Stafford

SAWLEY, Yorkshire - 4 miles W of Ripon

SAWTREY, Huntingdonshire - 10 miles S of Peterborough

ST. JULIANS, Shropshire is part of Shrewsbury

SCALEBY, Cumberland - 6 miles NNE of Carlisle

SCRUTON, Yorkshire - 5 miles W of Northallerton

SECKINGTON, Warwickshire - 4 miles NE of Tamworth

SEISDON, Staffordshire - 6 miles W of Wolverhampton

SELWORTHY, Somerset 3 miles W of Minehead

SEVERN STOKE, Warwickshire - 7 miles S of Worcester

SHARESHILL, Staffordshire - 3 miles SW of Cannock

SHEEN, Staffordshire - 8 miles SSE of Buxton

SHELSLEY WALSH, Worcestershire - 9 miles NW of Worcester

SHENSTONE, Staffordshire - 4 miles E of Brownhills

SHEPSHED, Leicestershire - 4 miles W of Loughborough

SHIFNAL, Shropshire - 10 miles NNE of Bridgnorth

SHILTON, Leicestershire – check Earl Shilton

SHIPTON ON CHERWELL, Oxfordshire - 2 miles N of Kidlington

SHIRLAND, Derbyshire - 2 miles NNW of Alfreton

SHORT HEATH, Staffordshire is between Bloxwich and Willenhall

SHREWLEY, Warwickshire - 5 miles NW of Warwick

SHUSTOKE, Warwickshire - 10 miles ENE of Birmingham

SIBFORD GOWER, Gloucestershire - 6.5 miles W of Banbury

SIBSON, Leicestershire - 9 miles ESE of Tamworth

SILSOE, Bedfordshire - 9 miles S of Bedford

SILVERDALE, Staffordshire is part of Newcastle under Lyme

SILVERSTONE, Northamptonshire - 4 miles SSW of Towcester

SNARESTONE, Leicestershire - 9 miles ENE of Tamworth

SNITTERFIELD, Warwickshire - 3 miles NNE of Stratford on Avon

SNOWSHILL, Gloucestershire - 6 miles SSE of Evesham

SOMERTON, Oxfordshire - 6 miles NW of Bicester

SOPWORTH, Wiltshire - 6 miles W of Malmesbury

SOUTHAM, Warwickshire - 7 miles E of Leamington

SOUTH KILWORTH, Leicestershire - 7 miles NE of Rugby

SOUTH LITTLETON, Worcestershire - 2 miles NE of Evesham

SOUTH MUSKHAM, Nottinghamshire - 2 miles N of Newark on Trent

SOUTHWICK, Northamptonshire - 8 miles E of Corby

STANFORD ON TEME, Worcestershire - 6 miles ESE of Stourport

STANFORD BISHOP, Herefordshire - 4 miles SSE of Bromyard

STANTON, Derbyshire - 3 miles SE of Burton upon Trent

STANTON, Staffordshire - 18 miles E of Stoke on Trent

STANWAY, Gloucestershire is part of Tewkesbury

STAPENHILL, Derbyshire is part of Burton on Trent

STAPLETON, Shropshire - 6 miles SW of Shrewsbury

STATHERN, Leicestershire - 10 miles N of Melton Mowbray

STAVELEY, Derbyshire is part of Chesterfield

STEEPLE ASTON, Oxfordshire - 7 miles WNW of Bicester

STIRCHLEY, Shropshire is part of Telford

STOCKINGFORD, Warwickshire - 2 miles W of Nuneaton

STOCKLAND, Dorsetshire / Devonshire - 6 miles NE of Honiton

STOCKTON, Herefordshire - 2 miles NE of Leominster

STOCKTON, Shropshire - 4 miles N of Bridgnorth

STOCKTON, Warwickshire - 8 miles SW of Rugby

STOKE LYNE, Oxfordshire - 4 miles N of Bicester

STOKE PRIOR, Worcestershire - 2 miles S of Bromsgrove

STOKESAY, Shropshire - 6 miles NW of Ludlow

STON EASTON, Somersetshire - 14 miles SW of Bath

STONNALL, Staffordshire - 2 miles E of Brownhills

STRETTON ON DUNSMORE, Warwickshire - 6 miles ESE of Rugby

STUDLEY, Warwickshire - 4 miles SE of Redditch

SUCKLEY, Herefordshire - 8 miles WSW of Worcester

SULGRAVE, Northamptonshire - 6 miles ENE of Banbury

SUTTON, Shropshire - 2 miles SE of Shrewsbury

SUTTON BASSETT, Northamptonshire - 14 miles NW of Kettering

SWARKESTONE, Derbyshire - 6 miles S of Derby

SWINBROOK, Oxfordshire - 4 miles ENE of Witney
SWINDON, Staffordshire - 5 miles W of Dudley
SWINFEN, Staffordshire - 2 miles S of Lichfield
SWINESHEAD, Lincolnshire - 7 miles W of Boston
TADMARTON, Oxfordshire - 4 miles W of Banbury
TANWORTH IN ARDEN, Warwickshire - 4 miles NE of Redditch
TARDEBIGGE, Worcestershire - 2 miles SE of Bromsgrove
TAYNTON, Oxfordshire - 1.5 miles NW of Burford
TEMPLE BALSALL, Warwickshire is part of Solihull
TETBURY, Gloucestershire - 10 miles SW of Cirencester
THAME, Oxfordshire - 13 miles E of Oxford
THENFORD, Northamptonshire - 2 miles E of Banbury
THORNBURY, Herefordshire - 6 miles N of Bromyard
THORNHILL, Derbyshire - 8 miles ENE of Chapel en le Frith
THORPE, Derbyshire - 4 miles NW of Ashbourne
THRUPP, Gloucestershire - 2 miles S of Stroud
THURMASTON, Leicestershire - 4 miles N of Leicester
TIBBERTON, Worcestershire - 5 miles NNE of Worcester
TICKHILL, Yorkshire - 8 miles S of Doncaster
TICKNALL, Derbyshire - 8 miles S of Derby
TIDESWELL, Derbyshire - 6 miles E of Buxton
TILSTOCK, Shropshire - 2 miles S of Whitchurch
TIMSBURY, Somersetshire - 8 miles SW of Bath
TINGEWICK, Buckinghamshire - 3 miles W of Buckingham
TIRLEY, Gloucestershire - 4 miles SW of Tewkesbury
TODDINGTON, Gloucestershire - 7 miles S of Evesham
TODMORDEN, Lancashire / Yorkshire - 8 miles SE of Burnley
TONG, Shropshire - 9 miles NW of Wolverhampton
TREDUNNOCK, Monmouthshire - 4 miles S of Usk
TREFEGLWYS, Montgomeryshire - 10 miles W of Newtown
TRELLECH, Monmouthshire - 6 miles S of Monmouth

TRENTHAM, Staffordshire is part of Stoke on Trent

TREVETHIN, Monmouthshire - 1 mile N of Pontypool

TRING, Hertfordshire - 30 miles NW of London

TROWAY, Derbyshire - 2 miles E of Coal Aston

TRYSULL, Staffordshire - 6 miles WNW of Dudley

TUNSTALL, Staffordshire is part of Stoke on Trent

TUTBURY, Staffordshire - 4 miles NNW of Burton on Trent

TYBURN, Worcestershire is part of Birmingham

TYSOE, Warwickshire - 9 miles NW of Banbury

ULEY, Gloucestershire - 6 miles SW of Stroud

UPPER ARLEY, Worcestershire - 5 miles NW of Kidderminster

UPPER TEAN, Staffordshire - 9 miles SE of Stoke on Trent

UPPINGTON, Shropshire - 6 miles E of Shrewsbury

UPTON BISHOP, Herefordshire - 3.5 miles NE of Ross

UPTON CRESSETT, Shropshire - 3 miles W of Bridgnorth

UPTON ON SEVERN, Worcestershire - 9 miles S of Worcester

UPTON GREY, Hampshire - 5 miles ESE of Basingstoke

UPTON SNODSBURY, Worcestershire - 5 miles E of Worcester

UPTON WARREN, Worcestershire - 3 miles SW of Bromsgrove

UPWELL, Norfolk - 6 miles W of Downham Market

WAGBEACH, Shropshire - 10 miles SW of Shrewsbury

WAINFLEET, Lincolnshire - 5 miles SW of Skegness

WALCOT, Shropshire - 6 miles E of Shrewsbury

WALL, Staffordshire - 2 miles WSW of Lichfield

WALTON, Derbyshire is a suburb of Chesterfield

WALTON, Radnorshire - 8 miles SSE of Knighton

WALTON, Staffordshire - 1 mile SW of Stone

WALTON UPON TRENT, Derbyshire - 4 miles SSW of Burton upon Trent

WAPLEY, Gloucestershire - 6 miles NE of Bristol

WARBOYS, Huntingdonshire - 5 miles N of St. Ives

WARDINGTON, Oxfordshire - 4 miles NNE of Banbury

WARMINGTON, Northamptonshire - 8 miles SW of Peterborough

WARTON, Warwickshire - 5 miles E of Tamworth

WATERHOUSE, Staffordshire - 6 miles NW of Ashbourne

WATER ORTON, Warwickshire - 6 miles NNE of Birmingham

WATH UPON DEARNE, Yorkshire - 5 miles N of Rotherham

WEEDON LOIS, Northamptonshire - 10 miles S of Daventry

WEEFORD, Staffordshire - 5 miles W of Tamworth

WELFORD ON AVON, Warwickshire - 4 miles WSW of Stratford upon Avon

WELLESBOURNE, Warwickshire - 7 miles S of Warwick

WELLINGTON, Shropshire is part of Telford

WELSHAMPTON, Shropshire - 8 miles ESE of Whitchurch

WELTON, Northamptonshire - 3 miles N of Daventry

WENTNOR, Shropshire - 5 miles NE of Bishops Castle

WERRINGTON, Cornwall - 2 miles N of Launceston

WESCOTT BARTON, Oxfordshire - 7 miles E of Chipping Norton

WESTBURY, Shropshire - 8 miles W of Shrewsbury

WEST DERBY, Lancashire is part of Liverpool

WEST FARNDON, Northamptonshire - 8 miles NE of Banbury

WEST MELTON, Yorkshire - 5 miles N of Rotherham

WESTLEY WATERLESS, Cambridgeshire - 5 miles SW of Newmarket

WESTON LONGVILLE, Norfolk - 8 miles NW of Norwich

WESTON ON TRENT, Staffordshire - 6 miles SSE of Derby

WHALEY BRIDGE, Derbyshire - 7 miles N of Buxton

WHAPLODE, Lincolnshire - 6 miles E of Spalding

WHARTON, Cheshire - 4 miles S of Northwich

WHEATON ASTON, Staffordshire - 7 miles W of Cannock

WHISTON, Staffordshire - 7 miles SE of Leek

WHITBOURNE, Herefordshire - 5 miles E of Bromyard

WHITCHURCH, Buckinghamshire - 4 miles N of Aylesbury

WHITTINGTON, Derbyshire - 2 miles N of Chesterfield

WHITTINGTON, Staffordshire - 3 miles SE of Lichfield

WHITTINGTON, Shropshire - 3 miles NE of Oswestry

WHITTON, Radnorshire - 3 miles S of Knighton

WHITWICK, Leicestershire - 2 miles NW of Coalville

WICK, Worcestershire - 9 miles SE of Worcester

WIGGINTON, Staffordshire - 2 miles N of Tamworth

WIGMORE, Hertfordshire is part of Luton

WILLEY, Shropshire - 5 miles NW of Bridgnorth

WILNECOTE, Staffordshire - 2 miles SE of Tamworth

WIMBLEBURY, Staffordshire - 2 miles E of Cannock

WINCHCOMBE, Gloucestershire - 6 miles NE of Cheltenham

WINKFIELD, Berkshire - 3 miles NE of Bracknell

WINSHILL, Derbyshire - 2 miles E of Burton on Trent

WISTANSTOW, Shropshire - 9 miles NW of Ludlow

WITBOURNE, Worcestershire - 8 miles W of Worcester

WITHINGTON, Herefordshire - 5 miles NE of Hereford

WITHINGTON, Staffordshire - 3 miles W of Uttoxeter

WOLVERLEY, Worcestershire - 2 Miles N of Kidderminster

WOLVERTON, Buckinghamshire is part of Milton Keynes

WOMBOURNE, Staffordshire - 5 miles WNW of Dudley

WOODCHESTER, Gloucestershire - 2 miles S of Stroud

WOOD END, (Staffordshire) is part of Wednesfield

WOODVILLE, Leicestershire - 3 miles WNW of Ashby de la Zouch

WOOTTON WAWEN, Warwickshire - 2 miles S of Henley in Arden

WORTHEN, Shropshire - 12 miles WSW of Shrewsbury

WRIBBENHALL, Worcestershire - 3 miles WSW of Kidderminster

WROCKWARDINE, Shropshire is part of Telford

WROTTESELEY, Staffordshire - 4.5 miles WNW of Wolverhampton

WROXETER, Shropshire - 5 miles SE of Shrewsbury

WROXTON, Oxfordshire - 3 miles W of Banbury

WYRLEY, Staffordshire could be Little Wyrley or Great Wyrley, between Cannock and Brownhills

WYSALL, Nottinghamshire - 11 miles S of Nottingham

YANWORTH, Gloucestershire - 14 miles SE of Cheltenham

YARKHILL, Herefordshire - 6 miles NNE of Hereford

YATTON, Somerset - 11 miles SW of Bristol

YORTON, Shropshire - 7 miles N of Shrewsbury

YOXFORD, Suffolk - 8 miles SW of Southwold

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1911 (2/4)

PARISH REGISTERS

St. Edmund's, Dudley
St. Giles', Rowley Regis
St. Thomas', Dudley

LICENSING REGISTERS

Bilston and Sedgley
Darlaston
Dudley
Kingswinford
Oldbury
Smethwick
Stourbridge
Tipton
Walsall and Bloxwich
Wednesbury
West Bromwich

NEWSPAPERS & MAGAZINES

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Bilston and Willenhall Times

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e-mail editor@blackcountrybugle.co.uk

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e-mail editor@blackcountryman.co.uk

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The Brewing Trade Review

Brierley Hill Advertiser

Chronicle for Wednesbury and Oldbury

County Express

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Dudley Advertiser

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Evening News

Evening Star

Express & Star

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Midland Chronicle and Free Press

Midland Counties Evening Express

Midland Sun

The New Imbiber / Independent Imbiber

Oldbury Weekly News

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Smethwick Telephone

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Stourbridge (Cradley Heath, Halesowen and District) Observer

Tipton Herald

Walsall Observer

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